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E man who'd sot a b'ar trap in his chicken house on Thanksgiben ebe am no Christian an' nebber will be.

Dere's no place in hebben fur de man dat steals. Jess de same I 'spects de coon dat ain't got a cent an' yet brings home a turkey fur Thanksgiben will go to de good place.

De American people doan git half nuff sleep, an' I 'spects dat's jess why most ob 'em am allus complainin' ob feelin' run down. De white man Thanksgiben ebe

If any ob my fam'ly gits to ailin' I foan nebber git no doctor, 'kase dey Julius was tooken sick one Thanksgiben an' de doctor said he couldn't dun had none ob dat fo'teen pound turkey dat was hangin' in de kitchen what was de result? Why, when Julius smelled dat bird, all brown an' lips, he jess gib one groan an' died. Yo' may s'arch through de almanac

an' de dictionary an' all de histories ob dis kentry, but yo' won't find no menshun made ob a cull'd man bein' 'lected president ob de United States. I keys dat am sent to de White House

I allus stick up fur de Bible an' belieb ebery word in dat good book, but I'ze kinder a leetle bit 'spicious 'bout Mistah Noah an' his ark. Dat man might hev let all de birds an' animules in his ark, but did dey all git out



"IF ONE OF MY CHILL'EN SHOULD INQUAR WHERE I GOT DAT BIRD"-

again? Doan yo' 'spose dat de turkeys was dun missin' bout Thanksgiben

When Thanksgiben comes an' I take de head ob de table an' de ole woman an' chill'en gather round an' smack der lips an' roll der eyes, when de hour comes dat I stand up wid knife in hand to begin carbin', when de minit arroves dat I reach out wid one hand to cotch dat turkey by de laig an' hold him solid while I slice away, if one ob my chill'en should look up an' inquar where I got dat bird den, I'm tellin' yo' dat sich a calamitous sarcumstance would perspire dat dat child would remember de event au de rest ob his bo'n days! A. B. LEWIS.

The President's Turkey. For the past thirty years the turkey which has graced the White House to ble on Thanksgiving day has come from Westerly, R. I., the gift of Hiram Vose. In 1873 Mr. Vose sent a thirty six pound bird to President Grant. It was received with such favor that he has continued to supply the yearly presidential turkey, and his sons after him will keep on sending turkeys to Washington as long as the race holds out. Rhode Island turkeys are not as numerous as they once were, but their quality has not deteriorated. Bronze and Narragansett grays are the standard breeds. No change has been made in the methods of breeding turkeys as the years have gone by, but in view of the bad luck farmers have had recent ly in raising large flocks Mr. Vose, whose turkey market is a clearing house for all the country round, is trying to discover some means to prevent the national bird from becoming ex-

Thanksgiving Day Abroad. Wherever two or three Americans are gathered together on Thanksgiving day there is sure to be an elaborate observance of the epicurean holiday. In every foreign capital a Thanksgiving banquet at the American legation is one of the fixtures in the ambassador's or minister's ceremonial calendar, and to his official reception are welcomed all of his countrymen residing abroad or temporarily away from their own firesides. The American churches hold religious services, where there are American churches, and in their absence the natives usually offer their places of worship to the Americans for the day. Even in Peking Thanksgiving day is a notable event, its observance shared in by Christianized Chinamen and the members of other embassies than our own.

The German agriculturists who are making a tour of this country to study American farming are said to be favorably impressed with the beauty and comfort of the metropolitan hotels where they pass most of their time. tention to the study of irrigation.

An English professor has been describing in words of three syllables how one of our high priced "twirlers" yond question that the thing couldn't act to the Russian bear.

Even Andrew Carnegie's life is sorrow shadowed at times. Think of having the people of some offended town say every week or so: "You can take back your old \$100,000 for a library. We don't want it. So there!"



shucked and stored beyond our reach. We didn't know the day of the week, much less that of the month, for we passed days and nights sometimes hiding from pursuers in dark caves and slept from sheer exhaustion without reckon it am just as well. If a cull'd reference to the rising or the setting of man held dat office he'd kill bisself on the sun. One day we came upon a cabin Thanksgiben tryin' to eat all de tur- bidden in the mountain wilds occupied he had run away from his master in east Tennessee and started blindly to

Black Sam n-e-b-e-r goin' eat turkey eagle, and I'll not say that it I cotch be git fat an' nice, an' freedom met its fate Thanksgiving day, ain't come, so he git ole an' tough, an' but it passed the way of all I gib him ter de buzz'rds. Second tur-Thanksgiving birds about Nov. 28, key he git fat, too, but no freedom yit. oughter git to bed early, 'speshually on 1863. This uncertain chronology is due He git tough, an' de buzz'rds git him. to the fact that half a dozen of us war prison refugees, who had escaped from bird o' freedom, shuah. Now, luk yer." the Georgia stockades, were making With that he led the way up the mountain side till he came to a tangle guidance of the north star. When we of wild grape vines which fell over struck the eastern slope of the Cum- the rocks and trees like a huge wall. berland mountains in southwestern These he parted deftly and conducted Virginia late autumn was upon us. us to a spacious gien shut out from The plentiful wild grapes had been the prying world. Tied to a stake with touched by frost, persimmons were a long rope was a fat turkey. "See de juicy, an' heard de fam'ly smackin' der dropping, dead ripe, and corn had been bird o' freedom?" says he, with a broad African grin. "Cotched dis chick about las' Chris'mus ober de moun'n.

> tubilee done come." After more of his palaver it was settled that he would roast the bird in a by a negro who, like ourselves, was a rude oven built in the billside, then refugee. At the beginning of the war serve it in the cabin. Meanwhile we wornout tramps would sleep ourselves meet up with "Massa Linkum's so- feast, which was to be turkey and corn pone. Black Sam led us back to the

Hide him yer all day, an' nighttime

take him out in de beech woods so he

get fat fo' de day o' jubilee. Now I got

de Thanksgiben tas'e in de mouf, an'



escaped a sunstroke in the dog days o' the year. 'm filled with thankfulness an' ain't disposed t' fret Because, you see. I'm much too poor t' own an auto yet.

Perhaps since last Thanksgivin' if I'd been a might have been a-guidin o an auto here an' there An' had a fearful smashup in some record breakin' race; I might t'day be lyin' in some quiet restin' place. An so I say I'm thankful that I'm livin here t'day An' had the luck t' keep myself well out o' danger's way. Though things have been ag'in me in a way, I've no regret; I'm thankful that an auto hasn't mangled me as yet.





I'll own I broke no record, but I haven't been in jail An so I'm duly thankful there's no damage bills t pay T' weepin' wife or orphans on this blest Thanksgivin day. I'm thankful for the sunshine an I'm thankful for the cloud, I'm thankful I am livin' an' a mixin' in the crowd; But, more than all, I'm thankful that I haven't been beset With the worry that is born of auto ownership, as yet!

bilee of freedom his simple faith told! help of a rude bench, we found a ca him must come. With eyes almost peting of mountain grass for our bebursting from their sockets he listened and a space just large enough to ile to our story of the emancipation-how down spoon fashion, as we'd done in Lincoln had struck the fetters off from prison, and aired by a hole cut in the every slave and if once be could reach gables. Black Sam descended, and we Yankee territory there would be no moved the loose poles back into posimore dragging him back to slavery. When the poor wretch comprehended gwine luk fur yo' up dare," said he, a long time. Then he looked into the prepare the turkey. face of each of us, a gleam of peace

culture about the premises. Black Sam saw the doubt written on Possibly they are devoting special at- right!" he shouted. "Bin waitin' t'rec ready an' mek to call yo' all to Thanksyear fur tas'e o' him. 'Twuz dis a-way:
I 'lowed de niggahs gwine get free all 'Noah's secesh critter company sneakin'

Of Crook's Kanawha cavalry division a few hours later we didn't begrudge them their monopoly of Black Sam's

In view of the latest anti-Semite outcurves a baseball. A quarter of a cen- rage in Bessarabia, the European powtury ago other professors were using ers might give the unspeakable Turk poor man's greens lock like the oyster words of four syllables to prove be a brief intermission and read the riot in the boarding house soup. Anent the kissing of babies by po-

> rights under the constitution which po litical aspirants are bound to respect? Cotton is certainly king, judged by the way Wall street is kotowing to his

majesty.

Yanks," said be, "else yo' ain't talkin' feast. Black Sam was sitting like a effectively dulled the curiosity of iat a-way to Black Sam." Nothing we mourner, with his lank yellow dog for Noah's infamous gang. could say was stronger than the ne. a companion in misery. By the light key, 'kase dis about Thanksgiben time. and some scraps of pone on the board.

tion. "Ain' no bushwhackin' secesh

account o' Massa Linkum, an' I said around an' say dey lookin' fur Yan The rapacity of the packers seems likely to make the lump of pork in the

stopping Kentucky feuds he will be litical candidates, have the infants or wise if he does his insisting at long

> Czar Nicholas' "religious teleration" rescript appears to bear bloody fruit in Bessarabia.

kees. Tell 'em I ain't seed none, an' dey ast why dis roastin' dat turkey R. W. FENN. dess fur dis niggah 'lone. ''Kase I jess hear about freedom,' I tole 'em. 'I got no mammy, no missus, no chile, only my yaller dog Slim. Done roast dat turkey all for dis niggah's jubilee." "Den dey eat dat turkey an' pone an' nebber gib me none an' nebber say Tank yo', Black Sam.' All de time dey eatin' dey kept lookin' up to dem poles overhead, musin' like dey want see behin' dare. Dey keep mighty still,

dough. One secesh, he stan' outside an' de odders take some turkey fo' him. Bymeby dat man he say, "Sh!" an' dey all grab deir swords an' pistols an' sneak out, nebber sayin' nuttin'. Den I know why dey doan go peckin' behin' dem poles where yo' all hidin an' doen take Black Sam along back to be ole massa."

We forgot our hunger and the van ished huxuries over this recital, for we had heard of Noah's company

> queraded as Confederates, but never smelled powder in the field. They terrorized the ig norant moun taineers, seizing their pigs and corn in payment for their pro fessed guardianship of the territory. Part of their business was to head off runaway prisoners and fugitive slaves and return them to captivity. This won for them the toleration of the local Confederate authorities. We knew

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trail and breath-

of bushwhack-

ers, who mas-

lessly awaited the sequel of AM WAS SITTING LIKE STORY. Black Sam's

dem turkey bones an' dat empty pone dish," continued he, "an' I moan "kase yo' all git none. Den I skeered call yo' 'kase yo' kill dis niggah fo' shuah. I stan' lookin' at de bones, gittin' hunminute. Nex ting some body sneakin' up an' holler in de do'. 'Whar dem rebs?' 'What rebs yo' mean? I say. "'Cap'n Noah's company,' he say.

'We seed 'em comin' dis a-way las' night.' Dis one a Yankee all in blue, an' I up an' tole 'im I rose dat turkey all by myse'f an' Cap'n Noah's men come cat 'im all an' den run away. Dis Yank he laff all acrost he face, but he make no noise laffin'. Speck he t'ink bery funny how de rebs ent dis chile's turkey an' pone. Den he go out de do', an' long come about 200 Yanks. "Den I git mad at dem Yanks, an' I say: 'S'pose yo' t'ink dis niggah cryin'

'kase he got no turkey an' pone, he an' Slim. I ain't cryin'. I'ze laffin' on de inside 'kase I'ze a free niggah.' Den dey all laff ag'in an' go way down de lane. sneakin' after dem Noah's men. Now. what yo' all laffin' at?" "Yankee soldiers, Sam? Are you

sure?" gasped half a dozen in a breath. We didn't make any noise, either, not being certain we were out of the woods yet; but every mother's son of us grinned like the man in the moon. Yankees of the right stripe were what we were looking to meet up with more than a feast of turkey and pone. "Shuah, mars, shuah. Linkum soger-





WE SCHAPED TOGETHER A LITTLE YANKER BOYCE & BENSTON

Cap'n Noah's men say dey all skeered o' Yankee sogers pintin' dis a-way." At last we were among friends-good enough fortune to draw thanks from the wonderful story he sat silent for with a chuckle, and went his way to yearning stomachs. We scraped to gether a little Yankee money to re After a long sleep we awoke and ward Black Sam for the loss of his Call and see us. growing brighter and brighter on his rrept down from the loft, wondering jubilee dinner and for saving our necks ebony skin. "Yo' all is shuah 'nuff that we had not been bidden to the with that lone nigger bluff, which so

The negro grinned at the sight of gro's logic. "Yo's Yanks, an' yo's hun- of a waning fire in the chimney we the greenbacks, coming with his newly gry. I'ze hungry, too-hungry for tur-I'ze gwine kill de bird o' freedom an' What had happened? Surely that woe- "God's country," surrounded by boys gib yo' all a dinner." For a moment begone negro and his woebegone dog in blue. No doubt the bushwhackers we thought the startling news of eman. had not regaled themselves on the bird were grinning, too, over the after taste cipation had turned the poor slave's of freedom. We looked from one to of that unexpected dinner. They got brain. There was no sign of poultry the other of our crowd and then to our away from their pursuers, but we culture about the premises. of the disastrous jubilee fetc. Said tune. And as we got next to Uncle our faces. "Oh, I'ze got dat turkey, all he: "Dess I git dat turkey an' dat pone Sam's fat rations in the saddle pouches of Crook's Kanawha cavalry division a jubilee turkey and pond

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