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 ted Boston divine doing sentry duty  
 with a musket on his shoulder in front  
 of his own residence on Thanksgiving  
 morning—and all for the purpose of  
 getting a drink of Thanksgiving cider—  
 is worth recalling, even after a lapse of  
 125 years.

Dr. Mather Byles, a Puritan clergy-  
 man, born in Boston in 1796, owed his  
 fame to his wit and practical jokes as  
 much as to his pulpit ability. In No-  
 vember, 1777, he was arrested as a  
 Tory and sentenced to confinement in  
 his own home. A military guard was  
 stationed around the house with in-  
 structions not to permit Dr. Byles to  
 leave home under any circumstances.

On Thanksgiving morning the staid  
 old Puritan of the arrested minister's  
 flock were surprised to see their pastor  
 himself pacing up and down before his  
 own front door with a musket on his  
 shoulder. The regular sentry had dis-  
 appeared, and Dr. Byles was doing sen-  
 try duty in his stead.

"You see," Dr. Byles explained, "I  
 begged the sentry to let me go out to  
 procure some cider with which my  
 family and I might celebrate Thank-  
 sgiving day. He would not permit me

to leave the house. So I proceeded to  
 argue the point with him, and he has  
 now gone to get the cider for me on  
 condition that I shoulder his musket  
 and keep guard over myself during his  
 absence."

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**ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.**  
 Mark ix, 14-29—Dec. 1.  
 "And Jesus said unto him, If thou canst be-  
 lieve; all things are possible to him that be-  
 lieveth."—Mark ix, 23.

**W**HEN Jesus and the three fa-  
 vored Apostles came down  
 from the Mount of Trans-  
 figuration where they had  
 been enjoying the vision of the coming  
 glory, they found the other nine Apos-  
 tles at the foot of the mountain sur-  
 rounded by a multitude. They had  
 made several ineffectual attempts to  
 cast out a demon from a boy whose  
 father had brought him for the pur-  
 pose. Jesus came promptly to the re-  
 lief of the Apostles



and inquired the nature of their trouble. The father explained. And Jesus answered, O faithless generation! How long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring him to Me." They brought him, and immedi-  
 ately the spirit caused him to fall to the ground, wallowing and foaming. Jesus questioned how long he had been thus. The father answered, "From a child," and that often the spirit attempted to cast the boy into the fire or into the water to destroy him. "But if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

"To Him That Believeth."  
 Jesus replied, "If thou canst believe; all things are possible to him that believeth." How great stress the Lord lays everywhere upon the exercise of faith in the Divine Power! "Without faith it is impossible to please God." Those who cannot exercise the faith cannot have the blessing which others may have who do exercise faith.

This does not imply that people who cannot now exercise faith will never get any blessing. On the contrary, by and by, during Messiah's Kingdom the way of faith and obedience will be made so plain, so simple, that all will be able to follow it and to gain a reward—but a lesser reward than that now extended to those who can and do exercise faith and obedience.

The reason for this is manifest. God is now seeking a special class of the specially faithful and obedient, to be heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus in His glorious Messianic Kingdom, and whom by and by He will use in bestow-  
 ing His blessing world-wide; and He desires that in this class shall be only such as can exercise absolute faith in Him. In this and other miracles the Lord required faith as the condition of the healing. He thus manifested forth His coming glory. During the King-  
 dom reign there will be such manifesta-  
 tions of Divine Power, and such assist-  
 ance given to those willing to exercise  
 faith, that all may profit thereby and  
 experience the healings of their flesh  
 and the casting out of every power of  
 Satan and sin.

The poor father realized from Jesus' words that he must exercise faith else his son could not be recovered. With tears he cried out, "Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief!" His faith got its reward. Jesus commanded the evil spirit to come out of the boy and enter no more into the hand."

It may be wondered why the Master permitted the evil spirit to tear the boy and cause him pain, in leaving him. If He had power to cast him out, He also undoubtedly had power to control the manner of his coming out. We can only surmise therefore that Jesus, on this and other occasions, allowed the evil spirit a measure of liberty in the method of leaving, and that this was for the very purpose of demonstrating how malicious and evil the spirit was which had control; and thus the miracle was the more clearly seen, and the Lord more praised.

"Many Said, 'He Is Dead.'"  
 The boy was left in an apparently dead condition, but Jesus took him by the hand and raised him up. The lesson for us in this is that it is not only that the Adversary and his power be cast out from humanity, that the poor world needs, but they need Divine power for their uplift out of the mire of sin and death. According to the Scriptures, we are near the time when Satan will be bound, when all the influences of evil amongst humanity will be restrained. According to the Scrip-  
 tures, also, this binding of Satan will be accomplished in a great "time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation," and humanity will be left in an almost dead condition. The pride, the hopes, the ambition of men will perish in that awful trouble time, but the Master will be present in King-  
 dom power to uplift them.

Messiah's Kingdom will not only bind the Adversary and forbid him to re-enter humanity and interfere with their affairs, but will for a thousand years do an uplifting work amongst the fallen and degraded members of our race, lifting them up, up, up, until they will fully attain the Divine stand-  
 ard represented in Father Adam—  
 from which condition he originally fell through disobedience, and return to which condition has been secured for all through the merit of Jesus' sacri-  
 fice at Calvary.

**THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS.**

Most newspaper men will admit that besides furnishing good stories for the front page around Thanksgiving the turkey also makes good inside matter. Those who knifed Caesar claimed they loved him. The turkey is a bird Caesar in that those who love him best are apt to be the first to cut him.

Americans are born parliamentarians. Even at dinner on Thanksgiving day somebody will take the chair, and then the cook will move that the turkey be laid on the table.

"Do mortuis nil nisi bonum" is Latin that at this season may be translated, "Of the dead say nothing but good in the presence of their bones."

**A THANKSGIVING COUP.**

How Pugsley Repelled Advance of His Mother-in-law.  
 "Perhaps General Grant was more actively inhospitable than I am, and possibly G. Washington shrank from the duties of host with greater skill," said Pugsley, with a self congratulatory grin, "but I can boast some victories in that line myself."

"You see," he continued, "my wife decided that it was up to us to have the family for Thanksgiving dinner this year. Did I oppose the appalling proposition? I did not. Did I comfort and encourage her in her nefarious scheme to introduce discord and strife into the bosom of my home? I did. What's the use of war when diplomacy will land a solar plexus?"

"I aided and abetted her with the utmost enthusiasm and liberality. Did she think a fifteen pound turkey would do? I insisted upon a thirty pounder. Did she calculate that two chickens would make enough salad? I decided that six were barely sufficient. Did she figure on a gallon of ice cream? I wouldn't be content with less than



"I insisted upon a THIRTY POUNDER" double that quantity, and so on all through the menu. Wherever she proposed to spend a dollar I immediately insisted upon spending at least two.

"Of course she knows all about my affairs, and I could see that she was getting uneasy and frightened as she saw how lavish and extravagant I was determined to be. So I promptly boosted my reckless prodigality several notches higher. Still she didn't back down. It was getting pretty near time to do the inviting, and I was desper-  
 ate.

"So I told her to run into the city and pick out fresh paper for the hall and dining room. That pretty nearly brought her down, but still she wavered, probably on account of wanting them so badly. So I added that while she was at it she should get a new carpet for the parlor and a new set of dishes and see the florist about send-  
 ing some men out to decorate.

That fetched her, though it was pitiful to see that heroic woman's struggle between what she knew was her duty and her desires. But she knew that our mortgage was getting clamorous, and she told me so. I was firm. I told her that if we were going to do it at all we couldn't let the family go away saying how shabby we were and what a failure I must be.

"That settled it. The family did not visit us on the glad Thanksgiving time, and we ate in peace.

"No; maybe I couldn't win the heavy-weight championship or capture the city of New York single handed, but I can keep the invader out of my humble domicile all right."—Philadelphia Press.

**A Thanksgiving Centerpiece.**  
 Try to have your Thanksgiving table and everything that is served look attractive, even if the bill of fare is to be simple, and try to have something new this year. If you can take time to arrange a centerpiece it will pay you. A flat oval basket resting upon a high wire frame is filled with moss, the frame being concealed by wild grape vines. Golden pears and pink and white grapes are piled high in the basket and fine clusters of grapes wired to each end. At the base purple pink and white grapes are heaped on a mass of leaves.

**REMEMBER THE HYPHEN.**  
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