



CYNTHIANNA BLYTHE

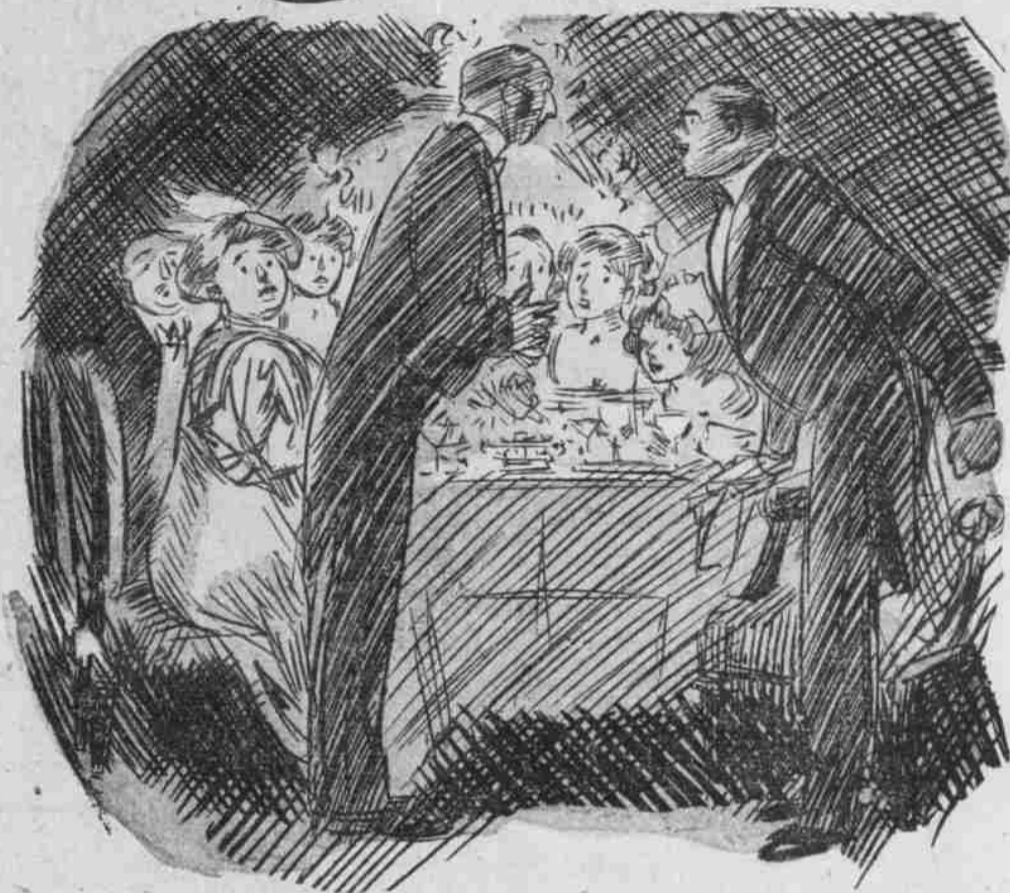
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1—Dear friends and nearest relatives,
In holiday array,
Encircled papa's festive board
Upon Thanksgiving Day;
It was the day of days to him:
His table was his pride.
He loved to see good cheer without
And sustenance inside.

2—The turkey was the featured prize
That occupied his mind,
As he had searched the town to get
The largest he could find.
It truly was a mammoth bird,
And really we're afraid
To tell its true dimensions or
Exactly what it weighed.



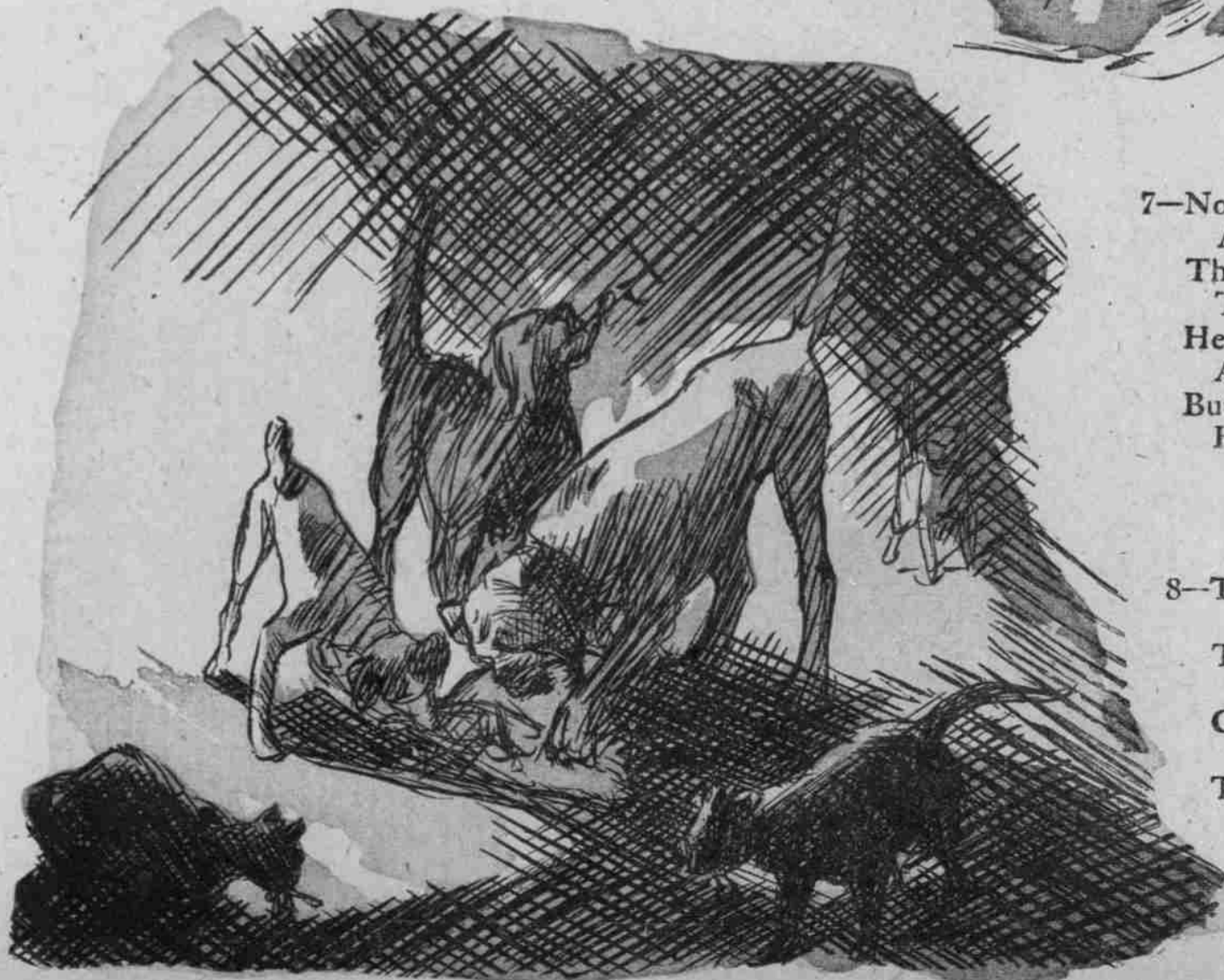
3—The early courses quickly passed,
And papa warning gave
That all beneath their jackets should
A goodly section save
To stow the famous turkey in,
And all were well assured
They might expect the largest and
The best to be procured.

4.—But, in the meantime, in the yard
"Poor, lonesome Theodore
Found nothing much to cheer him up
Or to be thankful for.
The smell of dinner reached his nose
And, creeping from his cage,
He stole the turkey when the cook's
Attention was engaged.



5.—'Twas fare to set before a king
Of either man or beast,
And other quadrupeds about
Were welcomed to the feast.
Old Towser, he who dwelt next door,
And Fido, famed for rats,
Assisted Teddy at his meal,
Along with several cats.

6.—When quaking butler broke the news
Of Teddy's shocking theft,
Dear papa acted like a man
Of senses quite bereft.
In wrath he started for the yard—
Guests trailing in the rear—
And Cynthia hoped the things he said
They didn't overhear.



7—Now, papa proved with bricks to be
A most imperfect shot.
The more evasive cats he missed
The more enraged he got.
He rudely treated Theodore
As Cynthia feared,
But when her pet stood up and begged
His anger disappeared.

8—The guests had turkey just the same,
For pa took means to see
The banquet was continued at
A nearby hostelry.
Concerning Teddy, Cynthia said:—
"He many thanks should give
That papa's bricks all missed him
And he's still allowed to live."

