A WORD ABOUT CARVING.
It in not alone the fact that the amateur carver misee the Joints and tries to cut through the largent bones that fills him with regret and hie lap full of sage and onions; it is the horribte thought that the entire company is looking at him. No matter how the perapiration may trickle
down between his shoulder-blades, or how the hot down between his shoulder-blades, or how the hot flaches may chase the chilli up and down hie dimmed with unshed teaps, the reat. of the company never allows its interest to flag a moment.
We remember a Christmas when we were called We remember a Christmas when we were called
upon to asaume the management of a free-for-all upon to asaume the management of a free-for-all
earving tournament at the home of a doveeyed dumping whose kind regard we desired to catch
on to as far as posefble. on to as far as posaible.
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of the guestis, rippling laugh, the baling faceaded Joke, the thankstgiving conundrum, and all as
merry as a marriage bein. merry as a marriage beil.
We call to mind the gir
Whose very existence garilish siaughter of that on our left that
day, seemed cemented and gined on day, seemed cemented and gined to our own. Hinging steel, we felt the gilittering blade on the how we would slice the white, calm bosom of the decensed hen; proud to think how, in our mind, plause, glad and free, when we had arcomplished the wartare and vietory; and stufing had perched We oftty Jabbed the shimmering fork a-straddle of the breact-bone, tore off a few goose-pimples from under the wings of the iate lamented, gouger tried to cut a sirioln steak off the back.
An oppreselve gloom neemed to pervade the air. The old hen didn't have her joints where we had
them taid out in our mind. She was deformed. She seemed to be a freak of nature.
It nettled un and unnerved us.
We gouged wildly at the remains, squirting the
gravy right and lef, and tiling the afr with frag:ments of bread crumbs and sage. By some kind of omission or miscalculation, we
made a wild stab at the back of the late lamented hen, and with a frenzy born of repented defenta with a loud crach, and ceasing not in its untamed fury, glanced alde, and in an instant buried itaelf, Eir! Wh dimoulty wo drew out the gilttering blade, now ensanguined with the gore of a fellow-eres-
turb, if ped it on thio tablecioth, and fed -oat in the cold, uneympathetie world, out into the erash and confurion of struggiling humanity, to batlle on Chrough life under an aceumed name. de plume


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