

WHALEN'S RANCH.

The boys give their word that not one should escape.

During Whalen's absence in the city he went out of the sheep business even more abruptly than he went in.

It happened on a hot day in June, when, contrary to usual custom, the boys brought the flock to camp and the shade of sheep at Whalen's ranch never rains in the flock region, but sometimes pours.

"What was one of those times. Charged with ice and water, a man was seen slipping down upon the camp, and the hillside above it. The canal, curving around the shade of sheep at Whalen's ranch never rains in the flock region, but sometimes pours.

"Pray, Rudy," said the one on the barrel. "No, you didn't," he answered from the barrel.

"The door closed, it was pretty dark in the night," said Whalen, who had been about two hours later, the four was not there, and the boys were sitting on the table and barrel, but outside in the bright sunlight, the ground appeared already almost dry.

"What's the matter with us taking the milk?" said one. "I see the heggars eat sage," said he.

"Why, certainly," replied the shepherdman, "that's the finest kind of food for sheep."

"I wish work mules would do that," said Brick. "I never was so near a sheep in 'em life," he continued; "the smell of 'em a mile away is enough for me."

"Double our money on them every twelve months," was the reply. "No extended description of sheep-farming would have impressed the boys.

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"And all through the journey to grandpa's house not a smile did they give. And when the train reached grandpa's place, and Uncle Jeff came in the wagon to meet them, and said, 'Hello, children! How are you?' they both answered together.

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WHY THEY LAUGHED.

BESSE first opened her eyes on the morning of Thanksgiving Day.

"So it is, darling," said grandma. "But she did not look a bit solemn, and grandma winked at Uncle William, and Aunt Jennie pinched Aunt Eliza, and black Lucia, the cook who had come out to say 'Howdy,' showed all her white teeth and laughed 'Hi, hi, hi,' and the poor children felt as if their hearts would break to be laughed at like that.

"None of them love us," they whispered to each other. "And we wish away any of them."

"I wonder what Aunt is going to do," Sophy whispered.

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THANKSGIVING AS AN ART.

An Accomplishment in Which One Mothers Excelled the Girls of Today.

In an article entitled "An Old-Time Thanksgiving," in the Woman's Home Companion, Edward L. Peck says: "The girl who has cultivated the spirit of thankfulness does not gush over the gift of a day, and snub an indifferent 'Thanks!' at the man who has lost a day from the office to gratify her whim."

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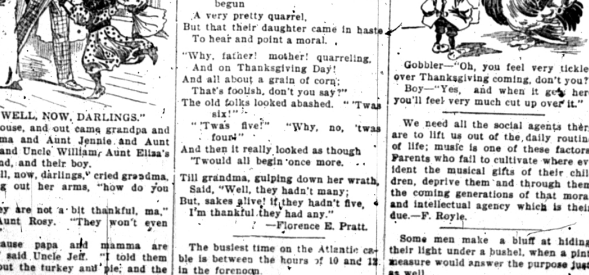
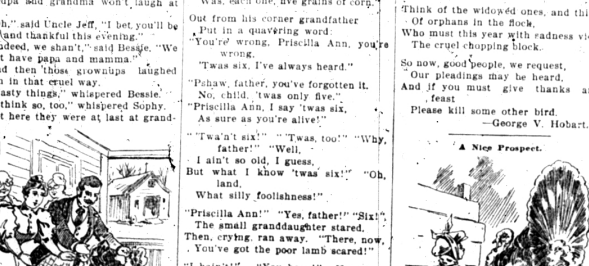
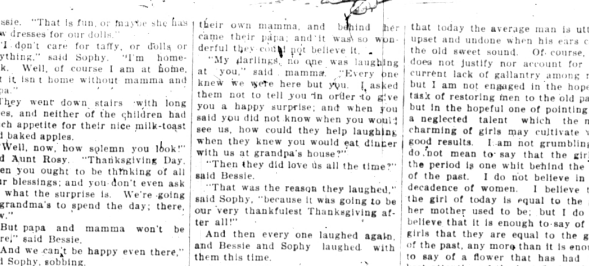
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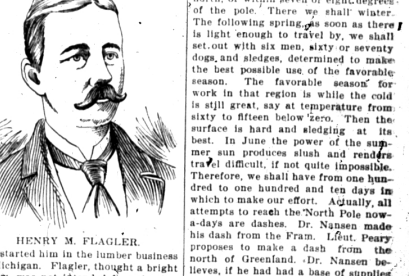
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WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER, one of the oil-rocketeers who have built a gigantic corporation.

Water William's Latest Plan to Reach the Pole. It was recently announced in the New York Herald that Mr. Walter Wellman was to be the leader of an expedition into the polar region.



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