

Getting Christmas Dinner ON A RANCH



By Theodore Roosevelt.

(This is an extract from a vivid little sketch written by Theodore Roosevelt twenty years ago and published at the time.)

One December, while I was out on my ranch, so much work had to be done that it was within a week of Christmas before we were able to take any thought for the Christmas dinner.

ly for sight of feeding deer. Just before sunrise we came on three lines of heart-shaped footmarks in the snow, which showed where as many deer had just crossed a little plain ahead of us.

riding to one side of the trail, we topped the little ridge just as the sun flamed up, a burning ball of crimson, beyond the snowy waste at our backs.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, Jacob Klein was elected president and Levi Meritt vice president.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell and Mrs. Mary Mitchell left for Florida last Saturday, where they will remain during January and February.

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memories of the year. The costumes, tableaux and music all showed the work put upon it by those in charge as well as by the participants.

—Don't forget that the M. E. Ladies Aid will have charge of the candy booth at the poultry show this week.

—A ten-cent package of Marvello Water Softener makes six hundred gallons of Downers Grove hard water as soft as rain water.

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EVERY DAY AN OPPORTUNITY

(The following, written by Robert E. Malone, is favorably compared by critics with Ingalls' famous poem, "Opportunity.")

They do me wrong who say I come no more When once I knock and fail to find you;

For every day I stand outside your door, And bid you wake and rise to fight and win.

Will not for precious chances passed away, Weep not for golden ages on the wane;

Each night I burn the records of the day, At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped, To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;

My judgments seal the dead just with its dead, But never blind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep, I lend my arm to all who say "I can";

No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep, But might arise and be again a man.

Do not behold thy lost youth all aghast? Do not reel from righteous retribution's blow?

MASSAGE

Downers Grove, Ill., Dec. 26. — "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills for some time and feel very much better."

But nature always warns you. Notice the kidney secretions. See if the color is unhealthy.

If there are settlements and sediment. Passages frequent, scanty, painful. It's time then to use Doan's Kidney Pills.

To ward off Bright's disease or diabetes. Doan's have done great work in Downers Grove.

Charles C. Reese, 38 South Foote street, Downers Grove, Ill., says: "I am pleased to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. I suffered a great deal from pain in my back and a burning sensation in passing the kidney secretions.

A few months ago I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Bush & Simonson's drug store, and after taking the contents of one box, I noticed great relief.

To-day I can say that I am as well as ever, and I shall always keep a box of Doan's Kidney Pills on hand."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. BUSH & SIMONSON.

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T. H. SLUSSER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Office at residence, 67 Highland Ave., Chicago office, 200 Madison St., DOWNS GROVE, ILL.

Jonas W. Tamm, M.D., 125 Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

THE LABORER'S REWARD

We labor best in life's long day, When most we labor for the pay That is divinely given.

Life's labor is not lost to him Who fills his cup of life to brim With love's own satisfaction.

Looking Into the Sunset, Yes, there lived Miss Spencer (at the time of which I write) all alone with Richard the Lion Heart, and if you ask me for further particulars of Richard I will say that he was a canny who whose pleasure and duty it was to mind his mistress and keep her safe from harm.

Oh, but he was a champion bird, was Richard! Afraid of nothing, chattering fierce warnings to the butcher and the groceryman, and terrorizing the baker in a peremptory sort of way only because he was the man who brought the bread.

Well, then, it began with slight hoarseness in Richard's highest notes and the noisier he heard it Miss Spencer folded a pair of shoes for some fortunate little orphan—and mixed a little flaxseed with Richard's lard, and shut a door and a window to keep the draught off him, but all in vain.

Letting tempt him not, except for hopeful moments; he turned up his bill as celery tips and green peas, and as for birdseed, he simply wouldn't look at it.

he able to picture clearly when I whisper to you that he was an elderly blue-eyed gentleman, beloved of everyone, who lived in considerable awe of his housekeeper and was famous for the great size of his horse.

"I didn't see Miss Spencer at church this morning," said the doctor as he obediently sat himself at the dinner table.

"Out of town, maybe," snapped the housekeeper.

"No," said the doctor, "she never goes out of town."

The housekeeper rattled another plate and the doctor relapsed into silence, but soon after dinner he harrowed the ancient nag, and half an hour later Richard the Lion Heart had his little beak opened and a doctor of medicine was trying to look at his tongue!

A fortnight passed and the doctor called every day, tempting Richard's appetite with chickweed—stily rubbed with olive oil—scratching his cage with flames, coaxing him back to activity and song; so that at the end of the fortnight the doctor announced that his patient was entirely well, and very pleasantly added that his visits, his very pleasant visits, for which he would take no other fee than one of Richard's lion-hearted songs, would have to cease and determine. He stayed away a week and then he called one evening, "Just to see," as he told himself, "how his patient was getting along."

Little Miss Spencer was sitting at the window knitting a pair of socks for another of those unfortunate orphans, and Richard's cage was on the sill, where he was playing with a bit of yarn, trying to unravel it and calling to the homing sparrows. What Miss Spencer's thoughts had been I do not know, but as she knitted away and looked at the sunset it sometimes happened, I think, that she knitted a tear into those little woolen socks, but yet, when the doctor entered, her eyes were very bright.

Spencer with her lips parted, her eyes shining, and that tender look of happiness which tells of dreams fulfilled— Evening Sun.

MAGIC GLASS, A Curious Mirror That May Be Made Transparent.

One of the most curious inventions of this age is what is called patented glass. A piece of glass is coated with an exceedingly thin layer of a liquid charged with platinum and then raised to a red heat.

By constructing a window of patented glass one could stand close behind the panes in an unilluminated room and behold clearly everything going on outside, while passers-by looking at the window would behold only a fine mirror or set of mirrors in which their own figures would be reflected, while the person inside remained invisible.

In France various tricks have been contrived with the aid of this glass. In one a person, seeing what appears to be an ordinary mirror, approaches it to gaze upon himself. A sudden change in the mechanism sends light through the glass from the back, whereupon it instantly becomes transparent and the startled spectator finds himself confronted by some grotesque figure that had been hidden behind the magic glass.—New York Tribune.

His idea of the English. The following illustrates Louis Philippe's idea of England and the English. He one day asked Hugo if he had ever been in England and on receiving a negative reply continued: "Well, when you do go—for you will go—you will see how strange it is. It resembles France in nothing. Over there are order, arrangement, symmetry, cleanliness, well mowed lawns and profound silence on the streets.

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