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The Lost Turkey

(Sarah Orne Jewett, in Youth's Companion.)

There were only two persons in the 'Why don't we keep turkeys ourtitchen, a woman and a boy, who selves, mother?' Johnny demanded. had spread his school books on the 'Lots of folks do, and then we could table by the window, and set a de- have one whenever we wanted it.' termined elbow on either side of his 'We did keep them you know, but above the slate at an early page of your grandlather would have to buy,

Sarah Jones knew the more painful is dead?' solicitudes of the duck—the swim- 'Yes, dear,' said Sarah Jones.

puzzle 'em out alone, I'd-"

'There, you see here mother!' and he honest questioning look. held up his slate.

taste!' excla, med the boy. 'Fred Hols' shouldn't now, So that's why we lis says they're goin' to have a lot from out west at his house to spend the boy. 'Fred Hols' shouldn't now, So that's why we lis says they're goin' to have a lot from out west at his house to spend are so poor. If they had you I do The locked and Mr. Jones saw how old and those we've been accustomed to.'

The lant cra-light shone on her face and Mr. Jones saw how old and year was the feast of happiness in the locked and by contrast.

the toy thought she had burned her patience with them.' she continued, the great turkey with evident pride as he took the paper. Whether it his chair, 'Grandma, aren't you glad hand at the oven.

'No, I ain't hurt,' she said, seeing icre Johnny. got to do with what there is in the told him.

'Ain't we goin' to have any turkey?" inquired Johnny, ruefully. debt I can never get out again. But ed him quite unexpectedly. I'll make you a nice, good cake!'

Johnny could not bring himself to of before it.



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slate like buttresses for failing ener- something has ailed the chicks of Henry Jones. 'If you are alluding to of it and get it over the tail-board gy. The arithmetic was wide open late years. I heard today that even my family, I can only say that that and then went triumphantly through and I've known him to raise a flock The boy's mother, a sad-looking, of sixty. Your grandma Jones was probably feels the same way now.' untary benefaction, passed rattling The boy's mother, a sad-looking, of sixty. Your grandma Jones was pretty woman, was busy getting sup- luckier than anybody, and always but she hovered near the table got the highest prices.' and cast many a lowing glance at There was a silence. Johnny was to school together, and have always As for Johnny, his face shone with

were as easy as plain knitting. One on a serious, manly look. 'Mother,' die I want to see you tarouga this er look.

'I thought they looked easy, John- boy's clothes were faded and out- young. You took the wrong way to began to cry. ny,' she ventured, timidly. 'If I grown; she could see a great patch do the right thing, and you got didn't know 'twas best for you to on the elbow next her and his your pay for t. You must put "If I can only do this one!' said

Johnny, in a dreamy tone, as he fig
Johnny's face was bright and handher to come right home and bring

stockings below his short trousers, your process and your process ar ured away with new hopefulness. some, but she could hardly bear his Johnny and spend the winter. You've out through the long shed to the

joyfully, as her eager eye found its way through a queer maze o' stumbling figures. "Yes, that's all right. Now you've got the idea, you won't grandfather Jones and my father had have so much trouble.' She looked and the standard process. They didn't want don't understand nothin' about it, he began, dolefully, 'I don't see what I can do. I wish there was preace amongst us, but—' And at this have stolen anything out?' asked have so much trouble.' She looked the prouder because he could not see between them. I see now 'twas hard away.

Mrs. Jones sighed, and a quick single thing you want. They lost

thinking o' your Thanksgiving day. looked away, and then he took his mother would feast up-queer disturbance in his mind. He I am afraid I ain't goin' to have pencil again and made some marks on. anything nice to give you. I hoped on his slate as if he were going on to have some ikind of a treat, with his figuring. His grandfather for shingling the house has taken a having, and the mother's heart knew I'm owin' four dollars yet. We've but a boy; she ought not to have

presently, with great effort. "I belong to you and father most, den't 'No, nor any chicken either. I I? I don't, care if there a'n't a ain't got 'em, and I can't go in turkey just this once,' and the into his hand. debt to buy. If I begin to get in mother took a step nearer, and kiss-

'Come, put away your books now; she saw his disappointed face, said to him, trying to speak as if There's lots of people that don't there were nothing the matter.

It was, as everybody said, real smile or treat so grave a subject quite snow enough for sle ghing, but right out.' the far horizon looked blue and cold after he had shut the door behind help.' pine-trees that covered them could hardly keep the world from freezing. to untie his horse and start toward good stead, but he was very angry back along the road. home. It was three miles from the

business to do with men whom he

paid him for some pine timber. He was a very stern looking person as he sat in the old arm-chair turbed. It was beginning to snow well as wealth, and that he had joggled and bumped from its safe kept his mind upon a gradge for place under the seat to the very Henry Jones, who had heard the years together. The loss of his son back of the farm wagon, while the had almost resented it. Whatever and got under the buffalo robe. cheerfulness had been his in early Just as the reluctant messenger life was all gone now and his wife, came to a cold-looking little house your turkey, sir? I'd like to know!' a timid, affectionate woman, who by the road-side Johnny himself came said Johnny. That one you brought feared and obeyed him in all things, believed as he did that they were blowing in the wind. He was barebelieved as he did, that they were unjustly treated in the matter of headed, and as warm as a furry cried like everything about fit.' The happiness. Each year found them squirrel with his good supper of child's voice faltered, he was so ex-

to make either themselves or other people happy. ieved me. They have cured The good old doctor had come into near together-Johnny and his mothme of neuralgia. I would not be without them."

The good old doctor had come into the store late in the afternoon to wait for the mail-carrier, who was due at five o'clock.

"How's your wife getting on?" he asked, kindly, and was told that she was still ailing, but no worse than

help her, Henry,' said the doctor this unexpected appearance.

ed her feelings once for all. She perfectly unconscious of such invol-

often heard of the sorrows of hens he said, 'what is it makes us feel biggest one. That's a nice boy grow- 'Twas my grandpa out there, and that have hatched ducks, but Mrs. so poor? Is it because my father ing up, and he's got a good mother he said he'd brought something for You never showed her any great my folks. Now, sir, ain't we goin' kindness, and yet you wanted to rob to have a turkey for Thanksgivin'!" ming bird who must see her feather- She stood still in the middle of her of all she had to live for. She Whereupon, to Johnny's despair ed darling balked and landlocked up- the floor, looking at him, and her turned on you that day just as any and complete surprise, his mother sat eyes were filled with tears. The creature will that fights for her down in the little rocking-cha'r and stockings below his short trousers your pride in your pocket and go

her as she stood over him. Johnny for the old folks; 'twas like having 'I had to buy a turkey for Thanks stuffing all made a'ready. I counted had shown first-rate pluck and cour- an enemy come among 'em. When giving this year,' he heard the old on your bringin' it, and on getting age, and had been pleasant, too, as your father died they came and of farmer complaining to a fresh ar- it all prepared to roast tomorrow. I she reminded her affectionate heart, all through his great emergency.
'Now you won't find the rest of them so hard,' she said, as she turned away and stooped down to open the oven door.
'How good my supper's goin' to taste!' excla, med the boy. 'Fred Holf's houldn't now So that's men turkeys, and a very handsoma. It all prepared to roast tomorrow. I have to divide upi my work; I can't do as I used to do,' she mourned, adding her mite of trouble to her turkey, first time I ever done such a thing, and there's nobody but wife and me to set down to it. Seems hard; yes, but 'tis one o' them Verhardsoma shouldn't now So that's why men turkeys, and a very handsoma some folks.'

flush of color came into her face; their only son; I should have had Jones' stolid face, and saw him lift ful chirp and hearty 'Thank you!' that afternoon, as he leaned back in reproaching herself, and standing beto be bought that year; the doctor whether it was the natural workings grass and die when it was a chich? his troubled face. 'No, I was only The boy's face did not change; he could not help wondering what John of a slow conscience, there was a

she urged, by way of consolation as I want the table for supper, she grandson, Johnny. He'll want his afoct.' little paper to read tomorrow. It's 'There, I thought when you let Asa Newport Hospital, was killed by an cne the doctor sends him,' said the go off today, 'stead of tomorrow, automobile, driven by Charles Schaef storekeeper, boldly; 'You just give a you'd, be liable to need him; you er, today. Thanksgiving weather. There was not call as you go by, an' they'll come ain't so young as ou used to be. Miss Parker was crossing the

> indeed as he put the great turkey In the morning, very early, there home. It was three miles from the village to his farm, and he had spent nearly the whole afternoon in Barton's store; there had been some should meet some one to whom he could depute the unwelcome errand, happy, eager face. met there, and an inner pocket was

> > his grandfather caught sight of him. with his endeep snow.

She needs somebody there while you "That you, John?' sa'd the old are away at work. I thought the farmer, in a business-like tone, but other day that she was drooping with no unkindness; his heart was from being so much alone, and from beating ridiculously fast. 'There's brooding over the past,' he added in something there in the wagon for a low voice. 'I want to have a talk your folks. The postmaster was in a with you some of these days. You hurry to get it to you.' he added. know I mean your good as much as But the horse would not stand, and hers. Why don't you let bygones be he did not look back again at the boy. Johnny reached up, and, seeing 'You can't make believe if the nothing but the great turkey, made right feelings aren't there,' said a manful effort to master the weight woman my son married has express- the swinging gate as his grandfather

her son's distress. She had been a plunged in deep reflection, and his been friendly. T've seen you through joy as he dumped the great bird on quick scholar herself, and such sums face almost for the first time took a good many troubles, and before I the kitchen floor and bade his moth-

got a better teacher in your district barn to hold the lantern 'I certain 'Your grandpa and grandma don't this year than there is in theirs.' sure put it in with my own hands. 'Yes, you've got it!' she cried, like me, dear. They didn't want The old man shook his head. 'You as nice a gobbler as we ever raised

have so much trouble. She looked quarrelled, and there was a lawsuit point the doctor moved impatiently Mrs. Jones, looking very cold and deeply troubled. 'Why, I've got the

> not know but they'd give you every The doctor sighed as he looked pitiful she looked, and by contrast all their hearts. over his shoulder and saw Henry he thought of the little boy's cheer- 'O my:' exclaimed Johnny early

ness in the store-jokes and laughter 'I guess' I'll drive back,' he said, place of the family doctor, who cun-Johnny, but having to have to pay had the same slow, set way of be- and humorous questioning of new- rather doubtfully. But the snow not always be found at the moment. for shingling the house has taken a having, and the mother's heart knew way every mite o' money I had, and a sudden pain. Johnny was nothing his part in these mild festivities of door. 'I certain would if I had any of sprains, cuts, wounds and bruises his part in these mild festivities of corrections. The part in these mild festivities of corrections are not averse to taking his part in these mild festivities of corrections. The part in these mild festivities of corrections are not averse to taking his part in these mild festivities of corrections. comers. The busy storekeeper and was falling like a blizzard, faster Then it is that Chamberlain's Linibody to go with me, but the colt is the sor As Mr. Jones approached to take dreadful restless. I couldn't-get out pain. Sold by all dealers, his evening mail of the weekly news- and leave him to pick the turkey up paper and a circular or two he if I saw it laying right in the road NOVA SCOTIA NURSE KILLED found another small budget pressed I guess we've got to let it go and trust to Providence. The road's

'You're goin' right by, an' I'm rough enough, but I can't see how goin' to close early. I expect you'll that turkey jolted out, either!' he Boston, Oct, 10-(Special)- Miss be willin' to leave it. 'Tis for your grumbled. 'I feel too lame to go Helen Parker, of Walton, N. S., su-

· Henry,' caid his wife. 'I'll have ye a street in front of the nurses' home lightly. 'Cake alone ain't enough for the sky was already gray with the dinner!' he said to himself, bitterly. The mountains on of laughter in the store a moment about the turkey more than we can was twenty-seven years of age, and

er to bear at this hungry moment than if it were after supper, instead the nearer hills were black and the nearer hills were black and dismal, as if even the thick fur of under the fresh-falling snow until raged about their warm home. Many spring. A certain pride and stiffness times the old man reproached his Old Mr. Jones was one of the last of demeanor stood the old man in own want of spirit in not going

well filled with money that had been But the doctor's words could not be manded Johnny. 'Mother sent her put out of mind, and his own con-best respects, and we thank you very much for the turkey, and she hopes son as he sat in the old arm-chair hard, and the young horse was in a ing home from meeting, and eat dinyou and my grandpa will stop, goby the stove. One could believe that hurry to get home. The turkey soon her. She'd be real giad to have you.' had seemed harder to him than it newspapers, which had been in the stood in the doorway behind his wife had seemed harder to him than it might have seemed to most men; he corner, blew forward out of sight with his spectacles on his forehead like a lighthouse. 'Where'd you get

happiness. Each year found them bread and butter and ginger-bread, cited over his errand, and so spent better off in this world's goods, and poorer in the power of using things but he looked very small and thin as with his eager journey through the

> in the old man's heart, while John. then with a sob take the little fel-low right into her arms and hug.

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