



FOR NOVEMBER

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JUST A MINUTE—

NOVEMBER.

Mr. Taft, who rules the nation,
Offers this, his proclamation:
Whereas, Providence continues
Blessing us from day to day,
And the boon of independence
Has, we take it, come to stay;
And whereas, Indulgent Nature
Lavishes upon us still
Bounty in excess of what the
Weather and the bugs can kill;
And whereas, The old republic
Couldn't be improved upon,
Notwithstanding everybody
Gets to run it off and on;
Therefore, I, as delegated
Now and for a short time hence
President, decree that turkey
Shall go up to 20 cents.

That's about all there is to it.
Once the country raised its own,
and the White House proclama-
tion was not greeted with a
groan. Father simply grabbed
the hatchet, mother got the wa-
ter hot, father read the procla-
mation to the turkeys in the lot,
all the young and female turkeys
promptly fainted from the shock,
and after due farewells the gob-
bler laid his head upon the block.

No one telephoned the butcher,
asking what a turkey cost. No
one in his deep resentment wish-
ed the Pilgrims had been lost.
No one, while the feast proceed-
ed, knew the torment of the rack
figuring upon his napkin what
the day had set him back.

Everybody was provided, as
the founders pre-supposed. No
one can be very thankful, if the
truth should be disclosed, paying
what we pay for turkey, and, for
all of Heaven's gifts, feeling that
the day was founded for the Ar-
mours and the Swifts.

November gets its name from
the Latin novem (nine), and was
originally the ninth month of the
year. This brought Thanks-
giving around two months earlier
than we have it now, and it be-
came very unpopular. The in-
surgents, who constituted a ma-
jority in the agricultural districts,
were bitterly opposed to it. They
made two contentions: First, that
young turkeys were not old
enough to market; second, that
crops had not progressed to the
point where it was possible to
make out whether there was any-
thing to be thankful for or not.
In 713 B. C. the storm broke.
The insurgents carried Gaul,
Britannia and 17 other doubtful
states, and the Forum immedi-
ately assembled and made No-
vember the eleventh month of
the year.

The festive colt will sniff the
air and don his heavy underhair,
and the frenzied candidate will
jump and hop around upon the
stump. He'll point with pride
and view with fear, and suck and
blow the atmosphere, and then,
together with his cult, await with
prayer the result.

Does reason haply hold its
sway, or is it madness for a day
will tell the people what to think
and put the country on the blink?
One cannot tell, but must abide
the count that sees him justified
in courage, confidence or doubt,
according as it may turn out.

One thing alone is sure, it
seems, and that is this; No one
esteems a patriot in politics. We
only trust him while he sticks to
war, with all its thrill and throb.
The moment that he wants a job

somewhat conspicuous for pay,
by Jove! we don't know what to
say.

But whether we do ill or well,
election day alone can tell, or
whether love for us and fear did
any good, will then appear. We
have to judge men as we may,
and where the candidates all say
about the same thing in the end,
one scarcely knows who is a
friend.

At any rate the snow will fly,
and the wild duck spin across
the sky with both eyes focused
on the ground, and his tail-piece
going round and round. The
eager hunter will deply and sup-
plement the live decoy, and the
pneumococcus, while he toots,
will perforate his rubber boots.

A little shooting now and then
is relished by a lot of men. They
like to gallivant about and let the
farmers run them out. It does
them good to feel, by jing, that
Morgan don't own everything,
and if he came in consequence,
and also tried to climb the fence,
together with his dog and gun,
he, too, would get the run.

November will be unusual this
year for the reason that there
will be no full moon. This is
because there will be a total
eclipse of the moon on the night
of the 16th., when it would other-
wise be full. This eclipse will be
visible in the United States and
in Wall street, and it will send
bacon down a couple of points.

The breath of Winter will dis-
til upon the outer windowsill,
and the chilling calf will hump
his back and burrow deeper in
the stack. The hired man, with
wintry spurts, will put on both
his undershirts, and the plutocrat
who sells us coals will pry our
bodies from our souls.

Then let us all embrace the
chance and be as merry as we
may, for whether we desist or
dance, the fiddler is for all to
pay. The gentle autumn-time
will pass, the countryman will
kill his hogs, the cotton-tail will
weave the grass around the ob-
fuscated dogs, the honking goose
will ride the heights with that
weird hollering of his, and the
wolf will sit around o' nights
and tell the moon how thin he is.

O woe is us that could enjoy
the autumtime for aye and aye,
and what with growing soul em-
ploy its witchery from day to
day. The phosphorescence in
the sky, the quail soft-piping on
the hill, the blackbirds ever bob-
bing by, and the wind soft-sigh-
ing where it will.

But happiness can never last,
as Antony could comprehend,
and holding Cleo to him fast,
destroyed himself before the end.
The summer cometh after spring,
and winter, merciless withal, as
truly must succeed the sweet and
gentle blandishments of fall.

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December, desolate and gray,
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