Thanksgiving Lost and Found

Through the deep stence of autumn dusk, the wagon, overflowing with its load of newly-plucked corn, rumbled up the road toward the house whose whiteness stood out strongly against the blackness of the grove that lay the blackness of the grove that lay corn visited.

The laws orose up my head for Billy's eyes might find him out. He remembered that the boy's whiteness stood out strongly against know that everything else has turned to the blackness of the grove that lay out letter than we expected," she lilly were not his family. They bethe blackness of the grove that any beyond. The load was heavy and the gent > insisted.

"That's no credit to anybody but beyond. The load was heavy and the gent insisted. "That's no credit to anybody but built young man, dressed in overalls and faded blue shirt with a red hand-little way out of the ditch, we were kerchief knotted about the collar," bushed right back again. But I'll make stared moodily over the long stretch of corn field to the west, where only pet me to be thankful! I deserved all of corn field to the west, where only pet me to be thankful! I deserved all of the lack that came my way!" A hint that had passed into the effacing of the desperation that had haunted the mend during those lean wars range out clearly. John Parrar bent forward.

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With a haste that made his fingers for the whole fam'll! There's goin' to be great times at everybody's houses, I bet. Why, y'ought t' seen folks drive past school this afternoon. They was streakin' it t' town for stuff t' eateranberries, apples, an' peanuts, most everythin' they got in the stores. And what d'you know, Ma," he turned to his mother, "The Stanleys are fixin' pt' have a turkey! A ten pounder, Harry says!"

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With a haste that made his fingers fumble, he placed the single harness tumble, he

"An' Teacher told us all about Thanksgivin', too!" cried Billy, regardless of his father's interruption. "An' say, mayn't we have Thanksgivin', too? All the fello's are goin' t' have it!" The boy, his face flushed and earnest, pleading for a Thanksgivin', brought a happy-light into the eyes of his mother.

"Let's celebrate to-morrow for the first time since we were married, John." Her tone was vibrant with feeling. "We have so much to be thankful for."

"atuch to be thankful for!" The man repeated the words with bitterpees. "I can't see where that comes in," his words tumbled out violently.

"There's a lot of things I can feel unthankful for, you mean. For five years after we were married every-thing went to pieces on my hands. The crops failed, the hogs died of the cholera, we lost three horses in a runaway and not once was it my fault! I wanted to make things nice for you,

Through the deep silence of autumn but something always broke up my

"Hello, John! Goin' to work a spell ""

Finally the wagon was empty. The this mornin'? Better go home and hey unfastened the tugs and swung get ready for dinuer." This was followed by a laugh in which Farrar thought he detected a trace of derision.

"Jungive me the hitching-straps." "No," he replied sourly, "I'll work Ded and I'll pump water for them, out the morning—and the afternoon, pleading. She answerd him with the

The boy did not follow this injunction, but lagged behind the horses as reach tempting nubbins of corn just list father led them to the water outside their reach. At the farther trough. Here he was accorded the side of the field, happening to glance privilege of pumping. The horses toward the distant road, Farrar caught were thirsty after their work in the a glimpse of a horse and buggy just was at his father's side, plucking the numb haddle resched too.

were thirsty after their work in the a glimpse of a horse and buggy just field, and the pump-handle reached too disappearing behind a grove. He straightened. It had certainly to get a full stroker-Before the horses looked like Rob, the only horse he had their fill, his breath came in had been unharness—and the buggy seemed familiar too.

After the team had been unharness—For a long time he stood as one hyped, they walked through the darkness notized, starfing into the distance. It is to the house, the boy reaching eagerly couldn't have been them! It simply to the house, the boy reaching eagerly couldn't have been them! It simply for the calloused hand of the man, showed that he was allowing that abwho passively accepted the comrade-surd situation of the preceding even-

ing to bother him.

But it was with a sense of repughanging-lamp revealed a small name that Farrar looked over the with a table in the centre set yellow field of cornstalks that shiverroom with a table in the centre set for the evening meal. Over the stove leaned a young woman who turned quickly as they entered. She had dark hair and wide appealing eyes like a boy's, but the soft rounded cheeks and sensitive mouth were entirely feminine.

"Get a good load, John?" she asked with an anxious smile. "are worked with an anxious smile.

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"Oh, fair," he grunted over his task of unlacing his heavy shoes. The wonth turned her attention to the stove once more, while the man drew off his boots and tossed them into a corner.

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Over the meadow and through the lane the harvesters move in a merry train; A blackbird's throat Sounds a happy note, Greeting the day from the wide haw thorn.

Over the meadow and through the lane the harvesters move in a merry train; A feet long years

Of crief and fears,

Said Fading-leaf to Fallen-leaf:

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"That's natural," grunted the man the street, came the sound of slow, measured singing, mellow and pleasheavily, "they're the most shiftless of all the neighbors."

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"Inside the church a short distance up the street, came the sound of slow, measured singing, mellow and pleashing in the quiet air. A strange expression filted across the man's face. Swiftly he strode up the street.

The linnet's song is rarer, The linnet's song is rarer, The robin pipeth now.

place, was devotion and rest. Beside
her snuggled the boy, his eyes roving
over the congregation, apparently not
listening at all. Regular boy, Billy
of frost-nipt maples with their torch. over the congress.

Istening at all. Regular boy, Billy was, trying to count how many of his schock-mates were present. Then John Farry drew back and lowered his head for Billy's eyes might find him but. He remembered that the boy's out. The boy's out what did anybody care at Rock-ton, long ago?

Severy Thanksgiving Day since Elvatould remember, Aunt Clara, a neighbor who lived alone, had brought her ton, long ago?

Billy were not his family. They be-longed together and he was an out-

blivion of time.

John Farrar loved this season of the out in his voice.

ear. The haunting thin rustle of the "Billy—he wants it so," murmured to realize their benefits. They should be glad at least that the glad at least that they should be glad at least that they should

the man during those lean years range year. The haunting thin rustle of the year. The haunting thin rustle of the year. The haunting thin rustle of the year of the yellow cornstalks filled him with a sense of quietness, with the peacefulness of nature. It seemed to be the living voice of the twilight. The breeze, moaning through the weeds at the roadside, was keen and made the blood tingle with a sense of life.

Still, he rebelled, tried to shake off the sense of beauty that came to him, he would not be lured by it. He had been hurt, and it had festered in his mind afterwards, making him roughly suspicious. The distrust had in due course of time extended to its creature, man.

In the diffection of the house a door slammed. A moment later, the yard gate clicked as it swung closed.

"Say, dad, may I light the lantern while you're unloadin'?" The voice was boyish.

Farrar did not turn his head. "No," the mother timicly.

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Farrar did not turn his head. "No," he replied briefly. "I'll tend to it."

There followed a short silence. The saw a carriage drawn by sleek horses and watched the shovel eat into the corn. The dimness of the light could not hide the wistful expression of his this morni? Better go home and watched the shovel expression of his get away from the farm.

"Hello, John! Goin to work a spell of the time to me than and many the corn."

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and and fill pump water for them, out the morning—and the afternoon, or just wait a mirate here—nothin' too." Angrily he turned to his pryon t' do. I tended to the chores horses. "Get along!"

In spite of the crispness of the air, "You go into the house, Billy, and the wagon did not fill up with the op trying to do work you can't usual rapidity. Once Farrar stopped to strike the horse severely with the to strike the horse severely with the trying heavy they had to strike the horse severely with the his son. "Now if I was only sure that

They spoke no word for a long time. Then Farrar looked speculatively at his son. "Now if I was only sure that Billy would help me," he began quizzically, "I really believe we could get something from the stores and fix up. Billy was too much of a boy to hold out against this. With a bound he was at his father's side, plucking ex-

citedly at his sleeve. "Come on, Daddy!" he cried, "we can fix it. Why I can carry "bout a hundred pounds." There was a sound of a stifled sob from the mother, but looking up, Farfrom the mother, but looking up, Far-rar saw that her eyes were glowing with eagerness. For her the light of romance was gilding the vista of the remaining years. With joyful hearts the little family turned to a nearby store window, a window that containthankful on Thanksgiving day.

The New Harvest.

Golden leaves from the trees down drifting, · /
Hazy sunlight through branches sift

ing; Sweet scent of pine In the air, like wine, Silver mists from the valleys lifting

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

The world is full of lovely things; see them every place I look.
And all my life I feel Im walking through a picture book.

cleaned the lap-rug, too; and a large apple And Sarah Jane sat by my side—the was disappointed.

year; inds unquiet e'er annov. appear.

The heaven a royal robe will don And moonbeams glisten on breast.

The wind will silken garb have on. Rich purple asters on his vest. Oh, what the dress she'll wear to

A breath of fragrance near leans, And answers her in whispers light: "A gown made by the hands of

The sunset gates of gorgeous hue Roll silent back and there is seen Resplendent to our eager view Proud Autumn, with the Earth h

Purple is mine attire;
My broad and billowy hill crests
Are lit with crimson fire.

Mine is a triumph music The marching pipe and tabor

My amber clad battalions Approach in gleaming line; No olden pomp or pageant Was mightier than mine.

Tossed by the winds of morning My flags are far unfurled; I hold within my storehouse The treasure of the world. Far in the dim lost acons

I had my royal birth; Behold in me the Autumn, The Empress of the Earth! Fading-Leaf and Fallen-Leaf.

Said Fallen-leaf to Fading-leaf: A heavy foot went by an hour ago

A Farmer's Thanksgiving. For forty wagon loads of wheat, And twenty tons of seed, And twenty blood-red yearlings, All good enough to breed;
For corn—a thousand bushels,
A hundred tons of hay,
For hogs galore and then some

We thank Thee, Lord, to-day.

'I know not what the future hath Of marvel or surprise; Assured alone that life and death His mercy underlies.
And so, beside the silent sea,
I wait the muffled oar;

No harm from Him can come to me On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air; I only know I cannot drift

The "Upside-Down" Day

the harness bright as new, And polished up the old bay mare, and

And Sarah Jane sat by my side—the whole world seemed to glow, we were so happy, she and I, at Rockton, long ago!

We watched the speeding in the track, and saw the judge decide The merits of the sheep and cows, and then we bravely tried The charms of all the Midway, where we wandered to and fro, And smiled to see the world so gay, at Rockton, long ago!

When all the sights were over, and the pleasant day was done, We used our faces homeward at the control of the seed-time, hear us now, as disappointed.

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When all the sights were over, and the pleasant day was done, We turned our faces homeward at the control of the harvest bright with good pies from the pumpkins, and such good pies wit

fingers.

"Why does she think I want a pumpkin? Ugly old thing! We have pumpkins and apples. And mother is sick, besides. If the pumpkin were set on a round, wooden body, with sticks
for legs, I'd have a pumpkin doll. I'll
Apple-green west and an orange bar,
call her Prinky Prim." Elva almost And the crystal eye of a lone, lone smiled. "I know! I'll take Prinky to lame Sally. Mother likes me to take her something—I don't want the what you will, ugly thing. Then I won't need to take Frost to-night—so clear and deadthink it's pretty, and her mother can make her Prinky pies."

Then I sally forth, half sad, half

Elva felt cross because her mother proud, proud, and they could have no And I come to the velvet, imperial Thanksgiving dinner.

After the maid who prepared luncheon had gone away, Elva carefully the pied, carried Prinky Prim three blocks to The dahlas that reign by the garden-Sally's door and gave her to Sally's mother, a washerwoman. "I'll not go in," Elva decided. "Sally is tiresome and asks so many questions!'

milk, the telephone rang violently. "Come over and help me to eat the splendid Thanksgiving dinner you brought! I just discovered it. wait for you!" Sally called in an

cited, squeaky voice.
"Wh-what do you mean? Yes, ask mamma," Elva was going to add

ask mamma, Elva was going to add, but Sally had stopped talking.

"What does Sally mean? I never took her any lunch. Maybe her mother has baked Prinky into pies. To-day has been full of upside-downs. I'l take Miss Apple Saucy and divide with Sally in the numeric lunch." Sally in the pumpkin lunch."

When Elva had hurried to Sally

sandwiches, tarts, two ripe peaches and tiny mince pies inside of Pinky's wabbly, yellow head! It was from Aunt Clara, who had prepared it. "It has been the thankfullest day!

Sally cried joyfully. "How did to take Prinky to the hospital for the children to look at; and when I was looking to see 'zactly how her hat and hair were made so I could tell the children, her hat fell off and I found

the lunch. The top of the pumpkin had been The top of the pumpkin had been cut off, as when jock-o'-lanterns are made, and the stem wrapped round with paper, over and round which the top of the hat had been gathered. Paper had been pleated round the edge of the cut-off top, which had been carefully placed on the pumpkin again with two new wire hairpins stuck through to hold it in place. That was the rim of the het and it concealed the

the rim of the hat, and it concealed the place where the top had been cut. After a jolly luncheon Elva was peeling the apple, when she exclaimed, as a slice dropped from the bottom of the apple, where it had been cut, alof toothpicks that could hardly be seen, "Why, here's money and a note inside the apple! 'Look on the porch at six o'clock. Use money for

Aunt Clara had placed them insid the apple, which had been scooped out.
"It's six o'clock now!" And Elva
rushed home to find a large tomato "Hast loved fair eyes and lips of gentle breath?

Fade then and fall—thou hast had all the cake and ice cream inside the pumpkin decorated with flags. It did not take Elva long to find the cake and ice cream inside the pumpkin. "Patrictic Particle Particl "Patriotic Pumpkin ice That life can give. Ask somewhat now of death."

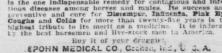
The life can give. The learning of death."

The inside of the tomato had been

scooped out and filled with candy and nuts. The top of the tomato had been held in place by small flags, the staffs of which had been sharpened at the

Then such a hustle and bustle! For think what Elva and Sally did! They think what Elva and Sally did! They, cut out paper dolls and dresses, pictures, stories; they made toys, such as paper windmills and small rag dolls, which they put inside of Prinky—filled her full; they popped corn, while Sally's mother made molasses candy. Then they cut eyes, nose, mouth even ears in Patrictic Pump. candy. Then they cut eyes, nose, mouth, even ears, in Patriotic Pumpkin, and filled it with pop corn, candy and hickory nuts, with a flag stuck down the centre, for they left the top of the pumpkin off. Then hink! They put a stick of candy into each ear and eye, a pickle in its nose, and a sandwich into its mouth. How queer it leoked. They they exceed the control of the control it looked! Then they carried the

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and a large apple on the table, Elva pumpkin over to the hospital children

full, but not of upside-downs." Ely

Autumn.

Elva almost And the crystal eye of a lone, lone

crowd. The wine-red, the gold, the coimson,

"I'll not go The dahlias I might not touch till to-night!
A gleam of the shears in the fading

> throng.
> And in one great sheaf I bore them In my garden of Life, with its all-late

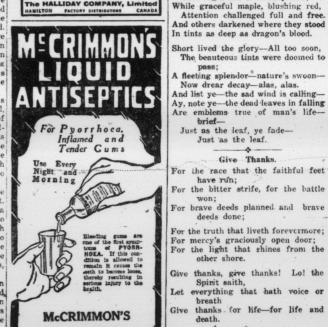
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I heed a voice in the shrinking hours; It told of many blessings

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Kemekekekekekekekekekeke For light and heat and rain and dew, For light and heat and rain and dew,
For life and food and raiment too,
For blessings great and not a few,
We give Thee praise.
For health and strength and vital air,
For peace and joy and love and care,
For morn and noon and evening fair,

Our hymns we raise Lord of the seed-time, hear us now

Our favored lives each passing day.

Lord of the harvest bright with gold,

And while we find each earthiy need Supplied so well with fruit and seed, Lord, in Thy grace we gladly read

Of bread above, Conferring life that cannot fade On those who from Thy presence strayed:

Hence grant that we whom Thou hast made May prize such love.

Thanksgiving Pumpkin Pie. Oh, the mellow days of autumn

The harvesting is over
And our hearts are all aglow; The proclamation's sounded Thanksgiving's drawing nigh,

And already comes the longing
For the okl-time pumpkin pie. Oh, the happy days of boyhood The afternoon was long and wearing the shears in the fading on, the happy days of boyhoo when the time came for Elva and light.

And I gathered them all—the splendid throng.

When we harvested the corn, when the golden tinted maples throng. Blazed out at early morn; When mother did the cooking,

While we were standing by And watched the rich crust

Coming daily into view; We were glad when it was over "Amen" came with a sigh; There are "heaps o' human nature"

When lonely hearts are aching For some sympathy from you, And others may be breaking To have friendships formed anew; At the old Thanksgiving dinner Wine the tear from every eye.

Autumn's Passing Splendor The banners of the crimson sun Flame radiant through October's

The trees are doffing, one by one. Their varied gorgeous Autumn wear. Bewildering was their bright array-Like happy maids in garments gay. And gay they were. Etruscan gold

Gave regal hue to hickory tree; While graceful maple, blushing red, Attention challenged full and free. And others darkened where they stood Short lived the glory-All too soon,

pass; A fleeting splendor—nature's swoon-Now drear decay—alas, alas.
And list ye—the sad wind is calling—
Ay, note ye—the dead leaves in falling Are emblems true of man's life-

Just as the leaf.

deeds done;

Give Thanks.

For the race that the faithful feet have run; won; For brave deeds planned and brave

For mercy's graciously open door;
For the light that shines from the
other shore. Give thanks, give thanks! Lo! the Spirit saith,

Let everything that hath voice or Give thanks for life and death.

Autumn Days. Are these the "melancholy days," These days of balmy weather, When sunshine falls in gentle rays Upon the ripened fields, where plays The bracing breeze and autumn haze O'er meadow, wood and heather?

And share in love and gladness, The old-time pumpkin pto

So let us live for others, The golden rule our guide, And always have Thanksgiving Till we reach the other side; Then glory comes to greet us, Right here before we die, Because we shared with others Our Thanksgiving pumpkin pie.

Let us be thankful, thankful for the prayers
Whose gracious answers were long, long delayed,
That they might fall upon us unawares,
And bless us, as in greater need we

prayed.