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—FROM THE—
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LET US GIVE THANKS.

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FOR all that God in mercy sends:
For health and children, home and friends,
For comfort in the time of need,
For every kindly word and deed,
For happy thoughts and holy talk,
For guidance in our daily walk—
For everything give thanks!

For beauty in this world of ours,
For verdant grass and lovely flowers,
For song of birds, for hum of bees,
For the refreshing summer breeze,
For hill and plain, for streams and wood,
For the great ocean's mighty flood--
In everything give thanks!

For the sweet sleep which comes with night,
For the returning morning's light,
For the bright sun that shines on high,
For the stars glittering in the sky;
For these and everything we see,
O Lord! our hearts we lift to Thee,
For everything give thanks!

A BREAKFAST STORY FOR THANKS-GIVING.

It was the special privilege of Alice to carry the tray that morning to the bed side of sweet-faced, invalid mamma, that she might eat at the same time with the family who were seated at the table, but Frank and Harold must each give a finishing touch to the preparations to prove that Mamma dear was not forgotten by them if it was Alice's turn to carry her tray to her.

When seated at the table and all were served, it became evident by little uneasy movements and side glances that the morning programme was not full.

This was continued for some moments and at last the little maiden Alice bent gracefully toward me and with a matronly air said, "Please could you tell us something about your Indian children?"

"Oh, yes!" was the ready response, "I

always like to talk about them and it shall be about those who were really mine in my thought, made so by my having gathered them from their village homes, cleansing, dressing, feeding and teaching them without any aid from others.

"They always appeared so nicely at the table, never coming noisily to it and so carefully noting our manner of receiving and eating our food, and imitating so closely you would never have thought they were not trained from infancy to sit in their high chairs and eat with knife and fork.

"They retained for some time one custom of their own, which was very pleasing to me.

"We were all one family in that little school so long ago and sat at one table, and I often noticed a spoonful of soup, a piece of meat or bread being passed from one to another.

"When I asked the meaning, they said it was to show they loved the person to whom it was sent.

"It was such a beautiful thought, I never forbade its expression in that form.

"They were fond of serving each other and felt injured if they were not asked to serve their elders.

"Having always been accustomed to wait upon myself I continued to supply all my little wants, till one day after having arisen to get a drink of water, one of the girls who had been longest with me said:

"Why do you not ask us to wait upon you? When you do that way, it seems to us you do not love us, that we have done wrong and you have not forgiven us!"

"Were those the Indians your grandma ran away from, when she took the iron pot with her you have been scouring and polishing?" asked Harold.

"Oh no, dear, it was away off in New England during the French and Indian war that

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—AT THE—

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so do not hesitate to take the paper from the
Post Office for fear a bill will be presented.

Dear old Thanksgiving! how the hallowed
word
Restores, as in a moment, vanished years!
Jolly! Jolly! Thanksgiving, that o'er all the
land
To-day a nation's benison thou art.

RAY PALMEB.

Thanksgiving Day as annually observed in
the United States is peculiarly an American
institution. The first thanksgiving service
held in North America was observed by relig-
ious ceremonies conducted by an English
minister by the name of Wollfall in the year
1578 on the shores of New Foundland.

Allie Mullin has entered the contest for the
twenty-five dollar prize. She may win, as
there have not been many long lists sent in
yet.

The Sibley army tent, which is extensively
used in the west by the United States troops,
shows that useful lessons may still be learned
from the Indians. The tent is constructed on
a plan borrowed from their wigwams.

Ambrose Chatchu who enlisted in the army
a few months since and went to Mt. Vernon
Barracks has been heard from. He describes
the drill he has been learning and how he
likes it, but does not forget to praise Car-
lisle for what it has done for him.

Mrs. Platt, so long a worker among the In-
dians, again comes to the readers of the HELP-
ER with an interesting Thanksgiving story.
She did not know she was writing a Thank-
sgiving story, but it was such a round-the-table,
happy-family talk that we thought it very ap-
propriate for the occasion.

There is plenty time yet to enter the contest
for the twenty-five dollar prize to the person
sending in the most subscriptions before the
first of January. Ask everybody who says
they already take it, to make a Christmas
present of the little paper to some friend. We
want ten thousand subscribers before the new
year begins. Will not our friends all turn in
and send us names? Postage stamps or
money in any form is acceptable.

A few of the boys may be curious to know
the name of the Champion Foot-ball Team of
the school. They are known as the Pirates.
Their positions are as follows: Martinez
Johns, left end; Felix I E Feather, left tack-
le; Anthony Austin, left guard; J. G. Mor-
rison, center; Joseph Irvine, right guard;
Stanley Edge, right tackle; Stailey Norcross,
right end; Frank Everett, quarterback; Jas.
Waldo, right half-back; Ed. Campeau, full
back; Louis Caswell, left half-back; substi-
tutes, Henry Warren, Laban Locojim, Julius
Brown. Benjamin Caswell has been chosen
as their trainer and Arthur Johnson as man-
ager. The Pirates won the game with the
Rovers, and also the game with the School
Team on Saturday, by a score of 16 to 10. The
lightest man on the School Team weighs 150
pounds, and the rest run in weight from that
up to 200. The heaviest man of the Pirates is
J. G. Morrison, who weighs 165 pounds, but
the rest are made of the kind of material that
wins. Their yell is "Rah! Rah! Rah! Sis
Boom Rah, Pirates!"

ONE OF 'EM.

Let us try not to make our teacher twice
glad in the following sense: She may be very
glad, for instance, to have her pupils call upon
her of an evening, but when we stay and stay
and STAY and STAY she becomes twice glad,
that is, she is glad to have us go. A CALL
should not be longer than twenty minutes.
If invited to spend the evening we should not
THINK of staying longer than nine o'clock,
even if we do not have to go when the bugle
calls, and are asked to stay longer, when
it is done for politeness sake. These few re-
marks have been called out by the Man-on-
the-band-stand overhearing a long drawn
sigh of exhaustion the other evening when one
of the boys who had called upon his teacher
stayed so long that she was all tired out. We
hope that those gentlemanly boys who never
make such mistakes will take no offense, but
continue to call when so disposed, feeling sure
they will always be welcome, because they
know when to go.

A writer of Anadarko Items for the *Chick-
asha Express*, published at Chickasha, Chick-
saw Nation, says:

"We are sorry to learn that Rev. Joshua Given
is lying very low with consumption, at his
home near Anadarko. Rev. Given is the ablest
Indian of the Kiowa tribe and exerted great
influence for good among his people."

Joshua is an ex-student of Carlisle. We
sincerely trust that the report of his illness is
a mistake, but if true, there are those among
us who deeply sympathize with him in this
his great affliction.

Mrs. Jennie T. Stars, of Pine Ridge, renews
her subscription and sends another name
along showing that she does not allow her
many interesting duties in her own little
school to cause her to forget her Carlisle life.
She wants to keep abreast of the times.

Stiya Kowaura, after whom the heroine of
the little book "Stiya" is named is now going
to school at the Ramona school, in Sante Fé,
New Mexico. She writes a very nice letter
and says she is getting along well. Barbara
and her sister are thinking of going there to
school.

Turkey?

Which part will you take?

Ah! And oysters, too?

Please pass the cranberry-sauce.

Snow is still seen on the mountains.

Malpass Cloud has returned from his visit home in Michigan.

Miss Sarah S. Tyler, of Baltimore, Md. is visiting her cousin, Miss Lord.

Jamison Schanadore left for his home, On-ida, Wisconsin, Thursday night.

George Eel's mother, Mrs. Amelia Eels, of Gowanda, N. Y., has been visiting her son.

Found—a collar button. The owner may have the same by calling at the printing-office and proving property.

Mrs. Mason Pratt, little Sarah and Richard of Steelton, Pa., are spending Thanksgiving at their Carlisle School home.

The twenty-five dollar prize is offered to white and Indian, old and young. Send for regulations governing the same.

Miss Shaffner has returned from her vacation and is again down to duty as manager *d'affaires* in the girls' quarters.

Isaac Williams, an ex-student of Carlisle, and now brakeman on the Reading Railroad, made the school a visit last week.

While we are happily feasting let us not forget the poor starving thousands, and wish that we could do something for them.

Don. Campbell has been very ill with Pneumonia, but we are pleased at this writing to report him on the fair way to recovery.

Miss Gaitner, of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and a teacher at the Crow Creek Agency for six years is with us to take temporary charge of the Normal rooms.

The Indian cause has a warm little friend in Bertha Lakins, of N. Y. who writes encouragingly of the progress they are making, as is evidenced by the HELPER.

Mr. James Stuart, husband of our Harriet Elder, writes from their Lehigh home that he wishes the HELPER sent, as he has relatives going to school here, and feels a great interest in our work.

A letter from the Pawnee Agency says, "The Commissioners are here treating with the Pawnees and it looks very much as though they would make a trade."

Jack Standing is showing a spirit which if he keeps up will make him a good thrifty business man. He has a bank in which he puts every ten cent piece he can get and when once in the bank it is fast. That is the way for us to do when it is hard for us to keep our money. Fasten it in some safe place so that we cannot get it. It takes a wise person to save money.

Almo Cotton Wood and Dexter Loco have gone to their Apache homes, at San Carlos, Arizona. Almo's eyes have been troubling him for some time, and he hopes the change will do them good. We shall miss his quick step and ever smiling countenance. He is one who always had a cheerful word wherever he met you. Dexter, too, has been a good, faithful student and worker.

"Hurrah for the fun!

Is the pudding done?

Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!"

Thomas Barnett ex-student of Carlisle, who has been working for himself for over a year at his trade in this valley is visiting the school. Thomas looks well and happy. He is going to try to get work at Steelton.

Dr. Dixon's picture, last Saturday night, of the country store around which tobacco chewers sit of a winter's evening and expectorate was very vivid and should disgust us so that we would never want to touch the vile stuff. The poison in the cigarette wrapper and the effect it has on the heart is well to consider. If we wish our little brothers at home to grow up to be healthy men let us write strong letters to them discouraging their smoking the deadly cigarette.

The admission for to-night's entertainment is only ten cents for pupils. Tickets may be secured of Miss Shaffner, Mrs. Given and Mr. Campbell by request of pupils under their immediate charge. If you have money in bank they will check off your name from their list and hand you a ticket. The check will be the same as ten cents in cash. All non-pupils will be charged twenty-five cents admission. The young ladies of the Endeavor Society are going to give a good evening's entertainment and those who do not go will miss what they may wish they had not. The proceeds are to be used to furnish the Society room.

The reporter is not often allowed in the regular sessions of the debating and literary societies, but by chance had this privilege on Friday evening of last week. The Endeavors, Miss Rosa Bourassa, presiding, were discussing a business matter of a good deal of interest, but it would not be fair to say what it was, for the girls like to tell their own secrets and this one will be out to-night. The Invincibles, Dennison Wheelock presiding were showing the bent of their minds politically in a discussion on the respective benefits received by the Indians from the Republican and Democratic parties during the administration of each. Spirited remarks came out on each side.

The Embryos next were reached. They kindly repeated for the benefit of the visitors some of their speeches on "Resolved, That the educated Indian is happier than the uneducated." Joseph Gordon presiding. The Embryos should try for more members.

In No. 7 school-room were the Standards; president Fred Big Horse. The much discussed but always interesting subject was before them—the comparative benefit to the Indian of schools on and off the reservation. The speakers had ideas of their own on the subject and spoke them out well. The thoughts of the reporter at the end of the evening were that these societies may greatly help the boys and girls in development of thoughts of their own; that there should be sometimes subjects given for off-hand debates and sometimes for preparation before hand, with speakers regularly appointed who should never be permitted to say that they had "made no preparation, but would try, etc.;" that care should be taken that the questions before the house are expressed in correct English.

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my great grandmother Hull made the little iron pot historic in our family.

"She was standing by her table ironing when the news was sent her that the Indians were coming to the settlement where she lived.

"She ran and caught her horse, for she was alone with her two children, her husband being in the army, took her saddle bags and putting the iron pot and corn meal into one side that she might make hasty pudding on her journey, and into the other side to balance them, a few articles of clothing with what she thought was the family Bible.

"Then throwing the bags upon the horse, she mounted and taking one child in her lap and placing the other behind her, she rode for the fort which was miles away but where she arrived in safety."

"Where is the Bible your great grandma took with her?" inquired Frank.

"A cousin of mine has that in safe keeping.

"My mother was the oldest daughter in my grandfather's family and the historic pot was given her, while the book that took that hasty ride was given to the eldest son, but it was not the family Bible, children.

"In her fear and haste my great grandmother took the dictionary instead of the Bible. But my cousin would not part with his book any sooner than would I the pot I have packed to take with me to my Iowa home."

Breakfast was finished and I was not only rewarded by a "Thank you" from each of the children, but a tearful embrace from the invalid mamma and her saying, "I am so grateful to you for entertaining my children."

A-TE-KA.

GOOD MANNERS FOR THANKSGIVING AND ALL OTHER TIMES.

By special request we print the following:
Keep step with any one you walk with.
Never play with knife, fork or spoon.
Always knock at any private-room door.
Use handkerchief unobtrusively always.
Do not take your napkin in a bunch in your hand.

Hat lifted in saying "Good-by!" or "How do you do?"

Rise when ladies leave the room, and stand till they are out.

In the dining room take your seat after ladies and elders.

Let ladies pass through a door first standing aside for them.

Let a lady pass first always, unless she asks you to precede her.

Hat lifted when acknowledging a favor.

Eat as fast or as slow as others, and finish the course when they do.

If all go out together, gentlemen stand by the door until the ladies pass.

Rise if a lady comes in after you are seated and stand till she takes a seat.

In the parlor stand till every lady in the room is seated, also older persons.

Hat off the minute you enter a street door, and when you step into a private hall or office.

Enigma.

I am made of 21 letters.

My 4, 5, 3, 20 is the pronoun that Friends use a great deal.

My 16, 2, 11, 14, 8 if we would do more we would not make so many mistakes.

My 9, 7, 6, 19, 21 is like a snake.

My 18, 17, 15 is used to protect a carpet.

My 10, 13, 12, 3 is a good thing to do on Thanksgiving Day.

My 1, 6, 10 is what some school children like to play.

My whole is something not afraid of the comet, but will meet death ere this enigma reaches its readers.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S FRENCH RIDDLE: The Postman.

STANDING OFFER.

Premiums will be forwarded free to persons sending subscriptions to the INDIAN HELPER, as follows:

2. For two subscriptions and a 1-cent stamp extra, the printed copy of Apache contest, the original photo, of which, composing two groups on separate cards, (8x10), may be had by sending 30 subscriptions, and 5 cents extra. Cash price 60 cents for the two.

(This is the most popular photograph we have ever had taken, as it shows such a decided contrast between a group of Apaches as they arrived and the same pupils four months later.)

3. For five subscriptions and a 1-cent stamp extra, a group of the 17 Indian printer boys. Name and tribe of each given. Or pretty faced pappoose in Indian cradle. Or, Richard Davis and family. Or, cabinet photo. of Piegan Chiefs. Cash price 20 cents a choice.

4. For seven subscriptions and a 2-cent stamp extra, a tondo combination showing all our prominent buildings. Cash price 25 cents.

5. For ten subscriptions and a 2-cent stamp extra, two photographs, one showing a group of Pueblos as they arrived in their Indian dress and a other of the same pupils, three years after, showing marked and interesting contrast. Or a contrast of a Navaj boy on arrival and a few years after. Cash price 20 cents each.

6. For fifteen subscriptions and 5 cents extra, a group of the whole school (8x14), faces show distinctly. Or, 8x10 photo. of Indian baseball club. Or, 8x10 photo. of graduating classes, choice '89, '90, '91, '92. Or, 8x10 photo. of buildings. Cash price 50 cents for school, 30 cents for 8x10's.

8. For five and seven subscriptions respectively, and 5 cents extra for postage, we make a gift of the 6 1/2, 8 1/2, and 8x10 photos of the Carlisle School exhibit in the line of march at the Bi centennial in Philadelphia. Cash price 20 and 25 cents.

9. For fifteen subscriptions and eight cents extra for postage, a 13x20 group photo of 8 Piegan chiefs in elaborate Indian dress. This is the highest priced premium in Standing Offer and sold for 75c retail. The same picture lacking 2 faces B uoidir size for 7 subscriptions, and 2 cents extra. Cash 25 cents.

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