

NEW YORK LETTER

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—One million turkeys, ducks and other fowl are on their way to supply the Thanksgiving Day requirements of this city, while half as many quarts of cranberries will be needed here to furnish the essential accompaniment of the great American feast day. This at least is the estimate of wholesale dealers in these supplies. Moreover the good things to eat will be more evenly divided among the whole population than they are on any other occasion. There are two hundred thousand persons in New York who never get a square meal except once a year—on Thanksgiving Day—according to a veteran worker for one of the city's charitable organizations. Of course not all this great army is made up of unemployed or dependent persons, but it represents those who are habitually underfed. On Thanksgiving Day, however, it is the proud boast of Father Knickerbocker that nobody need go hungry within his gates. Dinners at each of which thousands are fed are given by charitable institutions, by public and religious associations and by Tammany politicians like the Sullivans of the lower East Side who this year are planning a "feed" for some three thousand Boverities, regardless of political affiliation, although that usually may be taken for granted. The dinners of this sort already announced will be sufficient for fully seventy five thousand persons while the free basket meals distributed to poor families in the tenements probably will aggregate an equal number. Aside from all this there are thousands of well-to-do men and women who make a practice of supplying Thanksgiving cheer to a number of families less fortunately circumstanced. This form of help will reach fifty thousand more, so that it is safe to say that practically nobody in New York will be suffering from hunger on Thanksgiving Day, a condition that could not be duplicated on any other day in the year. Even the immigrants on Ellis Island get their first introduction to the typical American holiday by a roasting dinner in which turkey and cranberry sauce figure. It is characteristic of New York to pay special attention to the favorite Thanksgiving Day form of charity for there is no city in the country where good eating and plenty of it is held in higher esteem.

The latest quotations on ghosts show that a real spook is worth \$10,000 in cash to any one who can produce him and put him— or her— through paces which will absolutely

establish his authenticity beyond the question of a doubt. Only a few months ago Clark University offered \$5,000 for the capture of a real ghost. Now the Metropolitan Psychical Society in this city has offered an equal sum for a ghost that can count up to twenty. All that a ghost has to do to get this money for the medium by whom he is controlled—for a ghost obviously couldn't use the money to be successful in one simple test. This test consists in enabling the medium to tell how many oranges from a bag containing twenty have been poured on a table, the medium not to look at the table. So far the net results show that lemons should have been chosen, for such famous mediums as "Bright Eyes," "Princess," and "Big Chief" have not been able to interest their ghostly adorers in the matter. The psychical society, however, is perfectly serious in its offer, as is Clark University in its President Stanley Hall of the latter institution is apparently a bit of a skeptic in this matter, however, if one may judge from an article on Spooks which he contributes to Appleton's magazine. In it he cites his test, the reading of a sealed and hidden letter, and asserts that after long investigation he finds the alleged acts of such spooks as he has been able to learn about are too unimportant and colorless to make them worth considering. But if there is a real ghost wandering around loose he now has a fine opportunity to earn \$10,000. All that is necessary is for him to undergo successfully the tests prescribed. Meanwhile the air is full of psychical and telepathic terms strange to the ear of the layman such as telekinesis, elongation, levitation and other equally ghostly words.

Golf, the ancient and royal pastime, is in a fair way soon to be ranked in the category of "undesirable" or even criminal pastimes here because of its alleged evil influence on the youths who act as caddies. At any rate Police Captain Mathat threatens to appeal to a Police Magistrate's court to take drastic action against certain millionaire golfers of a noted local club and "wealthy golfers" may soon become as unpopular a term as "wealthy malefactors" provided of course that its use can be reconciled with the athletic propensities of the present President elect. The evil influence of golf for the youngsters does not, however, lie in the picturesque language which they hear, nor even in the alleged bibulous tastes of some of its patrons. Rather it is found through paces which will absolutely

struct youthful education, according to Captain Mathat, who explains his position when he says, "We have been trying to keep the boys in school, but the rich and influential golfers come along in their automobiles and whisk the schoolboys off to the links where they pay them high fees to act as caddies." In other words young America hereabouts finds the opportunity to earn a dollar or a half dollar preferable to the unenumerative education of the school-room. The dearth of caddies after the opening of the school season is always a serious problem to local golfers, which is now made worse than ever by Captain Mathat's threat to have somebody arrested if matters continue as they are. It is for this reason that golf in New York at least, may be listed in the category of legal offences.

Anyone wishing to purchase a unique Christmas present for the children, who happens to have the necessary change to the amount of \$3,500,000 in his pocket, can step right up and buy New York's famous Madison Square Garden. With the passing of the Fifth Avenue hotel, the Garden is now New York's most historic public gathering place, and should it be sold and the property cut up into building lots it is hard to figure how the city would be able to find a substitute for it. For years Madison Square Garden has been a center for gatherings and exhibitions attracting large crowds and of late years the only adequate one. In it take place annually, the horse show, the automobile show, the circus, the larger winter athletic meets and all the greatest political gatherings. Since 1871 indeed Madison Square has been pretty well in the public eye. Previous to that time it served as a railroad station but for the last forty-seven years it has been the largest amusement place in the country. The present building is the most noted of the architectural creations of the late Stanford White, and it was on the roof garden there curiously enough, that he was shot. The Garden was completed early in 1890 but has never been a profitable investment and for several years rumors of the sale of the property have cropped up from time to time. Some seven or eight years ago it was reported that the ground would be used for the erection of a mammoth department store, and later it was considered as a site for the new post-office. Should the property now be sold juvenile New York would probably shed a good many tears for no other building in the country has even entertained so many children.

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