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**One Little Boy's
Thanksgiving**

A CERTAIN Little Boy who lives in a family where children and holidays and dogs are all important factors in everyday life was talking about the next holiday. The Little Boy has a trait common to childhood of living largely in anticipation and very little in memory. On the morning of Dec. 26 he awoke unfatigued and alert, not to discuss yesterday's triumphs nor the whole sale unwise generosity of uncles and aunts. No, indeed! He begins his list for next Christmas.

This Little Boy had finished a glorious period of Halloween preparations. There was nothing he had not cut and painted and planned that the mind of a five-year-old child could conceive of. He had had a glorious month of anticipation, and it had been crowned by a satisfactory Halloween revel, but memory was to him only an incentive to further pursuit of joy, not a state wherein to rest awhile.

"What's the next holiday, mamma?" asked Little Boy.

"Thanksgiving, dear," answered mamma rather absently. Memory lingers with mamma, as there is debris

Thanksgiving Day

ROBERT BRIDGES in Collier's Weekly

We give thee thanks, O Lord,
Not for the glory of the well earned
fight,
Where brave men slay their brothers
also brave,
But for the millions of thy sons who
work
And do thy tasks with joy and never
shirk
And deem the idle man a burdened
slave.
For these, O Lord, our thanks!

We give thee thanks, O Lord,
Not for the turrets of our men-of-war,
The monstrous guns and deadly steel
they pour
To crush our foes and make them
bow the knee,
But for the homely saviors of thy deep,
The tireless fisher folk who batten sleep
And lure a living from the miser sea.
For these, O Lord, our thanks!



THE PIONEERS WHO PLOW THE FIELD,
MAKE DEBBIE'S BLOSSOM AND THE MOUNTAIN YIELD.

We give thee thanks, O Lord,
Not for the mighty men who pile up
gold,
Not for the phantom millions bought
and sold
And all the appearance of pomp and
grand,
But for the pioneers who plow the field,
Make Debbie's blossom and the mountain
yield,
Its hidden treasures for man's daily
need.
For these, O Lord, our thanks!

We give thee thanks, O Lord,
Not for the palace that wealth has
grown,
Where ease is worshiped, duty dimly
And pleasure leads her dance the
flowery way,
But for the quiet homes where lays in
queen
And life is more than bubbles, laughter
and song,
And old folks bless us and dear children
draw play.
For these, O Lord, our thanks!



**Give Thanks For These
"Good NEW Times"**

Sydney Smith wrote the thanksgiving text when he said, "Let in the sunshine and glorify the room." To think rightly, "feel finely and warmly respond to the gifts, privileges and joys of our estate is sound sense, good religion and a perpetual feast. We thus get at the facts and throw experience into the proper perspective. If the heart is in tune all our surroundings catch the melody. Things are largely as we think they are, and to maintain a cheerful spirit at all seasons is the first step toward proving the dictum of Goethe that man is not the victim but he is the architect of his circumstances.

The American spirit sanctions this by celebrating Thanksgiving on the threshold of winter. By so much may we learn that the lowest denominator of life's seasons is far richer than we commonly imagine.

And thereby we can afford to take another look at an old score of assets: Health, friends, food, raincoat, home, country, work, mind and manhood—all stand substantial as ever. But they also mean more to us in this day than they could possibly import in the "hard old times" of our ancestors. And in this favored land some of these items mean more than they express within any other nation on the globe. We cannot digite the harvest of nature. The all around harvest of domestic and social conditions which in America ranks humanity in men higher than titles and makes the modern artisan better circumstanced than ancient kings is a blessing for which above all it becomes our citizens to be thankful. —Philadelphia Press.

One Cause For Thanksgiving.
Although our sky looks dull and gray
As we approach Thanksgiving day,
We all may see one golden ray
Strike through the storm clouds murky,
For he is an ungrateful beast
Who, coming to this annual feast,
Cannot give thanks for this at least.
That he is not a turkey!
—George B. Morewood in New York Sun.



SOME YOUNGSTERS NOT "LEFT OUT" ON
THANKSGIVING—(SCENE AT PUBLIC DINING
ROOM).

enough to keep any feast in her mind
for a day or so?
"Oh, goodie!—How soon is it!"
"About three weeks."
"Oh, that's a long time! What shall
we do to get ready?"
"Why, we'll make pies and cookies."
"And—go on, mamma, please."
"But—but, mamma, do you mean
that Thanksgiving is just nothing but
eating?" came the horrified rejoinder.
Isn't it too bad that this holiday that
meant so much to our forefathers almost
just 300 years ago is now almost
"just nothing but eating?"

What could the mother do? She
sat around in her mind—a mother's
mind is really more resourceful than
the mind of a mere being who is not a
mother—for something with which to
glorify Thanksgiving to her child.

Of course she finally dug up the story
of the sufferings and triumphs of the
pilgrims. She didn't just read it out
of a book to Little Boy. She word
painted that forest and the little log
houses, the pilgrim maids and men and
the few queer, sober, hardworking
little children, the great bronzed In-
dians and the sunlight that glinted
through the forest and through the
hearts of these pioneer folk when they
realized that God had so prospered
their hard, hard work that there was
food enough to last them during the
coming winter.

When the mother pictured the log
barns and the rude bins and cells, all
full of grain, Little Boy said, "Oh, I'm
so glad!"

"So were they, son, and so they set
aside a day for their children's chil-
dren forever to thank God for all the
good things that grow."
"Is there enough for everybody?"
asked Little Boy.

So then mother told him that, al-
though there is enough for everybody,
still everybody doesn't get enough. She
told him of all the kind people who try
to help the "left out ones" on Thank-
sgiving-day, and Little Boy, while they
picked raisins and cleaned currants
and made cookie men, planned one of
everything for themselves and one for
the "left out ones."

Thus Little Boy found something in
Thanksgiving besides just eating.—
Mrs. Blanche Cole Rosedale in New
York Evening Sun.



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