

### Our National Bird

By NIXON WATERMAN.

**HURRAH!**—hip, hurrah, for the noble old bird  
We've cashined on the shield of our nation!  
Our bosoms with lofty emotions are stirred  
When we think of that feathered creation.  
Be along when the winter comes darking the sky  
And the heavens with snowflakes are murky,  
Respecting the eagle and Fourth of July,  
We think of Thanksgiving and turkey.



THE TURKEY'S THE BIRD FOR THANKSGIVING.

**T**HE eagle, proud bird, may be soar round and round  
As he mounts up still higher and higher!  
While the turkey, we trust, will still roost near the ground,  
Within reach when occasions require.  
For we're sure there is none who will care to deny,  
In the name of good cheer and good living,  
That the eagle's all right for the Fourth of July,  
But the turkey's the bird for Thanksgiving.  
—Sunday Magazine.

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Thanksgiving Day in Old New England.

A charming description of a New England Thanksgiving day fifty years ago is given by Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe in one of her novels. Of all days in the year it was the one for which a new dress was imperatively demanded. New ways of making squash pies and quince tarts were proper subjects for conversation for some days before the feast. For a week before the date fixed the children of each homestead were kept busy chopping mince meat and pounding cinnamon, allspice and cloves in a wooden mortar, slicing candied orange peel and stoning raisins.

All the members of the family came home to eat their Thanksgiving dinner. The courses consisted of turkeys, chickens and chicken pies, then plum puddings and afterward pies. After the dinner the patriarch of the house gave a recital of all God's mercies to them, speaking from the text, "Let children hear the mighty deeds which God performed of old." That there is no present occasion for emulating their fathers' deeds is all the more reason for observing Thanksgiving day.—New York Times.

Thanksgiving Day in Paris.  
Last Thanksgiving was celebrated by Americans in Paris in a manner that was "traditional" as was possible in face of a few shortcomings, such as almost complete famine in pumpkin pie and a shortage in the cranberry supply.

Dinners were enjoyed at home by Americans who have homes in Paris, but the "floaters" who find themselves far from their native heath on feast days had to trust their fates to hotels and restaurants.

The American Art association at 74 Rue Notre Dame des Champs gave a dinner for its members.

Hotel and restaurant proprietors have long since appreciated the importance of Thanksgiving day as a "four de feste" for Americans, and they had prepared the "national dish." Among these were the Athenae, Langham and Continental hotels and Noel, Peters and Champeux restaurants, which were all crowded with Americans at the dinner hour.

**Thanksgiving Hints.**  
Let no one else suspect that you have little cause for thankfulness.

Remember that every one has cause to be thankful—if not for personal, at least for family, sectional and national reasons.

Try to find the true spirit of thanksgiving in thinking of other people's happiness and so find at least a faint reflection in your own heart.

Remember that there are more reasons for the national holiday than a football game and a big dinner.

Do not let the responsibility of entertaining guests interfere with the pleasure of their society.

If the unavoidable hitches in the domestic machinery occur, console yourself with the thought that, although the turkey was underdone, the pumpkin pie was beyond reproach and that if the cook forgot the celery she remembered the salad dressing which had forgotten.

Try for one day to be charitable toward the dead, but in every thought

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### THANKSGIVING HYMN

By Townsend Allen

**O** LOVING Source of all,  
We on thy great name call,  
And give thee thanks,  
With grateful hearts we raise  
Our joyful song of praise,  
Thou who hast blest our days,  
We give thee thanks.

**L**ORD of the sun and rain,  
Lord of the fruit and grain,  
We give thee thanks,  
For thy rich harvest stored,  
For plenty on each board,  
For all thy bounties, Lord,  
We give thee thanks.



**F**OR life and strength and health,  
Best of all earthly wealth,  
We give thee thanks,  
For these our friends so dear,  
Gathered from far and near,  
This feast day of the year,  
We give thee thanks.

**Murderers and Barbarians Barred.**  
A feast answering the purpose of our Thanksgiving day was held by the ancient Greeks in honor of Demeter, the Jolly who owned the earth in their eyes. The rallying point for this feast, which lasted nine days, was at Athens. All except murderers and barbarians took part in it. The fruits of the earth which seemed to please the Greeks most were barley, mint, pomegranates and poppy seeds. In addition to eating and drinking more than ordinarily, a grand torchlight procession along the "sacred way" to Eleusina was the chief attraction. The sacred way seems to have been to the ancient Greek what Fifth Avenue is to the modern New Yorker.

**Thanksgiving Decorations.**  
Tiny paper pumpkins make attractive place cards, or if one is skilled in the use of water colors a clever one may be made from water color board decorated with fruits or flowers. Tiny canoes of birch bark to hold the buttonhole make acceptable souvenirs. If one has not the time or talent to make paper card favors very clever little papier mache bonbons boxes may be bought, representing roast turkey, mince pies, pumpkins or other designs appropriate to the season. Tiny wishbones polished with sandpaper and tied to a card are very satisfactory and suggest the kindly thought of the hostess.

**Ragamuffin Parades.**  
But twelve permits were issued by the police of New York for "ragamuffin" parades through the city's streets last Thanksgiving day. Patrolman Frederick Kremmerlein of the bureau of information said that he remembered when 100 and even more permits were issued for Thanksgiving day parades only four or five years back. Among the best known of the ragamuffin associations which did not apply for marching permits were the Original Hound Guards, the Eagle Rangers, the Home Guards, the Mackerel Rangers, the Phoenix Light Guard and the Slickville Slenderfoot Army.

**Thanksgiving on the Continent.**  
Germany and Russia adopt the rather sensible plan of appointing Thanksgiving days when they have some special reason for so doing, though Russia hasn't had much to be thankful for in late years. In Hungary Thanksgiving days or something analogous to them used to be common, but have now passed away, except on rare occasions of national rejoicing. Then a horse race of a particularly exciting description takes the place that football occupies in the American observance of the real thing in the way of Thanksgiving celebrations.

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