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MAN AND WOMAN.

Story of the First Thanksgiving.



THE NOVEMBER sun was sinking in the Western skies. Another day had gone and no news from the ship.

married Edward Love's daughter a month previously. She was a beautiful young woman of 20; he a sedate lieutenant in Her Majesty's army.

As the sun's last beams had faded beyond the Western horizon, prayerful people wended their way to the quiet little chapel on the hillside.

The voice grew faint and weaker, as that of starving men must. Both tried to sing, but the melody of their murmurs died away under the roof.

Burton Laird thought his wife leaned more heavily on his shoulder. Then her voice was silent. Her face whitened under the dim light from the pulpit.

With a gasp she fell forward on his breast. He lifted her into his arms as if she was a babe and carried her out into the open air.

There was a gust of sharp wind which quickly revived her. She opened her eyes. Until now Burton Laird had been strong.

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DR. LESLIE'S SERMON.

A Thanksgiving Day Story.



Twenty years more. George Lang looked back through the fifteen years he had passed behind the prison walls.

He drew the blade across his arm and then placed the wound against the white lips that had fallen rigidly apart.

He received the hot flush of his life's blood as a child would the milk from its mother's breast, and without that loathing which knowledge of the truth would have given her.

And he, binning up his wound, bore her into the church and laid her down, wrapped in a blanket some one had dropped on the way to view the blessed spectacle of the ship's arrival.

She was saved. Burton Laird knew it. On the outside, Her Majesty's governor was proclaiming the arrival of the ship with its supplies and requesting that the following day be made one of Thanksgiving.

And there was great rejoicing, too. It was the first Thanksgiving in the New World.

Very few of us will live to see sixty Thanksgiving days. Fewer still will live to see three score and ten.

Only a handful can see a hundred. Those who may see more can be counted on the finger tips.

Only one person in America celebrates each Thanksgiving day as a birthday anniversary. That person is Sarah Coolidge of Ipswich, N. J.

This Thanksgiving she will celebrate as the hundredth anniversary of her birth, she being born on the Thanksgiving day appointed by Washington in 1789.

She continues to celebrate the feast as that of her birth in stead of the day of the month.

THANKSGIVING DAY AS OBSERVED BY SECTIONS OF HEALTH.

Thanksgiving day in large cities is always anxiously looked for by the poor and needy.

On this day of all others do the rich let loose their pocket strings. That is their way of returning thanks.

In New York the members of wealthy and charitably disposed families go about the highways and byways, leaving a little with this poor family and a little with that one.

The offerings generally consist of money. The distribution of clothing and food generally takes place on Thanksgiving eve.

Course the money finds its way into the coffers of the saloon oftener than that of the grocer.

But what matter it to the giver? He or she has done a kindly act.

The amount distributed among the poor by the rich of New York Thanksgiving day is enormous.

The Vanderbilt never give less than \$50,000. The Astors give as much as \$10,000. Perhaps the total amount would run into the millions.

Chicago millionaires always see that the poor within the city's gates are well cared for on the National Thanksgiving day.

Statesmen and politicians seldom forget the needy on this day. Probably the most liberal figure in political life is Gen. Alger of Michigan.

He manages to spend between \$50,000 and \$100,000 a year among the poor of Detroit and other cities. The great portion of this is distributed on Thanksgiving day.

Thanksgiving Day is not observed with church services by all the Christian sects. The Episcopalians were the first to recognize the Presidential proclamation.

The Lutherans and Methodist Episcopalians were the next. The Presbyterians and Baptists observe the day without display or church services.

THANKSGIVING DAY AMONG THE HEATHENS.

A Story Without Words.



The Saxons had a "Harvest Home," and after that the English, which festival was observed in a sort of way in some of the American colonies.

In the year 1521 the Pilgrim fathers tried to celebrate, but it was rather a gloomy affair.

In 1623 a ship loaded with provisions failed to arrive and Gov. Bradford appointed a day of fasting and prayer.

As in the other case, the ship arrived, and they had a feast instead. June 15, 1637, there was a general service in all churches of New England.

Forty years later Gov. Andros ordered the people to give thanks on the first day of December.

But they did not thank with a cent. Several persons were arrested for treating the proclamation with contempt.

But this struck the home authorities as rather ludicrous, and his conduct was disapproved.

Thereafter Thanksgiving was pretty generally observed in all England and the States settled by her.

George Washington recommended to Congress the naming of a National day in 1789, for the adoption of the constitution.

It was done and the day was generally observed. In 1795 the proceeding was repeated.

James Madison appears to have issued the first Presidential proclamation on the subject, in 1815, in honor of the return of peace.

THOUGHTS FOR THANKSGIVING

The Day Should be Just What the Word Implies.

This Thanksgiving feast has more of a National character than any previous in many years.

It finds nearly all the people contented and happy. The farmer, the mechanic, the mercantile man and the banker, feel the pressure of abundance.

The yield of cereals has been greater by a good percentage than for any other year in the Nation's history.

The big foreign demand holds the prices and foreign gold is pouring to our shores.

Foreign farm products find their way to foreign markets that were heretofore excluded by high tariffs.

Commercial industries are springing up all over the land.

Where in years gone by the approach of winter was a signal for dread among the poorer classes, it now has a different meaning for them.

Formerly meant idleness and want. It formerly meant idleness and want.

There is much, indeed, to be thankful for. If the failure of crops in Europe will lead to serious distress there during the present year, America will not be the last to respond.

Nothing On at All. "Mamma, here's a question for you—it has always puzzled me."

Said our little Alice with a look of keen perplexity. "How is it that when I am dressed I wear my hat and frock, and show; and when the turkey's dressed for us she's got nothing on at all?"

There is a valuable floating wreck loose on the Atlantic. It has a cargo of mahogany lumber and was abandoned March 31. Since then it has drifted 10,000 miles and was last seen Aug. 3.

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