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Mr. Gladstone has been giving "taffy" to the Welsh folks. He mays that they are the most musical people in the world.

The number of cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants is exactly the "ame-twenty-neven-in Germany and the United States.

'The statistician of the Horseshoers' Protective Association shows that, despite the bicycle craze, there are more horses in the country than ever.

Agriculture furnished sixty-three per ceal, of total United States exports in eight months ended August 31, a slightly smaller proportion than a year before.

The anniversary of the coronation of the Sultan of Turkey was celebrated the other day. From signs in the air it may be the last, predicts the New Orleans Picayune.

The total number of failures for the first nine months of 1896 was the largest on record and exceeded the number of the worst nine months of the panie year, 1893.

The statistics show that the British Empire not only purchases more of our goods than any other country, but also sells us a larger proportion of the goods we buy than any other.

The Legislature of Vermont is composed of 126 farmers, forty storekeepurs, fourteen lawyors and the rest "scattering"-a notable preponderance of farmers and scarcity of lawyers.

A great many students live in New Haven, Conn., and take the full college course at Yale on three hundred dollars per annum, which includes board and room for forty weeks and free tuition.

Is there a conspiracy against the pupils of the Indian schools? asks the Chicago Record. The Government has just ordered for them 68,000 pounds of dried peaches, 75,000 pounds of dried apples and 82,000 pounds of prunes!

Henceforth horseshoeing must be ranked among the professions, an-



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At the gateway of the win

Thanksgiving tide, In the glory of its atmosph ire, its ple and turkey pride.

And it is most becoming that its cheer should far and wide abound, E'en going to the humblest home where'er it

may be found. In olden time Thanksgiving was for harves

poor or good. The corn, the pumpkin, wheat, and all that

gave a livelfbood For poor returns the Pilgrims held up their bearts in praise,

Far greater should our thanks be that live in these glorious days.

Then welcome be Thanksgiving with its manifold feasts and joys;

Under many a homestend roof now the girls and boys; And though some of us fall somewhat in

harvests where we strive, We should be thankful for our hopes, and

that we are alive. Thon pass around the turkey, the mince and apple ples;

Don't slight the poor and needy if in wisdom you'd be wise.

To relieve distress our people have only to be told. For Lord be thanked the human heart is ye

as good as gold! -Edward S. Crenmon

A Thanksgiving Rescue.

BY GEORGE L. BILMER. N the height of terrible blizzard of snow and sleet lete on Thanksgiving Eve, 1889, the propeller Calumet, from Buffalo for Milwaukee with eighteen souls on board, came to grief on stormy Michigan. Some days before,

while steaming up Detroit River from Lake Eric to St. Clair, she had burst her seams by running upon a sunken auchor in the shallows. The leak proved so threatening that Skipper

strained and the wounded seams opened been aroused by the steamer's whistles die for the bailing bucket control of her master. However, she stiff, hard clay was also pared down made the vicinity of Milwaukee not to give the frail boat a safe passage long atter darkness came on Thanks- way, for the craft so stanch and sergiving Eve, going quite easily before viceable on the water are in danger of the gale as she shaped her course for the harbor. But the weather was so rough obstacles when under motion. thick that, even close up, the keen A huge fire was kindled to lighten up eyed watchman could not make out the scene; it also served as a beacon the harbor lights. In the emergency to the imperiled sailors who knew by Captain Green decided to head for that that their case was known. Chicago. The ship's course was, Everything was ready when the boat therefore, changed again, bringing her once more into a violent cross sea. To add to the ev is of the situation the wrecking pump, upon which all de-pended, gave out at the very moment when it was most needed. The water gained rapidly on the ordinary ship's pamps, so that it became only a question of time, and a very short time at that, when the Calumot would go down in the deep waters of the lake. There was an alternative, frightful to think of, but yet preferable to foundering beyond all reach of aid. That was to take obsuces and beach the helpless ship. Putting on steam the captain headed for land and the vessel grounded casily 1000 yards from the bluffs opposite Fort Shertdan, Illinois. It was then half-past 10 o'clock at night. One danger still threatened, that was that the lifting and pounding of the terrible seas would break the vessel to pieces, bit by bit, before daylight and succor should come. Although heavy with the water in the hold and her full cargo, still she moved. In order to steady her the captain opened all the valves in the bottom so that she filled completely and rested like a huge rock in the sand. What a prospect srrived, drawn by steaming, foaming those eighteeen helpless men had be horses, at 7 o'clock. It was then light fore them for that long and terrible The waves beat upon every men on the ill-fated Calumet. They night. part of the ship, the thermometer was were seen huddled in and about the still falling and the decks and rails and cabin roofs were covered with ice for the steamer was submerged to the stern of the Calumet. That portion from the freezing spray. There were main deck. Moreover, she was liter. of the vessel was wholly under water from the freezing spray. There were main deck. Moreover, she was literboats on board, those frail skiffs car- ally a ship of ice, having been deluged so that the sailors could not go aft ried upon lake steamers, but to have for ten hours with water that left layer and take a line from the boat. The risked lives in them in that terrible sea would have been madness. The life-saving station nearest the scene of the wreck is at Evanston, 111., twelve miles from Fort Sheridan. It the promised delivery. Indeed, with is a station of the United States coast the best of luck it seemed a hopeless life guard, under a regular keeper ex-Calib. pericaced in the perilous duty, but the crew consists of volunteers from among the students of the Northwest- really proved to be, for when a 600ern Academy. At the time of the wrock Keeper

saying: "There is a large steamer and of the soldiers, who tried to dis-ashore off Fort Sheridan. Come!" suade them, the gallant student crew, Lawson hurried to the railway station after a tew seconds' conference with and asked what time the next train would go north. "Not before 7.80 n. m.," was the reply. There was one chance left, a very faint one consider-

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ing the terror of the night. Thinking soldiers the boat was eased down the of a breaker or sank out of sight in that there might be an extra freight slide without accident, but on reach-train on the road Lawson wired the ing the beach it was found necessary with the accumulations of ice on her dispatcher at Chicago and learned to drag it along a narrow shelf to a that an extra, or "wildeat train," would pass Evanston about 2 o'clock, Stating the urgency of the case, he obtained an order to flag it and place bis life saving apparatus and crew on board. The train proved to be made up of loaded box cars and there were no empty ones at hand to carry the lifeboat. The next resource was livery teams to hand the boat twelve miles by sleighs. Fortunately a liveryman was found who was less considerate for and was only saved from disaster by horseflech than for human lives. He finding a baffer in the bodies of the benumbed that they could not stand provided stout teams for the boat and surfmen ranged along the inshore without support. Hot coffee and the Lawson with the six surfmen who were gunwale. These sustained several to bear the hardships of the enter- bruises, and, like their mates on the animation but they reached the fort prise boarded the train. A hot journal caused a delay of an hour and it was 4 o'clock when the party reached the fort. A guide who had first sighted the steamer by her lights conducted the life aware to ward the abandoned wreck. It had the beach where the surf was lightest. the life-savers toward the bluff op-posite the wreck. Confused by the darkness and blinding storm, the



rankel among the professions, an-nounces the New York Tribune. At any rate no one is to be permitted to engage in this vocation without hav-ing submitted to an examination be-fore a board of experts representing the State. The shoeing of a horse isan nice job, and many a fine animal has ing in a cross sea, pitched and rolled This was prepared by the aid of sev-so violently that her timbers were eral soldiers from the fort who had stroke oarsman dropped his pad-stroke oarsman dropped his pad-stroke oarsman dropped his padafresh. With all the pumps working at their full capacity the ship con-tinued to fill and scon got beyond control of her master. However, the the powerful current had swept the various parts of the country. boat far out to the leeward, compelling the gallant surfmen to row in the teeth of the gale. It was then that the anxious watchers on the bluff lost all tre trying to think of the boundary

It is needless to recount the details of the second and third trips to and from the steamer. The same fearful disappeared, all excepting the stem and stern posts, having been completely broken up by the pounding of the sea. But for the heroic students every man on board must have per-

ernment and one given with great discrimination, was granted each of the surfmen and to their captain. This was the second case in the history of the service where an entire crew volunteer life savers received the gold

their hospital cots around the Thanks giving board-eighteen unexpected but for all that thrice welcomed Thanksgiving guests.

held by the judge, usually a grown person or an older child; then, too, children are chosen and placed in sep-

"Now, Carrie, you represent New

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BABY'S DREAMS.

What dreams, where memory has no share, As free from fear as vold of care, Fill those young sleeping eyes?

What dreams, where dreams can have no words Like flights of lovely unknown birds

In silence sink or riso?

The baby's dreams are secrets safe. Howe'er we watch the dreamland walt, Or question when she wakes,

She only knows (returned once more) The wave that brings her to our shore In kisses softly breaks,

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"What made you laugh so immoderately at Slowgo's poor joke?" "Why, this is the third time he has got it off on me."-Chicago Record.

Bobby-"Your sign says, 'sod-water; all the flavors, five cents.' Druggist-"Yes; which do you wish Bobby-"I want 'em all."-Puck.

Teddy-"1 tell you it's so. Nellio -"I say it is not." Teddy-"Well. mamma says it's so; and if mamma says it's so, it's so even if it isn't so.' -Harper's Round Table.

"Higby is going to lecture on 'The Finance of Other Countries." "What's that for?" "Because the finances of this country are too much for him."-Chicago Record.

"Gentlemen," said the orator, "this crisis will soon be at an end." "Thank goodness," murmured an auditor ; "he's going to stop talking."-Philadelphia North American.

Mr. Hojack-"Miss Tenspot must be surpassingly beautiful." Mr. Tomdik-"Indeed! What makes you think so?" "She looks well even in an amateur photograph."-Life.

Teacher-"Anything is called trans-parent that can be seen through. What scholar can give an example?" Bobby-"De hole in de fence round de baseball park,"-Norristown Herald. Farmer's Wife-"I hopelyon are not afraid of work?" Tramp (uneasily)-"I ain't exactly afraid, mum, but I always feels fidgety when there's any-thing I ke that about."-Boston Traveler.

Magistrate-"If you were innocent, why did you run away the moment the policeman appeared?" Pat-"Becaze, yer honor, thim cops do be always aristin' the wrong man."-Harper's Bazar.

The Fiancee-"I'm surprised at you! I saw you flirting with her!" The Fiance-"I swear, Priscilla, you are mistaken! Beauty has no charms. -never had any charms-for me !"-Puck.

Cashier (at bank) - "You will have to bring some one to identify you before we can cash this check. Got any friends in the town?" Stranger-"No; I'm the dog license man."-Comic Cuts.

"I am sorry I bought one of those door mats with 'Welcome' on it." "Why so?" "Some stupid fellow mistook the meaning of the word and helped himself to it the first night." -Cleveland Plain Dealer. Wasted Sarcasm : Brutal Father-"My dear, can't you do anything to that child's crying?" Indignant Wife (sarcastically)-"I might cut its throat." Brutal Father-"That's a good idea. Now, I never would have thought of that. Doso by all means. -Hartem Life.



medal. Up to that date only two or three regular crews had been so highy honored.

When the tables were spread in the warm barracks kitchen of Fort Sheridan that afternoon there were eighteen grateful strangers reclining upon

A THANKSGIVING GAME.

An Interesting Diversion to Pass a

arate corners. Says the judge :



\$1.00 PER ANNUM.

Small Boy-"I won't do a thing to you Thanksgiving; oh, uo!"-Truth.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY.

A Kentucky Turkey Pen Ships Thirty Thousand Birds to Market.

Few of us who visit around the Thanksgiving board pause to think of the vast number of turkeys that are necessary to supply the demand on this National holiday. The origin of the turkey is lost in

the traditions of the red man, who hunted the wild bird long before the pale face had domesticated it or made ished. And their gallantry did not go unnoticed. The gold medal of the service, the highest award of the Gov-turkey constituted the amount of hunt, in which a buzzard and a wild turkey constituted the amount of game killed.

"Now you take the buzzard and 1'll take the turkey, or I'll take the turkey and you take the buzzard."

And thereupon the maxim arose; "He never said turkey to me once." This favorite bird, which is an American production, when properly combined with the necessary auxiliaries of oysters, roasted chestnuts,

cranberry sauce and the succulent celery, makes a savory dish, in the full praise of which all words ignominously fail. The following figures from au inland

Kentucky town, one of many which help to supply the bity markets with Thanksgiving turkeys, will give some little idea of the extent of this branch of industry, and of the methods em-

ployed to prepare the turkey for the market and the cook. host of young folk who need to enter tain themselves. One game requires children who are "up" in geography; still, if need be, it is a lesson in the disguise of pleasure. The game pro-ceeds after this fashion: A map is held by the judge more thank the stream of the suturn and winter, therefore she guards them through the dangers attendant on turkeyhood with shrewd bargain later

Tarkeys are generally bought on foot, and the prices range from four to five cents a pound. The flocks are driven to the turkey pens from the

been ruined by a bungler. The appointment of State examiners smacks of paternal government, but the enactment of the new law seems to be viewed with considerable favor by owners of horses.

Commenting on the recent launch of a heavily-armed United States "royenue cutter" for use on the great iakes, the Montreal Gazette says that in this matter the English and the American Governments "are in about the same position. They have both gone as far as the limitations of the treaty will allow, and it is evident that in the case of Gresham the United States Government is sailing very close to the wind. It is, of course, perfectly fair and right that each Government should make adequate arrangements for the protection of the fisheries and kindred purposes; but whoever goes a step further is no friend either of the Dominion of Canada or of the United States."

In the Postmaster General's report for the last ficeal year a number of interesting figures are given, showing the cost of our enormous mail system. The total expenditures for the year aggregated \$90,626,269, against re. ceipts amounting to only \$82, 499, 208-These figures reveal a deficit of \$8,-127,088, which, however, is less than the shortage for the year preceding by \$1,679,956. The report further shows that 4,184,327 special delivery letters passed through the mails during the year. The average time required for the delivery of these letters was only seventeen minutes. The net profit of the system for the year was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100,-000. The number of postage stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards issued during the year reached the enormous sum of 4, 195, 665, 523, showing an increase of seven per cent. over the preceding year. The value of this entire supply is fixed at \$79,178,101, or \$740,000 less than actual sales. The increase of second class mail matter was nearly twelve per cont. during the year. The total weight of all the bundles was 349,000,000 pounds. The total number of registered packages cent through the mails was 15, 106, 336. Some idea of the vast proportions of our postal systemmay be derived from the foregoing figures.

THE LIPEBOAT ARRIVES.

enough to make out the plight of the pilot house, the only place of refuge, upon layer wherever it struck. The poor fellows on board were motionless.

apparently frozen to their tracks and too far gone to give any sign of joy at the promised delivery. Indeed, with Snow was still falling and the dis-

ope and wished that their warning line which brings freedom, others are had not been in vain. It seemed an just leaving the prison walls. impossibility for the life boat either to reach the wreek or return to shore. Every wave left a coating of ice wher-

rowlocks gradually filled with ice and feasible before. For those who are not the oars were constantly slipping from quite conversant with geography easy them, dissipating half their force. tasks are given; for instance, But the difficulties of their task only served to nerve the men to greater effort. True enthusiasm is intensified Press. by opposition. It wants its way and will risk all to get it. Tho life savers were there to do or die. Heroes of the battlefield may take off their hats to the storm warriors of the lake and sea coasts and hail them as comrades. The faithful annals of the life-saving service, from which these facts are taken, have on record a thousand instances of forlorn hope rescues, or attempts at rescue, carried through to

the bitter end, for every one case of shirking peril. Not a murmur or a regret passed the lips of these boy heroes, although every one who watched their struggles with the elements believed that a frightful double dusaster was imminent; that the lifeboat would go down with its noble erew and the wrecked sailors freeze to death before other aid could reach them. The men on the wreck, with killed to dress." every incentive to hope against hope,

gave themselves up for lost when they saw what a plaything the waves made of the gallant life boat.

By almost superhuman efforts the gobblet" and the sad but pompous oarsmen recovered the ground lost in fowl strutted across the street. the breakers and drew up under the

seas broke in awful turmoil around the bow of the steamer but after many efforts Keeper Lawson tossed a line into the hands of the captain. Then came the difficulty, attended with extreme peril for all, of getting the half frozen fellows into the life boat. At

last six of them were on board and tance to the wreck seemed less than it supplied with life preservers. Then a start was made for shore. With its heavy freight the boat was allowed to yard line was sent whirling toward it

go with the current, which landed it from the line-throwing gnu it fell far Lawrence O. Lawson was in charge of short. Daylight had shown the life without accident a quarter of a mile the station and the following six volun- savers a terrible surf lashing the foot from the point of starting. After eer surfmen were subject to his call: of the blnff, and with line and buoy beating the icy armor from their George Crosby, William E. Ewing, Jacob Loining, W. L. Wilson, F. M. Kendig and Thomas M. Webb. Soon Back State Sta after midnight Keeper Lawson re- when it must for some noble cause. dragged along the beach to the windceived a telegram from Highland Park. To the astonishment of the spectators ward of the wreck.

and he must remain right on the spot on with long sticks, keep them from

turkeys are usually killed and dressed Soon the room becomes filled with for the market. They are not fed for prisoners, all trying to get home; some twelve hours before killing, and half of them are "stalled" in the cen- after being picked and cleaned are put after being picked and cleaned are put on cooling boards for another twelve hours before they are packed in cases for shipment. Two thousand turkeys

When the game has been played or more constitute a carload. frequently those who join in get very In the turkey house are a In the turkey house are a row of poxes with both ends open and narfamiliar with the junction of countries ever it struck upon the gunwales, the and learn many straight lines and rowing toward the lower end. These oars and the clothing of the men. The clever jumps that had not appeared are fastened along the side of the wall, and into them the turkeys are thrust, head downward, until their heads and necks protrude through the lower opening. Then the "sticker," with a to be sharp knife, goes along the line and cuts the throats of each bird, leaving it to bleed to death, while a trough underneath it carries off the blood.

The turkey's wings are confined by the sides of the box so that it cannot flutter or struggle, and death does not em to be painful to it.

When the turkey is dead, the wings and tail feathers are out off and the body is sout to the picking room where houses dat has de bigges' fam'lies an' a number of men, women and children are employed. The turkey is suspendad from a twine cord, and the picker nimbly uses both hands, literally making "the feathers fly.

From two to four thousand turkeys are picked a day, and a skillful hand

is dressed to kill and the other is away. The wings are saved and are old for fans and other things, the tail feathers are sent to factories where feather dusters are made, the quills are ground into pulp and then pressed into artificial whalebone, and the loose feathers are used for various you have said?" "Gobble, gobble, DUTDOBER.

When the dressed tarkey reaches the market the prices fluctuate anywhere from two and a half to fifteen conts a pound, so that the business is not always a paying one.

From twenty to thirty thousand turkoys are killed each season and sent from this one turkey pen, and the reader may judge from these figures how great a number is required to supply the Thenksgiving board throughout the country with its great National dish.

As Seen by Him.

The old gobbler looked dreamily tway over the back-yard fonce.

A shudder rau through his frame -"they are bringing out all our family skelstons these days."

A glance at the debris from the din ner table showed that this was only body, -Shamokin (Penn.) Dispatch.

Food for Your Pet Bird.

"For a change, for cauaries and other birds," said an experienced raiser of birds, "nothing is better food than the various kinds of grasses which are now going to seed. Around any grass plots can be found grass which has gone to seed. This is a natural food for birds at this season of the year, and it should be freely given them. The birds will relish the change very much, and it will improve them in plumage and song. They are tired of the ordinary seeds, which are good enough when there are no others, but now seed of every kind is in profusion, and needs only to be picked up.

"The pepper grass is now in full seed, and it is a great bracer for the feathered pets, and especially for canaries. Birds like green stuff at all times, but are specially fond of grass seeds of any kind. My experience is that no mistake can be made, and that a bird never eats any seid that it does not like and that is not good for it. -The Feather.

The Surgeous and Football,

Even some of the physicians seem to be jealous guardians of the harmlessness of football. The half back of the Williams College team has for some time been suffering, even to delirium, with congestion of the brain, though he is now much better and is reported out of danger. His doctor, however, says his sickness was not due to his in juries received on the football field, but to the complete relaxation which followed his retirement to North Adams to recover from a sprained ankle. The moral of this seems to be, not that football is dangerous, but to beware of relaxation. As the Irish-man said when picked up with a few broken bones: "It wasn't the fall that hurted me, but stoppin' so sudden."-Boston Transcript.

A Suake Up a Tree,

Jeremiah Coyle, of Homosville, had an encounter with a large blacksnake on the mountain above Frog Hollow yesterday. He was out for chestnuts, and started to clumb a tree laden with tempting looking barrs. Half way up he was startled by seeing the snake not three feet away, swinging to and fro from a slender branch, and evidently preparing to spring. Coyle braced himself in a notch of the tree, and hurled the hatchet he cartied at the swinging reptile with deadly accuracy, severing the head from the writhing



The turkey is not a ortiliant bird, When all is done and said,

A Dream of Thanksgiving.

For on all great occasions He's sure to lose bis head,

At midnight in his guarded coop The Turk lay dreaming of the hour, 100 true.

placed in a Paris prison and find their way home to Boston,-New York TURKEY TALK.

The eagle has the laugh on the

turkey at Thanksgiving time. Only the sultan believes that no one could ever have too much turkey. "Sometimes," said Unele Eben, "de de littles' tubkey soenas ter hab de mos' Thanksgibbin' in 'em.

All summer long the barnyard heard The turkey's brag and boast, And now they're glad that bumptuous bird On all sides gets a roast!

The Goose-"What's the third the cents arises is paid for planage to between the Easter girl and the cents arises is paid for planage to the between the Easter girl and the key. Thanksgiving turkey?" The Turkey- key. Not much of the fewl is thrown Not much of the fewl is thrown

"My dear," said the female turkey to her noble spouse, "what is your opinion of the Thanksgiving proclamation?" "Stuff!" "Then what would