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Just Before Thanksgiving All the Settlers Unite in the Slaughter.

There are some parts of Arizona that are full of men who will live for three hundred and sixty-four days in the year on bacon and beans and never utter a complaint. But on the other day it is different. If the bill of fare is not changed on Thanksgiving day, there is trouble in camp, grumbling and profanity, and a tendency to talk bluely about the home in "the states," says the San Francisco Examiner.

Away down in the southeastern section of the territory there is a creek called Rio Prieto, and nicknamed the "Turkey river." It is the only place within about two hundred miles where wild turkeys abound, but then there are enough of them in the narrow valley to stock a state with this greatest of fowls, wild or tame. Just before Thanksgiving, prospectors, miners and ranchers come into the canyon from as much as one hundred miles away to shoot turkeys for dinner on the great day. For a day or so the slaughter is tremendous, but the birds do not seem to be thinned out much by it, for they are almost unmolested during the rest of the year. The place is so far from anywhere, so difficult of access, that nobody will brave the hardship of miles of desert hills and rocky cliffs except under the great inducement of Thanksgiving.

Some of the hunters come so far that they have to make "jerky" of the turkey meat in order to get it home. A fellow wants turkey pretty hard when he will travel one hundred miles for it and then take it in the shape of salted and sun-dried strips and shreds, and usually fried in a gravy of bacon grease and flour.

A Thanksgiving hunt in the valley of the little river is worth a trip, if anything in that line can compensate for a twenty or fifty-mile trip over bare rocks with the thermometer at one hundred and ten degrees. There are no end of turkeys in the valley. As you walk up the creek great flocks of them, both the big black fellows and the smaller bronze turkeys, swarm up the banks into the brush like quail. One of them will carry away as much lead as a deer, and there are all sorts of stories about turkeys getting away with one wing and one leg broken. The artist at the business shoots off the turkey's head. A man who would use a shotgun under the circumstances would "ground-sluice" quail, if he would not fish for trout with giant powder.

Half a dozen birds make a tremendous bag, about as much as a pack mule can carry out of the valley, for they grow to a marvelous size. Old-timers say that gobblers weighing thirty pounds have been taken out of the Prieto canyon.

THE FALL OF SEBASTOPOL.

Amid Flames and Fearful Explosions the Russians Departed.

I went back to my uneasy couch, about two o'clock, but I was speedily aroused by an awful explosion, writes William Howard Russell in Scribner's. I hastened to my lookout post again. The flames were spreading all over the city. It was an ocean of fire. At 4 a. m. the camps, from sea to valley, were aroused by an awful shock—the destruction of some great magazine behind the Redan. In quick succession one, two, three, four explosions followed. At 4:45 a. m. the magazines of the Flagstaff Bastion and Garden batteries exploded. The very earth trembled at each outburst, but at 5:30 a. m. when the whole of the huge stone fortresses, the Quarantine and Alexander, were hurled into the air almost simultaneously with appalling roars, and the sky was all reddened by the incessant flashes of the bursting shells, the boldest held their breath and gazed in awe-struck wonder.

It was broad day. The Russian fleet was gone, the last of their men of war was at the bottom—only the steamers were active, towing boats and moving from place to place on mysterious errands. Thirty-five magazines in all were blown up, and through all the night of the 8th and the morning of September 9 the Russians were marching out of the south side. We could see the bridge covered with them still. At 6:45 a. m. the last body of infantry crossed the bridge and mounted the opposite bank. Yes, the south side was left to the possession of the allies at last! Sebastopol, the city, the docks and the arsenal were ours.

In half an hour more the end of the bridge itself was floated away by some invisible agency from the south side, and in less than an hour the several portions of it were collected at the further side of the roadstead. Meantime the fires, fed by small explosions, spread till the town seemed like one great furnace vomiting out columns of velvety black smoke to heaven. Soon after seven o'clock columns of smoke began to ascend from Fort Paul. In a minute or two more flames were seen breaking out in Fort Nicholas. The first exploded with a stupendous roar later in the day; the mines under the latter did not take fire.

The retreat of Gortschakoff was effected with masterly skill.

A Professional Ghost Hunter.

In the dark ages professors of exorcism were important and highly respected persons in the community, but somehow or other they fell into disrepute and were finally abolished as imposters. It is satisfactory to find, however, says the London Telegraph, that at the present time, when so many people complain that they can find nothing to do, this time-honored profession has been revived, and at least one gentleman finds it sufficiently profitable to pay for the printing of circulars commendatory to his business. It is addressed to "landlords, home agents and those whom it may concern," and states that the exorcist "will be pleased to investigate and report upon any reputed haunted house, ascertaining the cause of and putting a stop to all seemingly unaccountable shrieks, cries, groans and spirit rappings at the shortest notice." This is hard on ghosts.

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One per cent. of all German children in city schools stutter. In Dresden the percentage (two) is highest. In a military school near Berlin four cadets in forty stuttered, and in several civilians' schools the percentage has been found to be as large. Many German physicians are advocating the separation of the stuttering school children from the smooth-tongued and the instruction of them in a department of their own.

Wholesale Hanging.

It is not generally known that Henry VIII. hanged no fewer than 72,000 robbers, thieves and vagabonds, and that "Good Queen Bess," doubtless affected by her royal father's ferocious example, was in the latter part of her reign responsible for the slaughter of 300 or 400 criminals yearly. Turning to the year 1596, for example, we find that in the county of Somerset alone 40 persons were executed, 35 burned in the hand and 37 severely whipped.

Perfumes of Plants.

A German botanist, Mr. Regel, has made public the result of his researches as to the cause of the perfumes of plants, and the factors which diminish or increase them. "Light and heat naturally play a very important role. Darkness prevented the development of perfume in flowers of which the buds were only slightly advanced, and when submitted to its influence, and even the plants whose flowers exhaled perfume only at night, lost their odor if compelled to live in continued darkness."

Baby's Face Was Clean.

A rather precocious infant had its christening unfortunately deferred until it was able to talk, and at the font was lifted in its father's arms for the ceremony. After the minister had dipped his fingers in the water, and made the sign of the cross on her forehead, the unawed child leaned down, and catching up the long sleeve of his white gown, wiped the water away, calmly remarking: "Baby's face clean. Don't want wassin; dot it wassed 'fore us summed out!"

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It is safe to say that few people have heard of the Dirty Devil region. An archæologist who had been exploring out-of-the-way corners in Utah in the interests of the world's fair wandered up into the country with that shocking name and writing about it he says that, if more generally known, tourists would seldom fail to include it in their itinerary. In fact, according to the New York Evening Post, he puts the matter more strongly, saying that the country contains sights surpassing those of the Yosemite. The principal settlement—by courtesy known as the country seat—is Loa, situated in the Rabbit River valley. "The Buckhorn mountains are divided at this point," he says, "by the narrow valley down which the Dirty river flows. As we leave Rabbit valley the route goes down along the river into a narrow valley for twenty miles. Lower and lower descends the road, warmer and warmer grows the climate, higher and higher rise the mighty walls of sandstone, until we find ourselves shut out from the busy world and traveling down into what seems a labyrinth, deep gorges, narrow canyons and little sunny valleys that seem to enjoy eternal summer. These valleys are usually but a hundred feet wide and rarely extend along the river more than a quarter of a mile, but the soil is rich and the vegetation grows luxuriantly in this semi-tropical climate."

The writer says he had never seen before such awful walls of rock and such vistas of beauty as he found in this part of Utah. "Talk of Yellowstone park, talk of Yosemite, talk of the Grand canyon of the Colorado," he declares, "this region is more in majesty than all of them. There are leading out of the Grand Wash, a stream tributary to the Dirty Devil, narrow canyons whose passageways are but ten to thirty feet, but whose sides run up perpendicularly two thousand feet, and two of these narrow canyons lead into mighty amphitheaters framed out of the sandstone. These vast amphitheaters are made larger and larger through the years as the storms wash down their sides and carry the sand thus washed away down through the narrow gorge into the Dirty Devil, and thence down to the Colorado and into the sea." He found spanning one of the canyons a natural bridge seventy feet wide and twelve hundred feet above the bed of a torrent. Echoes in the recesses were multiplied a thousand times, the bark of a dog seeming to be taken up by a multitude of curs. He came across a family settled upon a tract of twelve acres on the banks of the Dirty Devil, that lay between walls two thousand feet high. The climate in that sequestered spot was mild as June, although late in the fall of the year, and the note of the whippoorwill was often heard at night by the writer. Turning to the practical side of things, he discovered abundant evidences of coal, sulphur and gypsum. It was Fremont who gave to this marvelous nook its name, in disgust because he was obliged to cross the tortuous stream no less than one hundred and thirteen times on one of his expeditions.

SCIENCE AND THEOLOGY.

Mixing the Two Led Early Christian Investigators Far Astray.

The greatest theologians aided in developing the fetichism in which much of this pseudo-science was grounded, remarks Dr. Andrew D. White in an article on the transition from magic to modern chemistry, in the Popular Science Monthly. One question largely discussed was whether at the redemption it was necessary for God to take the human form. Thomas Aquinas answered that it was necessary, but William Occam and Duns Scotus answered that it was not; that God might have taken the form of a stone, or of a log, or of a beast. The possibilities opened to wild substitutes for science by this sort of reasoning were infinite.

Men have often wondered how it was that the Arabians accomplished so much in scientific discovery as compared with Christian investigation; the reason is not far to seek; the Arabians were comparatively free from these mystic allurements, these theologic modes of thought which in Christian Europe flickered in the air on all sides, luring men into paths which led nowhither.

Strong investigators like Arnold de Villanova, Raimond Lully, Basil Valentine, Paracelsus, and their compeers, were thus drawn far out of the only paths which led to fruitful truths. In a work generally ascribed to Arnold of Villanova, the student is told that in mixing his chemicals he must repeat the psalm Exsurge Domine, and that on certain chemical vessels must be placed the last words of Jesus on the cross. Vincent de Beauvais insists that as the Bible declares that Noah, when five hundred years old, had children born to him, he must have possessed alchemical means of preserving life; and much later Dickinson insists that the patriarchs generally must have owed their long lives to such means. It was loudly declared that the reality of the philosopher's stone was proved by the words of St. John in the Revelation: "To the victor I will give a white stone."

Wonderful Mechanical Kittens.

A most wonderful mechanical toy has been on private exhibition in Paris lately and it is understood that efforts are to be made to secure the curiosity or curiosities for the Chicago exposition. This remarkable piece of mechanism consists of seven life-sized kittens, covered with real skin, but with eyes of emeralds set in white enamel. Each kitten is provided with some musical instrument, such as a flute, a zither, a violin, a drum, a harp, a cornet, an accordion, all perfectly harmonized. With these the kittens play the most difficult pieces of music, operas and such. The mechanism is similar to that of a common music box, and the whole apparatus, kittens, etc., is valued at about twenty thousand francs. The curiosity is even reported to be insured for twelve thousand francs.

History of a Phrase.

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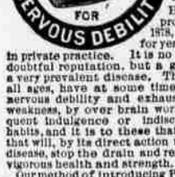

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Boyer, W. G., Heppner, Or.—Horses, box brand on right hip cattle, same, with split in each ear.

Borg, P. O., Heppner, Or.—Horses, P B on left shoulder; cattle, same on left hip.

Brownlee, W. J., Fox, Or.—Cattle, J B connected on left side; crop on left ear and two splits and middle piece cut out on right ear; on horses same brand on the left thigh; Range in Fox valley, Grant county.

Carsner Warren, Wagner, Or.—Horses branded O on right stifle; cattle ☰ (three bars) on right ribs, crop and split in each ear. Range in Grant and Morrow counties.

Cain, E., Caleb, Or.—V D on horses on left stifle U with quarter circle over it, on left shoulder and on left stifle on all colts under 5 years; on left shoulder only on all horses over 5 years. All range in Grant county.

Clark, Wm. H., Lena, Or.—Horses WHC connected, on left shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Range Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Cate, Chas. R., Vinson or Lena, Or. Horses H C on right shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Range Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Cecil, Wm., Douglas, Or.; horses J C on left shoulder; cattle same on left hip, waddles on each jaw and two bits in the right ear.

Curl, T. H., John Day, Or.—Double cross on each hip on cattle, swallow fork and under bit in right ear, split in left ear. Range in Grant county. On sheep, inverted A and spear point on shoulder. Ear marked ewes, crop on left and punched upper bit in right. Wethers, crop in right and under half crop in left ear. All range in Grant county.

Cook, A. J., Lena, Or.—Horses, bar on right shoulder. Cattle, same on right hip; ear mark square crop off left and split in right.

Currin, H. Y., Currinsville, Or. Horses, Z on left stifle.

Cox Ed. S., Hardman, Or.—Cattle, C with tie in center; horses, C8 on left hip.

Cochran, R. E., Monument, Grant Co., Or.—Horses branded circle with bar beneath, on left shoulder; cattle same brand on both hips, mark under slope both ears and dewlap.

Chapin, H., Hardman, Or.—Horses branded C on right hip. Cattle branded the same. Also brands C I on horses right thigh; cattle same brand on right shoulder, and cut off end of right ear.

Dickens, Ebb—Horses branded with three tines fork on left stifle. Cattle same on left side.

Douglass, W. M., Gallowa, Or.—Cattle, R bar on right side, swallow-fork in each ear; horses, R D on left hip.

Douglas, O. T., Douglas, Or—Horses TD on the right stifle; cattle same on right hip.

Ely, J. H. & Sons, Douglas, Or.—Horses branded ELY on left shoulder, cattle same on left hip, hole in right ear.

Elliott, Wash., Heppner, Or. Diamond on right shoulder.

Emery, C. S., Hardman, Or.—Horses branded O, reversed C with tail on left shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Range in Morrow county.

Fleek, Jackson, Heppner, Or.—Horses, F connected on right shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Ear mark, hole in right and crop off left.

Florence, L. A., Heppner, Or.—Cattle, LF on right hip; horses F with bar under on right shoulder.

Florence, S. P., Heppner, Or.—Horses, F on right shoulder; cattle, F on right hip or thigh.

French, George, Heppner, Or.—Cattle branded WF, with bar over it, on left side; crop off left ear. Horses, same brand on left hip.

Gay, Henry, Heppner, Or.—GAY on left shoulder.

Gilman-French, Land and Live Stock Co., Fossil, Or.—Horses, anchor S on left shoulder; vent, same on left stifle. Cattle, same on both hips; ear marks, crop off right ear and underbit in left. Range in Gilliam, Grant, Crook and Morrow counties.

Gentry, Elmer, Echo, Or.—Horses branded H. S. with a quarter circle over it, on left stifle. Range in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Hayes, Geo., Lena, Or, Brand J H connected with quarter circle over it, on left shoulder.

Hiatt A. B., Ridge, Or.—Cattle, round-top A with quarter circle under it on the right hip. Range in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Hinton & Jenks, Hamilton, Or.—Cattle, two bars on either hip; crop in right ear and split in left. Horses, J on right thigh. Range in Grant county.

Hughes, Samuel, Wagner, Or.—⊣ (T F L connected) on right shoulder on horses; on cattle, on right hip and on left side, swallow fork in right ear and slit in left. Range in Haystack district, Morrow county.

Hale, Milton, Wagner, Or.—Horses branded G (circle with parallel tails) on left shoulder. Cattle same on left hip also large circle on left side.

Hall, Edwin, John Day, Or.—Cattle E H on right hip; horses same on right shoulder. Range in Grant county.

Howard, J. L., Galloway, Or.—Horses, + (cross with bar above it) on right shoulder; cattle same on left side. Range in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Hughes, Mat, Heppner, Or.—Horses, shaded heart on the left shoulder. Range Morrow Co.

Hunsaker, B. J., Wagner, Or.—Horses, 9 on left shoulder; cattle, 9 on left hip.

Hardisty, Albert, Nye, Oregon—Horses, A H connected, on left shoulder; Cattle on the left hip, crop off left ear.

Humphreys, J. M. Hardman, Or.—Horses, H on left flank.

Hayes, J. M., Heppner, Or.—Horses, wineglass on left shoulder cattle, same on right hip.

Huston, Luther, Eight Mile, Or.—Horse H on the left shoulder and heart on the left stifle Cattle same on left hip. Range in Morrow county.

Ivy, Alfred, Long Creek, Or.—Cattle I D on right hip, crop off left ear and bit in right. Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range in Grant county.

Jones, Harry, Heppner, Or.—Horses branded H J on the left shoulder; cattle branded J on right hip, also underbit in left ear. Range in Morrow county.

Junkin, S. M., Heppner, Or.—Horses, horse shoe J on left shoulder. Cattle, the same. Range on Eight Mile.

Johnson, Felix Lena, Or.—Horses, circle T on left stifle; cattle, same on right hip, under half crop in right and split in left ear.

Jenkins, D. W., Mt. Vernon, Or.—J on horses on left shoulder; on cattle, J on left hip and two smooth crops on both ears. Range in Fox and Bear valleys.

Kenny, Mike, Heppner, Or.—Horses branded KNY on left hip cattle same and crop off left ear; under slope on the right.

Kirk, J. T., Heppner, Or.—Horses 69 on left shoulder; cattle, 69 on left hip.

Kirk, J. C, Heppner, Or.—Horses, 17 on either side; cattle 17 on right side.

Kirk Jesse, Heppner, Or.; horse 11 on left shoulder; cattle same on right side, underbit on right ear.

Kumberland, W. G., Mount Vernon, Or.—I L on cattle on right and left sides, swallow fork in left ear and under crop in right ear. Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range in Grant county.

Lofton, Stephen, Fox, Or.—S L on left hip on cattle, crop and split on right ear. Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range Grant county.

Linebalen, John W., Lost Grove, Or.—Horses branded mule-shoe and half-circle J L connected on left shoulder. Cattle, same on left hip. Range, near Lexington.

Leahey, J. W. Heppner Or.—Horses branded L and A on left shoulder; cattle same on left hip, wattle over right eye, three slits in right ear.

Lord, George, Heppner, Or.—Horses branded double H connected. Sometimes called a wing H, on left shoulder.

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