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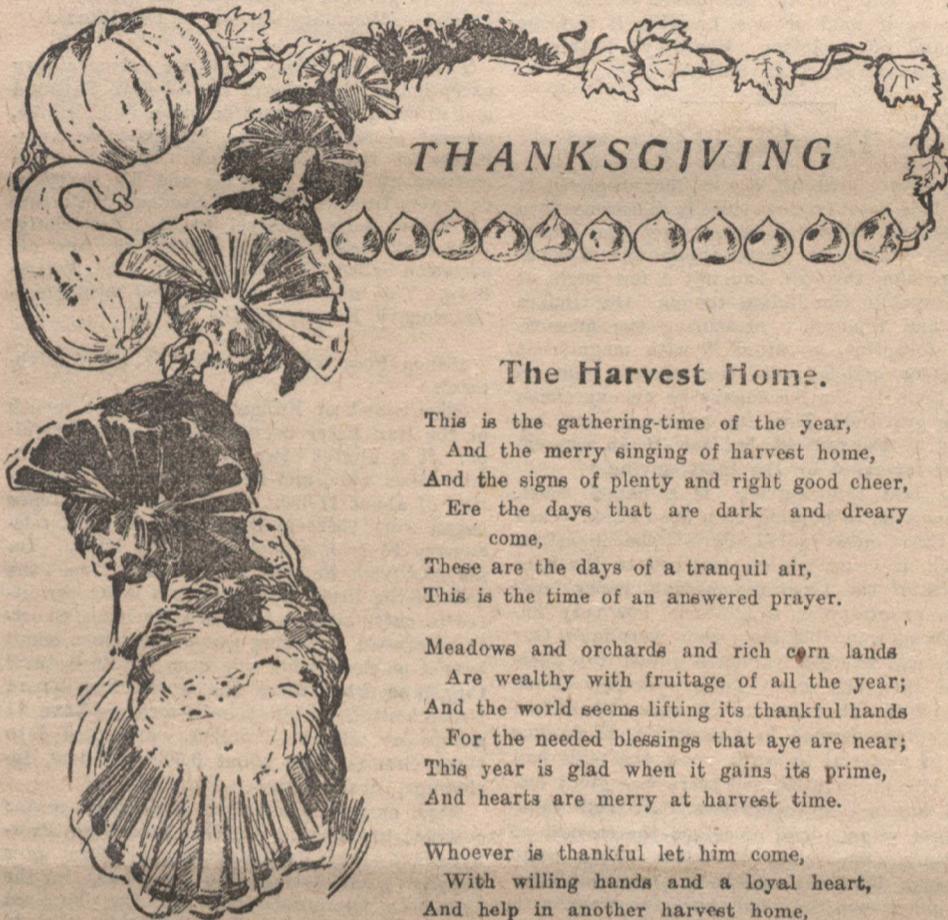
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## THANKSGIVING

### The Harvest Home.

This is the gathering-time of the year,  
 And the merry singing of harvest home,  
 And the signs of plenty and right good cheer,  
 Ere the days that are dark and dreary  
 come,  
 These are the days of a tranquil air,  
 This is the time of an answered prayer.

Meadows and orchards and rich corn lands  
 Are wealthy with fruitage of all the year;  
 And the world seems lifting its thankful hands  
 For the needed blessings that aye are near;  
 This year is glad when it gains its prime,  
 And hearts are merry at harvest time.

Whoever is thankful let him come,  
 With willing hands and a loyal heart,  
 And help in another harvest home,  
 Where the Master calls him to do his part;  
 For He points to the whitened fields again,  
 And the harvest He loves is the souls of men.  
 —Marianne Farningham, in the 'North-West-  
 ern Christian Advocate.'

### Give Thanks.

One great cause of our insensibility to the goodness of our Creator is the very extensiveness of his bounty.—Paley.

The weight of offering praise to God is too great for men to lift; and as for angels, it will take all their strength and the best abilities to go about.—David Dickson.

Annihilate not the mercies of God by the oblivion of ingratitude. Let thy diaries stand thick with dutiful mementoes and asterisks of acknowledgment.—Sir Thomas Browne.

If gratitude is due from man to man, how much more from man to his Maker! The supreme being does not only confer upon us those bounties which proceed more immediately from his hand, but even those benefits which are conveyed to us by others. Every blessing we enjoy, by what means soever it may be derived upon us, is the gift of him who is the great author of good and father of mercies.—Joseph Addison.

The whole Christian life is thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is the open secret of Christian experience. By the mercies of God in Jesus Christ we are saved. Salvation is God's great, good gift to his children. Service is their response of thankfulness for that gift. There is no Christian thanksgiving without Christian thanksgiving. The thanks are the life. Gratitude for grace is the gist of godliness. 'In every thing give thanks,' is the rule of Christian living. 'Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.' The earnest, consecrated Christian has a thanksgiving holiday all the year round.—Selected.

