

THE INDIANS' CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING DAY.

THE interest in Thanksgiving day and its observance is just as intense these days among the reservation Indians as in college towns where great football games are scheduled to occur. Especially is this true in the southwest, where the Indians have had an opportunity to become thoroughly civilized of late years. The white people find no more enjoyment in this day of universal cheer than do these same dusky redskins.

It is a day of feasting, playing and gaming, with a big dance at night. Such sport comes only once a year to them nowadays, when they have had to forsake the scarping knife for the plow. Their wild nature revolted at the idea of work, and it has been with much difficulty that the government agents have made farmers out of the young braves. A day of rest and amusement is considered good for their better nature, and the government authorities are willing that Thanksgiving day shall become a festival time for the reservation wards of the nation.

The Kiowa and Comanches, who not long ago were placed on allotments, will have forsaken many of their wild plans of amusement this Thanksgiving, owing to the fact that they have been cut off the free list of beef issues. They have arranged to draw grass, money on Thanksgiving, and a goodly portion of this will be spent in purchasing food for a grand feast. At night they will take part in a green corn dance, at which thanks will be offered to the Great Spirit for the good crops which they have had the last season. The spirit of thankfulness pervades the Indian celebrations.

The Osages hold a big feast at Pawhuska, their capital city. All members of the tribe are invited to take part in the festivities. At the beginning and end of each month—and there are many—the aged missionary who lives among them is invited to deliver a short prayer, thanking the Great Spirit for the good things which the agent has sent them. The food is cooked by the squaws, and while it could be prepared in a much cleaner and more tasteful manner, the cooking is an improvement over that of a few years ago. With this cheer they give thanks that "by the goodness of God they were far from want."—New York Tribune

The Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving Day

TO the grand old pilgrim father William Bradford, governor of the original New England colonies, belongs the honor of being the first to proclaim in America a general thanksgiving day which should be a festival as well as a day of thanksgiving. The month of November, 1623 had been a weary one to the bitterly tried pilgrims. Their months of toil and patient waiting for the ingathering of the harvest seemed about to end in the deepest disappointment. The earth was parched, the whole land cried out for rain, and the crops were being ruined for lack of moisture. It was under these depressing conditions that Pilgrim Father Bradford called together the little band of settlers and set apart a day to be devoted to fasting and prayer that the glassy skies might be come cloud covered and the windows of heaven be opened to give life to the thirsting fields.

It did not look promising for a day of thanksgiving, and yet circumstances changed the day appointed for fasting and prayer to one of rejoicing, feasting and thankfulness. The pilgrims were in the very act of praying for rain



THE PILGRIMS' THANKSGIVING.

Reflections of a Thankful Pessimist. Did you ever think, when it's raining and snowing at the same time and the streets form a dainty swamp of slush and the chills are running up and down and back, how very much you have to be thankful for? On such occasions look in your empty coal bin and fold your arms in content.

True, the coal bin is dark and dank. But think how much blacker it would be if the coal were there! It's the little things that make or mar one's happiness; therefore the less coal one has the happier he should be. For such is logic.

A noted philosopher has said, "The coal bin is a happiness." Shivers are the very soul of comfort.

Piling a Want. Bighead—My folks say that if I come home for Thanksgiving they'll kill the fatted calf.

Miss Sharp—Yes, I suppose if you don't go home they won't have any fatted calf there.

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Inasmuch as you have filled The needs of him that willed, In that measure be you thrilled In your thanks.

Inasmuch as you have given In the aid of what has striven Upward, so be you, too, driven By your thanks.

As you lifted you may rise, You may soar beyond the skies, Even with the thought that flies, With your thanks. —E. Barford in Philadelphia North American

THE SEAL OF THANKSGIVING



"The Drumstick For Mine!"



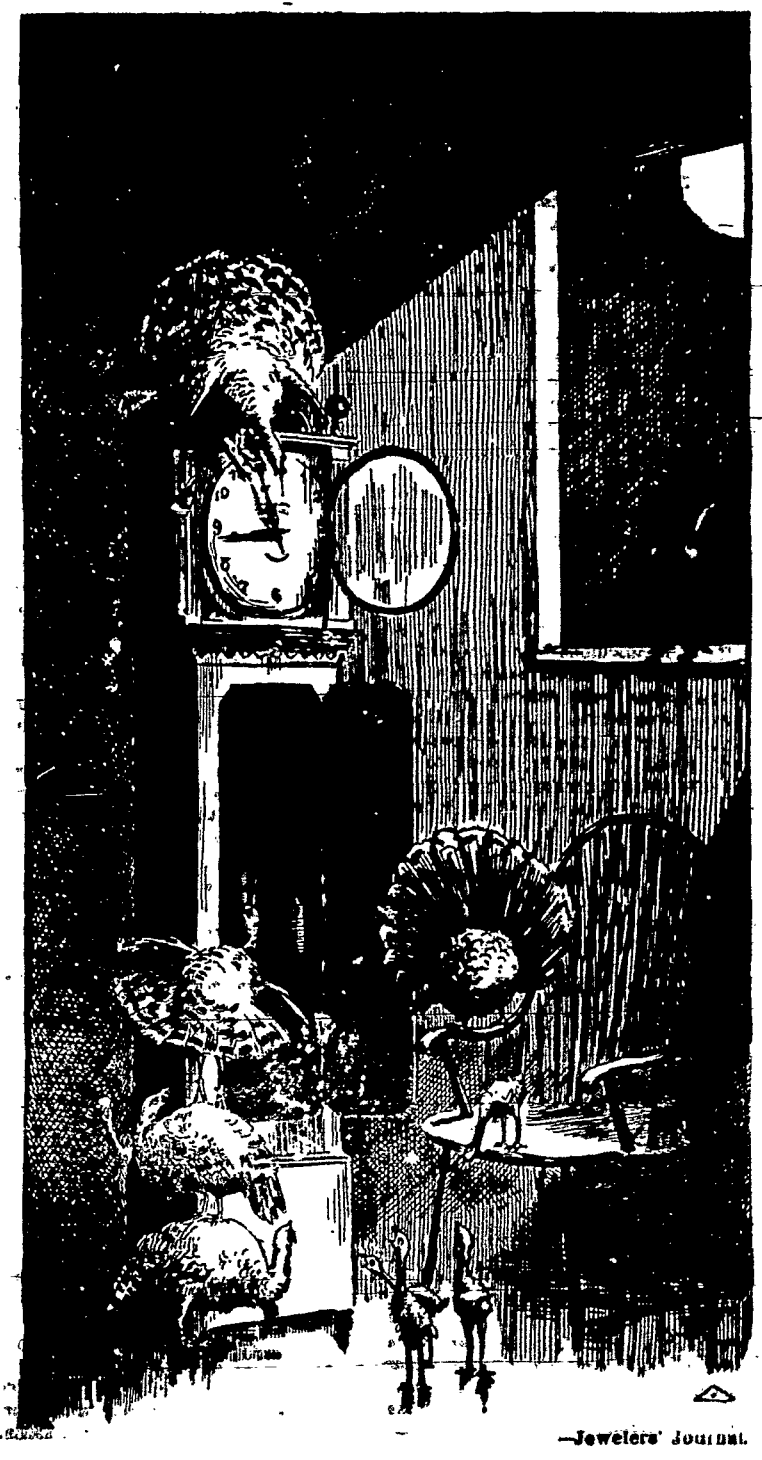
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ONE WAY OF GETTING CIDER FOR THANKSGIVING

The unusual spectacle of a celebrated Boston divine doing sentry duty with a musket on his shoulder in front of his own residence on Thanksgiving morning—and all for the purpose of getting a drink of Thanksgiving cider—is worth recalling even a score of years after its date.

Dr. Mathew Byles, a Puritan clergyman, born in Boston in 1706, owed his fame to his wit and practical jokes as much as to his pulpit ability. In November, 1777, he was arrested as a Tory and sentenced to confinement in his own home. A military guard was stationed around the house with instructions not to permit Dr. Byles to leave home under any circumstances. On Thanksgiving morning the staid old Puritan of the arrested minister's flock were surprised to see their pastor himself pacing up and down before his own front door with a musket on his shoulder. The regular sentry had disappeared, and Dr. Byles was doing sentry duty in his stead.

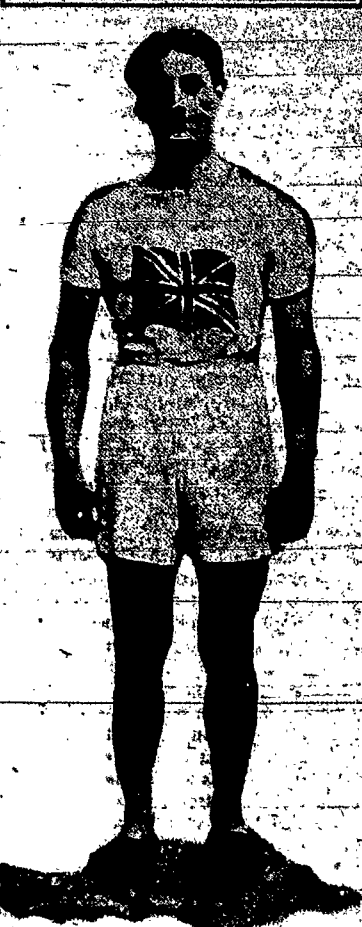
Setting Back the Clock



—Jewelry Journal.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Applegarth New English Athletic Sensation.



English sporting critics have gone plumb mad, so to speak, about the remarkable rise to fame of W. H. Applegarth, who is truly running some remarkable 100- and 200-yard races on the other side. On a grass track at the London A.C. meeting, bringing to a fall close athletics in England, Applegarth, according to three witnesses, was caught in the new world's record time of 19.25 seconds for 200 yards.

Annapolis Plans Big Winter Sports. Just now everything is football at Annapolis, and a series of class games is being conducted as well as the regular schedule of games with other elevens. Basketball follows football very closely. The schedule has not yet been announced, but there will be match games every Saturday in January, February and March, and there also will be a series of class games. The navy has been doing excellently at this game for the past three years, and this year the schedule has been arranged as to test out the midshipmen against the strongest elevens of the country.

The other fall and winter sports in which the midshipmen will compete with outside teams are gymnastics, wrestling, swimming and fencing. In gymnastics and wrestling the showing of the midshipmen during the last three seasons has been remarkable, and it can be fairly claimed for them that their record along these lines exceeds that of any other institution.

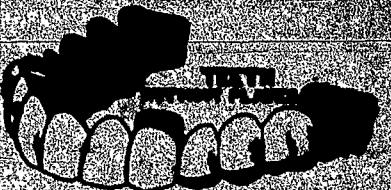
Schaefer to Work in 1913. Herman Schaefer, the greatest clown in the history of baseball, must work for a living next year. That much is settled. Just what Herman will do is unsettled. A report from Washington says he will scout for the Nationals next season.

Hardwick Harvard's Strong Man. Huntington R. Hardwick of Quincy is the champion strong man of Harvard, according to the exhaustive tests recently made under the supervision of the physical director. Hardwick got a total of 1,271.1 points. This mark is lower than that of F. T. Huntington of the class of 1912, who held the championship last year. Huntington's total was 1,303. Hardwick is a player on the varsity football team.

Marty O'Toole to Come Back. Pitcher Marty O'Toole of the Pirates had a bad season, but he has not lost heart. "I guess I've lived down that high priced reputation," said O'Toole the other day. "The advertising I got through the deal that brought me to Pittsburgh was a handicap that no one but I really understood. The season has been more or less of a nightmare to me, and I'm glad it's at an end. I've pitched my best, but have had some bad luck."

All College Football Teams Latest. Here's something new—"All" team of one college. Coach Yost selects the following All Michigan team: Ends, Snow and Redden; tackles, Curtis and Maddock; guards, McGugin and Benbrook; center, Schultz; quarterback, Weeks; halfbacks, Neston and Hornstein; fullback, Hammond.

France to Have Baseball. France will see its first league baseball game soon. The French Baseball union has just been formed, with Franz Messery of Paris as president, to promote the American game with the ultimate idea of providing a French competitor in world's championship.



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