## Common Sense Thanksgiving



really enjoy it your-self, dear mother, to whom a "holiday dinner" generally means a really serious physical and

and

mental strain.

Of all the dinners of the year Thanksgiving is best. It is the "tru-ly, truly" National dinner. Each year, before I go into the serious part of planning my Thanksgiving dinner, I get down my own ittle shab-by school history and girlhood books and read again and again about the hirth of even pations.

and read again and again about the birth of our nation.

Now,, as of old, I thrill with the story of the forave women who dared the tossing seas to journey to an unknown continent. I am thoroughly grateful for my luxuries as I read, through mist yeyes: "In almost every family lamist yeyes." In almost every family lamist yeyes. "In almost every family lamist yeyes." In almost every family lamist yeyes. "In almost every family lamist yeyes." In almost every family lamint to the foot to be had to cherish them. The women at low tide gathered clams and mussels from the frozen beach, at ground-nuts, acorns and seant fish.

"One reason why I welgome Thanks."

ground-nuts, scorns and scaut isni.
"One reason why I welcome Thanksgiving day is because it gives us a
chance to bring home love of country.
So our dinner is as purely Canadian
as we can make it, and the recipes
which came down from grandmother's
day are honored as the main dishes as we can make it, and the recipes which came down from grandmother's day are honored as the main dishes. The second of the second of the modern bits, the little dainty touches of the feast. Every chick and child about the place has a hand in the preparation of the dinner, and how they love to do their part, for it all spells home, home, home, home home is a second of the day. The little people tell the old stories: the older ones discuss the history of the past year, the cuss the history of the past year, the country of the day. The little people tell the old stories: the older ones discuss the history of the past year, the form my window gardens and belated garden flowers, and fruits from the orchard and cellar, has been arranged by childish hands. "Would you like to near of our very window was a second of the country of the day of t

by childish hands.
"Would you like to near of our very
mple "contests" which come after
nner? I lead the way into the big
ting-room, where grandfather's fire
the wough brick firesimple sitting-room, sitting-room, where grandfather's fire burns brightly in th rough brick fire-place. On a bulletin board made of burlap stretched over a frame made of curtain poles is fastened, with thumb-tacks, our Thanksgiving exhibit. The prizes are tiny flags. The little folks show aketches made in school and proudly recite some patriotic senti-ment, or sing. The older members of ment, or sing. The older memoers of the family show facsimiles of histor-ical letters or documents, patriotic poems or songs selected during the past year and photographs of histor-ical interest. You would be surprised ical interest. You would be surprised to see how eagerly my married sons and daughters and father and I enter into this contest and how proud each is of the little flag bestowed as a re-

fore as possible, and turn as much of it over to other members of the family on Thanksgiving day, so that I really do not go into the kitchen until the oven is ready for the turkey. This is my work adhedule: for Thanksgiving law, we have a substantial to the control of the co pared things, the sea-sonings and the ingre-

dients arranged to save steps. I do not even ex-pect to have an earlier breakfast Thanksgiving morning.

After the children have done their part in kitchen, dining-room and par-lor, they will be "shooed" out for a long walk and a romp. The older mem-

lor, they will be "ahooed" out for a long walk and a romp. The older members of the family attend the Thanksgiving union service and then take a long walk. If there is one day when we really need exercise that day is Thanksgiving. With the house clear my faithful Nors and I prepare the turkey and the land and real prepare the turkey and the land and fresh oysters are not always at command, so I wim serve a simple fruit mixture for my first course. This will be on the table when the family sits down. It looks pretty and attractive. It is simply oranges, canned princapple and bananas cut in diee, chilled and sweetened. The children are very fond of it. I will serve a plain, clear soup instead of a rich one. To give it a holiday air, I will serve a alice of lemon and a square cracker in each plats, and make cellery "curls".

My main course will be roast turkey over trayer, squash meshed ne.

My main course will be roast tur-My main course will be roast turkey, oyster gravy, squash, mashed po-tatoes, boiled onions, stewed tomatoes, cranberry sauce. The salad will be either a cabbage salad, of which we are very fond, or an apple and celery salad. I mix my cabbage salad with a good cooked dressing and add celery. We have rye-and-Indian bread after

## Her Allowance

That somewhat vexed question of the wife's allowance contin the wife's allowance continues to engage the attention of writers on the domestic problems of the day, and it is a question in which every wife has a natural interest. Many are the wives like the wife of the negro husband who criticized her for wanting to spend so much and who said:

"My wife she is forevah wantin to "My wife she is forevah wantin to be a seen of the word of nues to

so hit goes. She wants money, money, money all de time."
"What does she do with the money?" asked the recipient of this confidence.

"La I dunno," was the recipient of this conditioners.
"La I dunno," was the reply, "Yo," see I haint nebbah gib her none yit." So it is that there are wives whose husbands refrain as long and as far as possible from allowing their the privilege of having any money of their own, and for weeks and even months the wife has the truly miserable feeling of being as penniless a creature of the seed of the

Not long ago this question came up in an English court: "Has a wife the right to retain, as her own personal property, savings made out of the money given to her by her husband for housekeeping purposes?"

WOMEN INCLINED TO SAVE

The judges supported counsel in the opinion that the money thus awed belonged to the husband, and the wife who had been thus thrifty had to "fork over" her ill-gotten gains. Commenting on this a fair-minded editor-lail writer with a generous spirit says: "If a man cannot trust his wife he had better live away from her. Let him give to her at stated intervals a sum of money according to his means. Let him not be too curious regarding Let him not be too curious regarding to the profile. Does he wish to prey into her little needs and little extravagance? The majority of women The judges supported counsel in the

ward of merit by the vote of the others. There are games to work off will have mince pie (without meat), the superfluous energy of the little label and patriotic songs for "good of the preliminary work of the dinner the week before a possible, and turn as much of it over to other members of the family.

Another innovation which we have been exceeded in the seven it ready for the turkey. This is my work schedule:

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The Saturday before Thanksgiving Alice, the oldest daughter is coming, and she and the children have promised to wash all the china and glass and polish the silver, see that the table, linen is ready, make the saled nuts, candied orange-peel, fudge and nut candied orange-peel, fudge and rate and politic and the candied orange-peel, fudge and rate candied orange-peel fudge and rate of

The writer has certain knowledge of the wife of a comparatively rich man who rarely knew what it was to have a dollar in her purse. She had to resort to all kinds of expedients in order to get money enough for such ex-penditures as our fares nostage. penditures as or fares postage stamps and things that could not be "charged." She would purchase such things as she must have and have them charged to her husband it, different stores, but actual cash was seldom in her possession. This is not an uncommon situation. The husbands who "dole out" money, often with grumbling and complaint, are legion, and the question of the wife's allowance remains a vexed one. The inan who has not enough confidence in his wife's judgment nor consideration enough for her happiness to allow her the privilege of spending such money as he gives her

allow her the privilege of spending such money as he gives her has made a mistake in marrying and should have remained in the ranks of the old bachelors. Now and then the situation is reversed and it is the wife who has the money and her husband must look to her for his allowance, but this matrimonial situation is real-ly so pathetic that one can hardly wish to discuss it farther than to say

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