

## THANKSGIVIN

An annual religious festival in the United States，cele－
brated in New England from the first settlement by the Pil brated in New England from the first settlement by the Pil．
riims，and long penuliar to the onthtern states of the Union，
but which in recent times has extended to nearly all the states，and has become a national institution since 1862 ．The
day，whffch is usually the fourth Thursday of November，is designated
President．＂
Tre above is the definition of Thanksgiving Day given in
Johnos＇s Cyclopecia，published in 1884，and edited by by
Charles A．Dana． Charles A．Dana．
tima．It it is obsserved evererywhere in the United States，and its time．It is observed every where in the United States，and its
observance extends around the world，wherever Americans
are found and into every nook and corner of the earth where are found and into every nook
American influences extend－
 of the United States，and the people of the whole world have
more to be thankful for，in many respects，than ever before－ For there is great progress in the whole wide world，not－
withstanding the turmoil and the trouble almost everywhere， withstanding the turmoil and the trouble almost every $\begin{aligned} & \text { andere，} \\ & \text { and the certain outlook for future progress the earth around } \\ & \text { was never so bright－}\end{aligned}$ was never so britness the Washington conference which is starting a movement that is bound to result in time in permanent
peace on earth and good will among all men；through justice peace on earth and good will among all men；through justice
and understanding and the observance of the principle of the and understanding and the observance of the principle of the later positively proclaimed by the Lowly Nazarene．
The people of the United States have more to be for than ever before
apart to be the leader of nasing prestige of this nation，set apart to be the leader of nations in things material and ideal． a higher and higher destiny，and we as a people should be
increasingly thankful for this distinction；this setting apart increasingly thankful for this distinction；this setting apart
of this great country as the servant of all for the greatest thing in the world for a nation is service．
 prosperity，and for the golden
all give thanks as never before．
Salem and the Salem district have progressed in many ways as never before during the past year，and in this land of
diversity and this country of opportunity greater and a larger measure of all things onducing to happiness are country in the world，and the most beautiful We have the best ent and in the making，for which let us give thanks this day． And as individuals we should be thankful for many bless
ings－for life and homes and friends and a chance to make good and achieve happiness；though we may not all be cer－
tain of great wealth or high position． ＂Better is a dinner of herbs where love is，than a stalled
ox and hatred therewith，＂said the wisest man of his time． ox and hatred therewith，＂said the wisest man of his time．
There is not one of us who may not have at least a dinner There is not one of us who may not have at least a dinner
of herbs and love，if we radiate love，though we may be denied the groaning board
company affluence．
In this spirit，let us all feel that this is the best Thant giving Day the world has seen since the Pisgrims set apart
day for thanksgiving to Almighty God for hat and a chance to worship their Maker according to the dic－ tates of thee own consciences，though their material fortunes
were ever so scanty，or since Abraham Lincoln set apart were ever so scanty，or since Abraham Lincoln set apart the
day in the midst of the most terrible war ever waged up to day in the midst of the most terrible war ever waged up to
that time，for the giving of thanks for a nation so far pre－ served representing the ideal of a government of the people by the people，for the people．

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