THANKSGIVING

By Rev. James M. Farr

Thanksgiving is not a day; it is a habit. We cannot be thankful on Thanksgiving day unless we have been learning how every other day in the year. There are some simple rules: Walk on the sunny side of the street; live as much as possible in the best room in the house; think about your friends, not your enemies; talk about your good luck, not your bad. These are some of the ways of acquiring the spirit of cheerfulness which is the only soil on which the flower "Thanksgiving" will grow.

PRETTY GOOD KIND OF MAN

Deacon Opdyke's Action Showed He Was Only Properly Appreciated by His Neighbors.

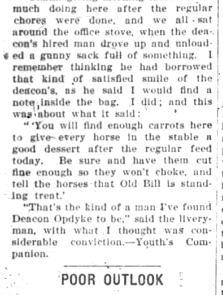
"Well, he is this kind of a man," said the livery stable keeper, when I asked him about his townsman, Deacon Opdyke: "Last year the deacon had some extra work to do on his farm on the upper road, and I hired out my old Bill to him. At the end of a month the horse came back in good condition, the deacon paid the price, and everyone concerned was satisfied, including Old Bill, I guess. Along about Thanksgiving time the deacon dropped in here and inquired about the horse. Seemed real pleased when I told him Bill was spryer than usual after his summer's work. Asked to see him, but the horse was out on a job. 'Quite a member of society, that horse is,' he said, and went away after inquiring how many horses I had in the stable, boarders and all.

"Thanksgiving morning there wasn't much doing here after the regular chores were done, and we all sat around the office stove, when the deacon's hired man drove up and unloaded a gunny sack full of something. I remember thinking he had borrowed that kind of satisfied smile of the deacon's, as he said I would find a note inside the bag. I did; and this was about what it said:

"'You will find enough carrots here to give every horse in the stable a good dessert after the regular feed today. Be sure and have them cut fine enough so they won't choke, and tell the horses that Old Bill is standing treat.'

"That's the kind of a man I've found Deacon Opdyke to be," said the liveryman, with what I thought was considerable conviction.—Youth's Companion.

POOR OUTLOOK



"Why, what's the matter, son?"

"Boo, hoo! You'd cry, too, if it was Thanksgivin' an' your folks was vegetarians."

Autumn.

Now when the time of fruit and grain is come,
When apples hang above the orchard wall,
And from a tangle by the roadside stream
A scent of wild grapes fills the racy air,
Comes Autumn with her sun-burnt caravan,
Like a long gypsy train with trappings gay
And tattered colors of the Orient,
Moving slow-footed through the dreamy hills.
The woods of Wilton, at her coming, wear
Tilts of Bokhara and of Samarcand;
The maples glow with their Pompeian red,
The hickories with burnt Etruscan gold;
And while the crickets fife along her march,
Behind her banners burns the crimson sun.

—Bliss Carman in the Atlantic.

The Thanksgiving Spirit.

Every normal person enjoys a good Thanksgiving dinner, yet there is not half so much pleasure in the menu as there is in the spirit in which the dinner is served and the happiness and thanksgiving spirit of the guests.

It means so much to live the sacredness of this day. Thanksgiving day is worth nothing to the person who does not spend it with a heart of thankfulness and partake of his noonday meal with cheerfulness and praise to both the giver of all gifts and the housewife who has so ably prepared and served the meal. It is true we cannot all have a gorgeous feast on this day, and many of us would not wish such a meal. But we all can have a few of the extras intended for Thanksgiving day and make it one to please the children and our guests.

Belongs to All Humanity.

Essentially our American Thanksgiving is least American of our holidays, for the simple reason that it is too human to be merely American. There were no most human things left for the New England fathers to originate. They are immemorially older than this country. There are no original ways of expressing gratitude. All the pathways of thanksgiving are very old paths.—James Lane Allen in Munsey's Magazine.

Take Heart.

A fair comparison of the past with the present is very apt to disperse the clouds of despondency. Temporary appearances are often deceptive, but the larger experience of life is the more it goes to confirm the watchful care of Providence.—Buffalo Times.

ONE RESULT OF AN AIR RAID ON LONDON

This mass of ruins and destroyed dwellings is but one of many such mementos of "air raid week," in which the Germans paid visits of destruction to London. The German aviators dropped bombs throughout the Metropolitan district.

GERMANS INJURED IN PRACTICE FIGHT

Diary Exposes Carelessness of Teuton Gunners With Their Own Men.

REHEARSE FOR BIG BATTLES

Realism Carried to the Extreme by Germans in Preparing for Trial of New Strategy—Says Human Strength Is Powerless.

With the French Armies.—It is now pretty well known that both the French and Germans frequently rehearse their battles, under conditions as realistic as possible on specially prepared maneuver grounds. But, whereas the French on these occasions take great care that no men shall be injured, the Germans have carried realism to such a point that each exercise of this kind costs them a number of wounded. The fact is attested by the following extract from the notebook of a German of the 213th regiment of infantry:

"The exercise was to represent a new method of attack used by the French, and was to take place on the 21st, in the presence of the duke of Wuerttemberg, and other personages.

"On the 17th our artillery regulated its fire preparatory to the exercise.

Men Wounded in Drill.

"On the 21st we were put in place at 8:15 a. m. From 9:30 to 10:30 the artillery and the trench mortars fired. We were given each fifty explosive cartridges, while the men of the first and second waves were given each, respectively, six and two loaded grenades. From the start, during the firing of the trench mortars, men were wounded by splinters. At 10:30 the business began, and toward 1:30 p. m. our companies were assembled for the goose step parade on the Hochwaisch-Walderystal road. This parade also took place before the duke of Wuerttemberg. The exercise, it appears, satisfied these gentlemen entirely. So it will not be long now before we enter into the hell. Unhappily, several men were wounded, one seriously. It is really sad to see exercise of this kind carried out with real artillery and trench mortars. Aside from the fact that it costs a great deal of money, men are wounded almost regularly. So it is not enough that we should risk our lives when we are at the front, we must even be exposed to danger when we are supposed to be at rest."

And here are some extracts from the notebook of a German captured lately at Hill 304, near Verdun:

"Yesterday just after midnight we went up to the first line. The march was terrible. We were shelled from every side and the night was black. We got lost and had to wander two and a half hours in the open. After difficulty of every description we finally reached our shelter. And what a shelter! The entrance and the exit were half caved in. I hope the shells won't finally block them, for escape in such circumstances is not to be thought of. Our safety depends only on divine aid; human strength is powerless.

"Next day, 9:30 a. m.—I have just got up. In spite of the violent bombardment of shells and torpedoes I succeeded in getting more or less sleep. But we have gone without eating or drinking, as the supply men have not been able to get through the barrage fire. I still have a piece of bread and a little to drink; I will retain myself as long as possible. Who knows when we shall be revictualed?"

Why He Could Not Write.

On the day following the same soldier wrote a letter which was found on him when he was captured. I give this extract:

"Thou hast been waiting a long time for news of me, my dear Gertrude, but I can send thee nothing because the artillery fire is generally so intense that the supply men who take our letters cannot get to us. Last night, or rather today, we went to gather what the others threw away when they ran, and had some success, otherwise we would have had nothing to eat or drink. To suffer hunger and thirst, thou seest, is terrible. Every one says: 'If the French come now it's all up.' Thou seest in what a state we are."

And then the French did come.—Paul Scott Mowrer in the Chicago News.

"TANK" BRINGS IN PRISONER

Mires Down Between the Battle Lines on French Front, but Takes Wandering German.

London.—This is the way a British tank crew took a prisoner. "Our tank mired down in the mud between the lines," said the lieutenant, "and we skipped out into a nearby abandoned trench. We saw a Fritz wandering around all alone, apparently dazed, and yelled to him to come in. There was such a row of the guns he couldn't hear so one of the men went out to bring him in out of danger. He was in an awful state—trembling all over—but we gave him some cigarettes and he buckled up."

CUT OFF HAIR AS SHE SLEPT

Story of Seventeen-Year-Old Girl Confuses Detectives of Brooklyn Police Department.

New York.—Detectives of the Sixth branch bureau are confused by the case of Miss Anita Brown, seventeen years old, 1014 Fortieth street, Brooklyn, who told a story of a person entering her room at night and cutting 18 inches from the end of her long black hair. The hair was found lying on her pillow. The doors of the house had been bolted and her parents were certain that no one escaped through the basement. The girl said she did not see anyone in the room.

BARON VON STEUBEN FRENCHMAN, IS CLAIM

Indianapolis, Ind.—That Baron "von" Steuben of revolutionary war fame was properly named Baron "de" Steuben and was a Frenchman and not a Prussian, is the claim of A. B. Gardiner, secretary general of the Society of Cincinnati, in a statement made public here.

Baron "de" Steuben was of German birth, but renounced Prussia and owed allegiance to France when he came to America to help the revolutionary cause, according to Gardiner. He asserts that Steuben expatriated himself after making a glorious record in the seven years war, but says the full reason for his expatriating himself probably will never be known.

SUBMARINES NOW HAVE A HARD TIME

Activity of Destroyer Convoys Is Producing Most Satisfactory Results.

S MOST EFFECTIVE WEAPON

Diaries Taken From Captured U-Boat Commanders Furnish Documentary Evidence of Effectiveness of Destroyer's Perfect Convoy Work.

Base of the American Flotilla in British Waters.—Diaries taken from captured U-boat commanders furnish documentary evidence that the destroyer is the most effective of present weapons against the submarine. "Avoided destroyer" is the oft-repeated entry in the diaries logs show conclusively that the submarines are having a hard time of it.

The result of the destroyer activity during the last four weeks has been not only a decrease in casualties of merchant ships but also a still more satisfactory increase in the number of submarines sunk.

Convoying as an Offensive.

The convoying of merchantmen has now reached a stage almost of perfection, after many months' work in training both the officers of merchant ships and the personnel of the patrol flotillas. While systematic convoying was undertaken primarily as a defensive measure, it has now developed that convoying is at the same time the best offensive measure yet devised against the U-boat.

The offensive side of convoying may best be shown by an illustration: When a submarine tries to torpedo a convoyed ship—as submarines are now compelled to do owing to the infrequency of unconvoyed shipping—there is always a destroyer on the scene, and the chances of the destroyer's "getting" that particular submarine are correspondingly increased. The wake of a torpedo is generally seen by the destroyer's lookouts, and it gives a good line on the direction where the submarine is lying. The destroyer immediately steers a course full speed in the line shown by the wake of the torpedo and drops repeated depth charges along this course.

In a considerable proportion of cases this proves effective, for these depth charges cause serious commotion over a considerable radius.

Surface Signs May Be Missing.

The correspondent was told of three cases in the last fortnight in which submarines were thus destroyed. In many instances, no doubt, submarines are destroyed without any visible indication above the water of their loss. Still others are badly crippled, as in the case of the damaged German U-boat which was recently interned in Spain.

Another submarine which will never return to Germany was sunk under peculiar circumstances a short time ago. This U-boat torpedoed a ship bound from the United States. It is extremely unwise and unsafe to fire a torpedo at such close range, but the U-boats must take their tackets as they get them these days. The torpedoed ship was loaded with a cargo of heavy war material and the explosion was so forcible that it blew a large piece of heavy material through the deck of the ship and dropped it on the submarine as the latter was submerging. The hull of the submarine was crushed like an eggshell and she sank with all on board.

HOW GERMAN SAYS "TANK"

"S chutzengrabenvernichtungsautomobile" Is Fritz' Word for English Monster.

Washington.—Thirty-five letters are required to spell one word which, in German, is the equivalent of the four-letter English "tank" or land battleship, which has worked such havoc in the present war. The German word, as it appears in official dispatches received here, is "schutzengrabenvernichtungsautomobile," which, freely translated, is "a machine for suppressing shooting trenches."

Sneeze Breaks Glasses.

Rochester, N. Y.—Dr. D. J. Corrigan of Webster is in St. Mary's hospital, where efforts are being made to save the sight of one of his eyes. He was returning home from Fairport early in the night when, in sneezing, his face came in contact with the steering wheel of the automobile he was driving. His eyeglasses were broken and a piece of glass entered the eyeball.

MRS. THOMAS F. RYAN

Mrs. Cuyler, a prominent society woman, who recently married Thomas F. Ryan, the noted financier.

TO BAKE PERSHING'S PIES

Appeal From General for Pastry Cook Is Heard by the Salvation Army.

Chicago.—"Mary Sheldon's making pies for Pershing."

This is the expression common at Salvation Army headquarters here.

When General Pershing landed in France, Maj. D. W. Agnew, in charge of the Salvation Army here, cabled asking him what the Salvation Army could do that would be most appreciated by the commander of the American forces in France.

"Send me someone who can make an apple pie," was General Pershing's request, and Ensign Mary Sheldon forthwith was dispatched. Ensign Sheldon gained fame here showing mothers of Chicago slums how to cook.

Child With Red Dress Gored.

Sonoma, Cal.—Antoinette Marcucci, five-year-old daughter of Tony Marucci of Schellville, was gored by a bull the other evening. The child was sitting by the side of a fence watching her father drive stock when the animal made a lunge at her. The bull split open her lip and threw her violently to the ground. She may be injured internally. The little girl wore a red dress, which was ripped completely off. Her frantic mother witnessed the attack and assisted the father in driving the infuriated animal away.

Stairway Accidents.

The majority of us, subconsciously, no doubt, have come to look upon handrails on stairways as a conventional decoration, says the Scientific American, yet last year 1,149 people were killed and more than 4,000 crippled in the United States alone on stairways. High heels and run down heels are largely responsible for stairway accidents, as well as trailing skirts. But in almost every instance the use of the handrail could have saved the victims of last year's stairway casualties.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Elmer O. Mutchler and his wife, Lena Mutchler, of the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, dated the 8th day of February, A. D. 1912, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1912, at 2:20 o'clock P. M. of said day in Liber 237 of Mortgages, on page 482, which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of two hundred ninety-four and fifty-two one hundredths dollars ($294.52) and an attorney fee of thirty dollars ($30.00) as provided for in said mortgage. It is expressly agreed by the terms of said mortgage that should any principal or interest be not paid at the end of thirty days from the time it is due, the mortgagee can at his option, declare all of said principal and interest due, and more than thirty days having elapsed, and said interest not having been paid, said mortgagee hereby declares all principal and interest is due and payable, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, on Monday, the 18th day of February, 1918, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, the undersigned will, at the south front entrance to the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan (that being the place where the circuit court for the county of Oakland is held) sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: Lot No. 11, Fruit Ridge Addition to the City of Pontiac, Michigan. Dated November 12th, 1917.

DANIEL L. DAVIS, Mortgagee.
M. D. DAVIS, Attorney for Mortgagee
601 Majestic Building, Detroit, Mich.
16 Nov.—8 Feb

ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 8th day of November, 1917. Present, Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of

JOHN K. ADAMS, Deceased.

Reuben P. Adams, administrator of said estate having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.

It is ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate. It is further ordered that the 9th day of March 1918, at 8:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against deceased.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
(A true copy.) Judge of Probate
George A. Brown, Probate Register. 16-30nov

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SIGN and DISPLAY LIGHTING

An order of the United States Fuel Administration, effective November 15, forbids the lighting of electric signs **before 7:45 p. m., or after 11:00 p. m.**

Excepting, that each business place or theatre may light a plain sign over its entrance, showing the name of the firm, or the name of the business, or the name of the theatre and the show, and keep it lighted until the regular closing time of the store, or until half an hour after the show begins.

NOTICE.—No signs may be lighted on any excuse whatever until half an hour after sunset, which is street-lighting time; nor after 11:00 o'clock at night. There is no limitation of lighting between 7:45 and 11:00 p. m., but we expect that later there will be limitation of excessive display.

The State Fuel Administrator is authorized to enforce this order. We invite all good citizens to conform to it at once.

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