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Bustry.

The pumpkins all are riseaing in the Of the wine-filled air October always brings; And underneath the vines where they The cheery little cricket chirps and out."

IN OCTOBER

A giory wer the land-cape far

White-vested, where the dewdrops Kitty !" The valley grass takes on its fall adorning naiguag

place afar From North Wind's bloster an storm's commention, Where mildly beams above mer star.

The birds have

har dreams are now of fireside brigh ly glowing. Of cheer and comfort that around clings, Intil the warm breeze from the South had blowing. Shall bring to us once more the ru of wings.

-Holes M. Richardson

Family Reading

Kitty's Thanksgiving

IT was the prettiest little bird box a home around the busy factory town of Barboursville. The patch of grass was the greenest, the bit of geranium bed the brightest, the rose vies clambering over the rustle porch the sweetest and failest of bloom. Two great alms just far enough apart to swing a gay Mexican hammack, shad ed the tiny yard where Dick Derneut ment with quality and stabil- Jr., lay on a rog kicking and crowing, while his pretty mamma bustled in and out, busy as only a little wife, mother and housekeeper of twenty oan be. At forty, even with a dozen children, mother can afford to take a pap or so between the acts, but at twenty

life's drams is too etirring for even wink. And it was all such a brand how as pecience for the little onevent g Kitty, who had ceptured Dick's hopest. boyleb beart in her graduation dress, married him six months later and Yound life a series of siad and wonderful revelations over since. There never was such a husband, never such a home; never oh never in all the history of man and womankind, such

a blessing of a baby. True, Belle Morrie, etopping to her old classmats on her way to Newport, bad found the small parlor so adequate for her flounces that she had to allow them to sweep the tlay ball. pures. Belle had glanced commiseratingly rank bereat to the love that reigned in | life can be

young brow, and was blind to her new | God could see. muslin dress with its six lace trimmed new tooth, kicked the out and swore time and sorrow, were keen to see and at the coffee. Then indeed, Belle's pity all earthly grief and pain. Good whispered: "It is our only chance. warning returned to Kitty, and she Mre, Barbour, though busied with could find neither heart nor voice to many things, at Thankegiving time question the appulling change. Not could not get the ploture of the awest, the wife and mother the light seemed until she had stolen away in the twi- tear stained young face out of her to go out of earth and sky joto black light and sung the baby to sleep with mother-mind. For at Thansgiving, set gloom, in which even the Star the old convent by more that had always by some blessed chemistry known to of Faith vanished. It was a hard been his fullaby did the explanation such household unints, this good eyed little Kitty, too wretched for come. For the sweet Ave Marie, float, ing out into the starlight, while Dick own desolution into a fount of sweetlay stratched morbidly in the hammock, had broken the bitter spall.

Little Kitty lay a careeding hand on bor young husband's cheek, felt it was hot and wet.

"Oh Dick, what is it?" she whisper-"You might as well know first as

Bred, Kitty." sick and faint. I had bot words this evening, and-

I've lost my place." living, Kitty, P"

"Losing your living !" she answered, half laughing through her tears. "For I long, that young men always and." my little wife."

bearts.

For Mr. Barbour, the proprietor o

the great cotton mills in which Dick

was shipping clerk, was old authresty

and opportunities; and Dick was joung and high existed and resistance. and there had been there then doe dif-

"and I put on my hat and walked lover's side. your hat and walk in again " suggest-

ed Kitty innocently. "Never." flamed forth the young , "An insolent young puppy, Deserves The head'y of creation seems to rally land of creation, fleroely. "I should in loveliest rooms to greet the dying think you would have too much pride and respect for your husband to think

"There are six little grave stones in the Barbour lot," continued the pretty Low beading for its winter burying. | pessemaker softly. "And the last ckless | girl died of consumption when she was savage and Mrs. Barber such a saint." fod Saint or savage I've done with both of them I" said Dick, decidedly. "And for work at Meyers'." I want you to be done, too. I won't bave any pures proud old tyrants larding it over me. We have \$60 or \$70

> in the bank." "Sixty-seven dollars and forty-two cents," said the little wife recordly. "And I'll get another job in a day or two, I am sure. Ridgely, in the mills across the river, kinted to me sh working in the fields! With his months ago that he would take me if I felt like changing my place. So don't worry, darling. All will come out

right." quiver in the breeze that precedes the

For the days went by and there was no other job. The Barbours were the leading people of the little town, and Dick found that the loss of their favor went dead against him. Even Ridgeley's, the rival mills across the river. now looked askance at the likely young fellow, who came without the testiwas too proud to ask.

"Something wrong about him," said Pepper (the sobriquet Mr. Barbour had bearted, addispated old idiot! A G. T. R. yard at Little York, being have let such a clafer young chap go." Day after day Dick secured the circle of little towns within reach of chooses to fly in my face like a game- died to the General, Hospital a day the sime; but all in vain. It was a

he went soroes the hills and took a hand at the late barvesting, and con- please-but he may starve or beg Fair at Chicago, were given by Dr. port, which would be a great advantracted a malaris in the swamp lands, or die before he gets any soft words | Uren on buildings and grounds; Mr. that brought him back to Kitty pale. from me, I'll be hanged higher than H. P. Moore on the exhibits, and Mr. bollow-eyed, trembling, the mere Haman first !" And "Old Papper" gaunt ghost of the Dick of long ago. struck his cane savagely on the porch For long ago now-indeed, seemed the and turned into the house as if the bright, happy summer to the little succet burt his eyes.

over the tiny lawn and garden; the plesced the rugged heart to its core.

And Dick FAh, the demon of malarvowed she wouldn't do her own work and he was as moody, as petulent, as for any man under the sun. Much unressonable as only a man with malmore that Belle said that savored of aris polsoning the springs of his young

the little cottage under the class; but Hope and love seemed to have failed Kitty was far too happy to bear or Kitty; only faith was left-the sweet, childlike faith that sent the troubled Until one evening Dick came home little wife and mother every day to with a strange black shadow on his kneel and let her tears fall where only roffice; utterly regardless of the baby's human eyes, that, though dimmed by eyes had kindled feveriably, at the

woman turned the bitterness of her ness and joy to all within her reach,

True, there were no glad homecominge in the big, bospitable Barbour mapsion : no gathering of sturdy sone and fair daughters to make she wishes you a happy Thankegiv- him little more than a bare living. the mother-beart glad; no lisping litthe cose to bring the low of a second apring to that fairvland of childhood, lest," be answered blugtly. "I am "grandmother." But, for all that, becatombe of fat turkeys browned in "Tired," she gasped, misapprehend- the specious kitchen; the great porceing the word and growing suddenty lain kettles brimmed with cranberry sauce : extra help were summoned to "Yes, fired. Old man Barbour and bake and boll: while mother Barbour bereelf, in white cap and apron, weighed and measured and stirred and sifted "Oh," murmured Kitty, with a sob and sweetened and spleed according to of relief, "le that all, Dick ? I thought good old recipes that had come down -I thought it was something worse." from the days when housewives wafe "Worse I' he school grimly. "What Myish with their I's and wrote y for in would you call worse than losing your their recipe books, but gave coulded and measure that never falled.

And then, what pies-pumpkin, minos, apple, custard-came in rich, thought you sald you well tired, I flaky ranks out of the Barbour ovens. tired of me, of bome and of baby. What mounds of frosted cake and Belle Morris said you would be before | sugared gingerbreads rose in the great pantry! What cookies and jumbles "Tired of you !" Dick stated up in- filled boxes and baskets until they diguantly from his moody stretch in sould hold no more! What jare of the hammock. "Belle Morrie is a pickles and glasses of july and bottles meddling Mint, Tired of you, Kitty, of bume made wine brought out from And then the little wife, still pombl- chetrion, homeless, motheriess creeog betwirt joy and grief, was drawn ture within, mother Bartour's reach ing belwizt joy and great, was stream close to her husband's bide; and the Maxiona handwook swang off less persisted again, even though Dick, had a sale to unnfold that might have carried in her "Inankagive Ritry read" with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it, Ritry read with broatbless amuse ment; and opening it. his haunts on the swamp lands to sat our quetum to forward such to families

bluco ands ",liw-boog to saw Milety, not be baked or brewed, Mother Bar | ble position, I remain, bour was thinking to-day as she

ference about business methods before the porch where her husband now. But this afternoon had come smoking in the sunset. Grin and his now to the letter and broken the final clash. Dick had made some grey and ragged was "Old Pepper," In spirit, as his good wife's love had basty remark about "old fogies" and with frowning brow and firm lips ; but guessed. Mr. Berbour had retorted very foreibly | Mother Berbour's hand had been on his "loo's mane" for forty years, and ty flow to bis side with letter and en-"He blaned out at me in a way no she knew no fear of his roar. She ellpman could bear," said Dick, loftly; ped out into the sunset to her old

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"I saw little Mrs. Dernent in church "And-and-and can't you take off | this morning; Silas," she said. "I am afraid they are in great trouble!" "(ilad of it I" growled "old Pepper." liver, dear. And it means," added

"Hhe le such a pretty little creature." continued Mother Berbour, not in the of such a thing. Toady and cringe to least speaked by this inauspicious that vile-tempered old tyrant I Never opening. "Not a day older than our Klien, -and with the same soft. hair-you remember Ellen's beautiful bair. And the poor child was crying

childres old couple in their declining "Let her cry !" enapped the old man just twenty. They say it was this last fleroely. "Serves her right for marand girls to keep Thankagiving now in sorrow that made Mr. Barbour such a rying such a hot-tempesed young the Barbour housebold, where Dick

Junior, now the centre rush of "I bear that she has been looking his winning game. A stordy young Silas gave an angry grunt. Meyers' shirt factory and its sweat shop prices were justly his abomination.

"It seems that the young fellow bimself has been down with a fever. He went out in the fields for the har-L"Harvesting !" exclaimed the old

man with a startled oath., "Dernent

brains! They must be addled completaly 1" "No; but there seemed no work for them, so he had to tracher bands, for And, though Kitty seented, there | there is the young wife, you know was a faint tremer in ber tone that and the baby-the dear little baby!" told the mother bird who felt her uset (The old mother's voice trembled with memories.) "I am going to send them a Thankegiving basket; I thought dear, perhaps you might send a friendly word with it. Young men Ray, Mr. Kannedy, of Arran, Sootare naturally proud and high-spirited. Our own boys would have been, I am preached a Gastle sermon in Knox

used to fire up when he was only Sunday morning. seven, and-" "Thunder and lightning woman!" come from England about a year ago monial or recommendation that Dick "Old Pepper" started to his feet, to work for the Acton Tanning Co., while his pipe fall from his hand and left about ten days ago to look for smashed into pieces upon the porch. another job, Word came to his family largest navy in the world; as her the long-headed proprietor, "or old "What do you take me for? A soft- here that he had been injured in the colonies are situated in avery part of borne these later years) would never friendly word - indeed a friendly found unconscious. He had probably tect them and also to protect her shipword | I am to noax and wheedle and aither fallen off a moving train or been ping interests. She has established oringe to every young upstart that struck while proceing the yard. He coaling stations and constructed dry cook if I chance to ruffle his pin- later, not having become conscious throughout the world. In this way dull season, and for a young man with- feathers ! A friendly word! I had enough to recognize his family who every steam vessel is within a few out recommendation every place was my eye on that boy to take our boy's had been sent for. place," continued the old man with a Then, being a plucky young fellow, gulp, "when he turned on me. Send him your dinners -all the disuers you ling when addresses on the World's her ships without calling at any foreign

But Mother Barbour smiled, -- smiled The warm sunshine had paled ; the even through the tears that had late autumn was upon them with its gathered as she spoke of her children chill and gloom ; the last leaves of the for she knew "Old Pepper," and that elms were drifting in dead showers her last shaft about little Silas Kad Mexican bammock swung empty in . It was a dreary Thankagiving in the the frosty air. And there was no tuel little cottage under the sims-not bein the tiny cellar, no groceries in the cause Dick was down in the depths little pentry, no money in the pretty with a shaking chill, not because there Sons, their saw mill and paint mill vest fishing grounds, She is noted for was little in the larder and less in over Kitty's home made tollettes, and in had laid its greep upon bright Dick, little Kitty would have faced with a letter from Belle Morris offering & W. A. Stoley, James Firstbrook, J. C. where young Morris was working . have left for the World's Fair at mine. It told Kitty to sell out the Chicago. little bird's nest 'and come to her In that city where she would find music scholars. It spoke of years of enforced esparation, as if love were Her Christian character --was very But othereyes were upon her-tender | naught and gold were all. And Dick'e

> glittering hope. Dick's burning lips McKnagus-in Asion, on Ostobe Kitty. We must take it." And then indeed to the hapless teers or prayers, who was stirring the broth made from her last chicken for Dick's dinner, when a knock came at the door and a grinning negro boy presented a dainty covered basket. "Mrs. Barbour's compliments, and

Thanksgiving! Kitty's lips quiver ed at the mocking word. Thanksgiv ngt-wish home and love and happ ness molting from her grasp; with dim waste of desolate years stretching before; with her young life stripped of all its blooming love Thanksgiving! And then suddenly through the blackness of her own gloom, there fisshed the memory of the elx little gravestones in the Barbour fotr of the memorial windows over the alter ; of the sweet, saintly old face in its halo of silver hair. And yet desolate Mother Barbour still

kept Thankegiving! The tears burst from Kitty's eyes in a saving flood, weeping away all hardness, all blitternoss, as she uncovered the friendly offering. There was a fat brown turkey reposing on bed of crisp lettuces a flaky minos ole, a tumbler of jelly, a bottle of respherry wine. But it was none of these that made Kitty's eyes open wide white the tears in their depths markled into reinbows. On the top all was an envelope, directed in an d fashioned business hand to Mrs. Richard Dernent; and opening it,

light dinner once in the year like a of employees during liloses. Trusting that Mr. Dernant's health will soon permit him to resume the duties of

"Yours truly,

THLEGRAMS And thus had "Old Pepper" kept

"It seems you have never lost your

place!" subbed his little wife on his

breast," "It means love and hope and

means God is too good to part our

Kitty, breaking into ginlish smiles and

rapture, "that 'Old Papper' is an angel

to match his darling. And we will

love them and serve them the rest of

our lives, and try to make up to them

keep this pledge that they have be

come like son and daughter to the

years. There is no lack of merry boys

Biles Barbour Dernent upholds his

namecake's failing strongth; and af-

ready a baby Ellen is lisplay the name

gentle Mother Barbour never boped to

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Notes from the Free Press of Thurs-

day, October 19th, 1808

Church gave a social on Monday even-

W. II. Storey on the general impres-

Mr. Strickland Duffield, of Rock-

house on Thursday afternoon when

Yesterday Miss Jessie Manh, daugh-

ter of Hugh Mann, passed away. She

had been for pipe years an invalid.

MARRIED

LAPPERTY SHITT — At Milson, on October, 19th,
- by Hev. R. Hoddow, Mr. John Lafferty, Rock-wood, to Mice Lillie Smith, of Acien.

UDD—In Toronto, on October 18th, Kephanish Budd, aged 25 years.

HIS THANKSOIVING TURKBY

of the Plunkville Basoo was Farmer

Bainbridge, whose scanty acres yielded

The editor had dunned him many

times, but without success, yet kept

his name on the subscription list for

fear that if he out him off the debt

ever, he sent him notice that unless

the account were squared within a

would be discontinued. One Novem-

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your relations."

Rditor Dyson.

ber morning Farmer Rainbridge called

"Mr. Dyeon," he said, "how much

"Six dollars," answered the editor.

"It's a bargain," said the editor

"There, that's sottled," said the

farmer, as he folded the paper. "Now

"That's very kind of you," declared

batchet and then digging it up to

When a lawyer gets busy and works

am I behind on the Barco !"

he made out a receipt in full.

ter of a cord of stovawood."

and beight about 2 feet.

marked.

for all they have lost."

beer : "Grandmother !"

fell away.

happiness for us again, Dick.

Here a yellow leaf slipe down There a yellow leaf : The trees are sending telegrams Each a message brief. "What in thunder does it' mean?" Read one as it flutters by. said Dick, flushing and paling, as Kit

Asybody may: "Dear Old Mother Barth," it runs, "Winter's on the way !" "OUR EMPIRE"

The following historical sketch was awarded Bref prise at Acton Fall Fair. It was written by Oilvo Mowat, a teayear-old pupil of Acton Public School, the little daughter of Mr. J. A. Mowat, ex-Chairman of the Board of Educa-

The history of Britain begins with the invesion of Julius Crear 55 B. C. Corear le the first Roman writer who And so well did Dick and Kitty mentions Britain. Before him we bave only a few short notices by Greak writers who appear to have known but little about the country. The carliest is in 450 B. C. who mentions the The Islands only to confess his ignorance about them. By the Tin Islands are probably to be understood college team, comes to triumph after only the Scilly Isles and Cornwall The earliest inhabitants of Britain concerning whom we have any cortain knowledge are the Celts, who formed the vanguard in the great westward migration of the Indo-

Buropean nations. From this small beginning the Britlab Empire has grown until to-day she is the largest empire on the globs. Her area is over eleven millions of square miles and her population over The first flurry of snow fell on Saturfour hundred millions. It comprises one-fifth of the land on the earth and Burlington people are petitioning more than one-fourth the people. A the Council for electric street lighting. considerable part of this immense ter-Heavy rain on Thursday night caused the foundation of J. A. Murray's sitory is unexplored and much of its repew house on Mill Street to settle and sources are yet undeveloped. It is an part of the beick work at the pormer empire that stretches over all latitudes and longitudes and upon which the sun never sets. It has every kind of oliland, who was visiting Acton friends mate from equatorial best to polar cold and is inhabited by people of every sure. You remember how little Silas Church after the regular service on race, religion and color. Wherever British control has been exercised the benefits of civilization have been exper-Zephaniah Hudd, a currier, who had

ienced. Rogland le called mistress of the sees and justly so as the maintains the the world she needs the navy to prodocks at various strategic points days' sail of a supply of soal and of a The Ladies Ald of the Methodist place where repairs can be made. She can sail around the world and replenish tage to ber in time of war.

Her recources are many and varied. Of minerals she has coul, iron, tin, slate, granite and pottery, clay, while in her colonies are found rold, silver. wood, while bunting on the Sockett diamonds, asbestos, nickel and copper. farm, came suddenly on alynx, crouch- In agriculture she leads all others. ed in a tree. Mr. Duffield shot it, and The vast wheat fields of western Canhad it taken to Guelph to be stuffed ada are the largest in the world. She and mounted. Its weight is 28 lbs., also grows large quantities of hay, length 8 feet 6 inches from tip to tip, barley, outs and rye. All kinds of fruit are grown in her different pos-A destructive fire occurred at Lime- sessions. While on her rich pasture lands all kinds of live stock are fed the woollen mills of John Newton & She has unlimited lumber lands and with much of the contents, were des ber manufactures such as cottons

woollens and steel goods. Owing to its wealth of manufactures During the week Mr. and Mrs. Welenormous trade with all parts of the booked a pass to far away Arlsony Miller, N. Weber and J. H. Matthews world. In fact and carries on about one sixth of the trade of the world. Her people are noted for energy, intelligence, patriotism, industry, thriftiness, high ideals and for their seal in matters of education and religion. They are fearless in the discharge of duty. They take the part of the oppresend and the poor will receive justice as well as the rich. The saying.

> "British Fair Play" is known the Mould over Her prospects are bright. Her people are united; they all love and bonour their country, and would gladly lay down their lives in her defence. Happy and honored indeed are we whose homes are under the British flag ! May she over remember to do the right and give Him the bonor who has so wonderfully blessed and kept

Among the delinquent subscribers ber. "Lord God of Hoets, be with us ye Last we forget-last we forget ! Every moment you now loose is so much character and advantage lost ; sa, on the other hand, every moment you now amploy usefully is so much time wheely laid out at prodigious inwould never be paid, -- At last, how- terest.

Better want something that you can't have than have something that month or less his copy of the paper you don't want.

There never was and never will be a universal panaces in one remedy for all ills to which desh is helr. What would relieve one ill in turn would aggravate the others. We have, how "Well," rejoined the caller, "I have ever, in Quinine Wine, when obtained not any money, but I have brought in a sound, unadulterated state a you a thirty-pound turkey. Thanks- remedy for many and grievous illa. giving is only two weeks away. Sup- By its gradual and judicious use the pose you take the fowl and call it frallest systems are led into convales square. There'll be enough to feed all cence and strengh by the influence which Quinine exerts on Nature's own restoratives. It relieves those to whom a chronic state of morbid despondency and lack of Interest in life is a distinct and by trabquillaing for good measure, I'll throw in's quar the nerves disposes to sound and refreehing alone imports vigor to the action of the blood, which being atimulated, courses through the veins, "Well," said Farmer Bainbridge, strongthoning the healthy, animal with a dry smile, "I have an idea you functions of the system, thereby will need every bit of it to cook the making activity a necessary result strengthening the frame and giving life to the directive organs which A poor man seldom has a reputation | naturally demand increased substance Some people are always burying the rop & Lyman, of Toronto, have given to the public their superior Quinine. By the opinion of scientists, the wine approaches nearest perfection of any

on the market, All drugglats sell it