

THINGS WISE AND OTHERWISE

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THANKSGIVING

The Hebrew feast of the tabernacles is the first Thanksgiving Day of which we have any record.

The older citizens of this country can remember when two English Thanksgivings were observed in the United States, the first being February 27, 1872, for the recovery of the Prince of Wales from a serious illness; the second being June 21, 1887 for the Queen's jubilee.

The first winter of the Pilgrims at Plymouth was of unusual severity and they were near perishing from starvation, and in fact, they lost near one half their number by sickness, no doubt aggravated by the scanty supply of food which they were able to secure.

The next season, fortunately, was fruitful and their efforts at tilling the soil were rewarded with abundant crops, and after the rich harvest was gathered in Governor Bradford proposed a day of public thanksgiving and praise.

To add to the already generous store of good things to eat, the Governor sent four skillful marksmen to the forest to secure a supply of game for the important event about to occur, and they were especially fortunate in finding an abundance of game and returned loaded with venison, wild turkeys and other meat.

It is said that the turkeys were very fine and highly appreciated by the Pilgrims, and from this fact arose the prevailing custom in this country of providing turkey for Thanksgiving, a custom so universal as to cause many to regard the turkey as our national bird.

The first great American Thanksgiving was in 1784 for the declaration of peace. There was one more national thanksgiving in 1789, and no other until 1863, when President Lincoln issued a proclamation for a day of thanksgiving. Since that time the president has issued annually a thanksgiving proclamation.

THE MOUSE GOT AWAY

Two Newberg ladies residing on Sheridan street, had an exciting time with a mouse one day last week. One of the ladies was calling at the home of the other and while engaged in discussing the election news, they espied a mouse in the room. One lady proposed that they kill the varmint and the other eagerly assented to the proposal. Doors were closed, likewise every other avenue of escape and the fight was on. After the mouse had successfully dodged stove-pokers, magazines, yardsticks, hair-curlers and various other missiles, a bright idea occurred to the mistress of the house, and a broom was secured and the family cat introduced into the arena, and then the fun commenced in earnest, and for a time it looked bad for the mouse but he finally took refuge in the davenport. After a time he was dislodged and made a lightning change of tactics by darting directly toward the lady with the broom and disappeared under her skirts as the other lady struck at it with a shoe and crippled the cat which was in close pursuit of the mouse, and caused the cat to think an attempt was being made to deprive him of one of his nine valuable lives, whereupon he tried to escape by way of the window, his efforts being accelerated by the screams of the lady who thought the mouse had taken refuge in her skirts, and was executing a war dance in her frantic efforts to dislodge him, while the cat was tearing down two curtains and yowling bloody murder and cuss words in cat language.

Fortunately, the husband of the home arrived upon the scene and with the opening of the door a mad cat and a frightened mouse made their get away, and two women with flushed cheeks and disheveled raiment were thankful for their rescue and they promised the good man of the house a chicken dinner if he would keep the story of the adventure with the mouse under his hat. He halfway promised as he is found of fried chicken, but when he got away from the women he decided the story was too good to keep and forthwith hunted up the Graphic scribe.

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The foreigner who dreams of going back to the old country should wake up to the fact, that since the

war, its not the same old place.

His eyes will become opened when immigration sets in, and his brothers now in Europe, beat it over here in ship loads—to stay.

If American dollars are worth working for—then American ideals and institutions are surely worth boosting.

The country that gives a man a living is worth signing up with as a real, honest-to-goodness public spirited citizen.

Every American citizen is a king all by himself.

This nation is the garden spot of the earth—in peace, wealth, health, happiness and opportunity.

The country in which a man makes his success ought to be the only place on earth for him—always.

America is a government of the people—hence each man is a part of the government.

The foreigner here who wants American opportunities to fatten his pocketbook—and then go back to the old country to spend it, certainly has a bunch of nerve.

There is no place like the good old U. S. A.—the nation that has made good in everything it ever started.

America is a nation in which every honest man is a good as anyone else.

The man who lives here but won't become a citizen is the sort of a fellow who does not know a good thing when he sees it.

The man who hollers the loudest about the way things are run in this country cannot, as a rule, suggest any better way that is practical, and in nine cases out of ten those fellows are not noted particularly for having run their own little business successfully.

IN-COMING-KINGDOM

One of the newest religions to make its appearance in the U. S. of America, is one known as the "In-Coming-Kingdom," and is being promoted by Rev. J. A. Battenfield, of Olney, Illinois, who is doing the principal part of the evangelizing work for the strange cult, by means of printed matter prepared in his own plant at Olney, and according to newspaper reports, sent through the mails—tons of it, to all parts of the country.

From what we can gather from themeager information at hand, the Rev. Battenfield teaches that a great cataclysm is to take place within the next few years; that the present unrest is to continue throughout the world; that many nations will fall, that Great Britain will be among the first to go down, while our own nation is to stand, but will be chastised by God in a manner never before known among nations; it will be regenerated, cleansed, overhauled, revived, and new rulers who regard only the right of the people, will be given the rule. These chosen rulers are to be selected from among the true believers, who are as a matter of course, members of the new cult, who in the meantime are to set themselves apart in a high place and

await the glory of the Lord.

The high place selected by the rulers to-be, is a somewhat barren tract of land in the Ozark regions of northwestern Arkansas where a number of the faithful have purchased land and an exodus from Wayne and Richland counties, Illinois, may be expected soon.

In the new colony they will observe a code of living entirely different from that ordinarily prevailing in the world. A giant spring will furnish water power for their mill, and to irrigate the otherwise barren land. They will live in "common," everyone working for a common treasury. As far as practical they will live separate and apart

from the world.

As yet we are not informed whether or no the leader of these new religionists claims, like that colossal fraud, John Alexander Dowle, that he is the re-incarnation of some prophet of ye olden times, or whether like that arch conspirator Joe Smith, he has dug up a new bible, but all the same, if our information is correct, (and we believe it is) he has quite a following and the strange feature of the business is that his recruits are not usually from the illiterate and ignorant class of people, which reminds one of the saying of P. F. Barrum that Americans love to be humbugged.

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