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If you want a good time, then give something away."
So he sent a fat turkey to Shoemaker Price,
And the shoemaker said: "What a big bird! How nice!
And since such a good dinner's before me, I ought
To give Widow Lee the small chicken I bought."
"This fine chicken, O see!" said the pleased Widow Lee,
"And the kindness that sent it, how precious to me!
I would like to make some one as happy as I;
I'll give Washwoman Biddy my big pumpkin pie."
"And, O, sure!" Biddy said, "'tis the queen of all pies!
Just to look at its yellow face gladdens my eyes!
Now it's my turn, I think; and a sweet ginger cake
For the motherless Finigan children I'll bake."
Said the Finigan children—Rose, Denny, and Hugh—
"It smells sweet of spice; and we'll carry a slice
To poor little lame Jake, who has nothing that's nice."
"O, thank you, and thank you!" said little lame Jake;
"What a bootiful, bootiful, bootiful cake!
And such a big slice! I will save all those crumbs
And give them to each little sparrow that comes."
And the sparrows they twittered as if they would say,
Like Old Gentleman Gay: "On a Thanksgiving Day,
If you want a good time, then give something away."

—Selected.

An Unexpected Thanksgiving Guest

BY MEDICUS RANSOM

ANN TATE stood drinking in deep draughts of the crisp morning air. "O, its such a perfect day! Such a lovely, cloudless, golden autumn day! I feel as though I want to skip across the country with my hair blowing in the wind, like I used to do when I was a child. I feel like I could go on and on forever and never get tired. This is too pretty a day to spend a particle of it indoors. Winter will soon be here, and all the beautiful, peaceful autumn will be past. So I'm going to make good of this fine weather and go for a long walk. But first let me take a last look at my flowers, for to-morrow is Thanksgiving, and I'll cut them all to wear. There are just enough for a bouquet to carry to the football game and the dinner."

Running into the house, Ann put on her wide-brimmed hat and light coat and was presently out of doors again. At the garden gate she stopped to admire her golden and white chrysanthemums which glistened in the mellow light of the autumn sun. She had raised these flowers, giving them every care and attention, and now their beauty gratified her fully. There were not many of them, hardly more than an armful, but they were large and full-blown and beautiful. "My chrysanthemums, you'll go with me to-morrow to the football game and afterwards to the dinner, and you'll be as pretty as any flowers there," Ann exclaimed happily as she skipped away down the narrow road which was carpeted with fading leaves.

In her enjoyment of the brisk autumn weather the pedestrian did not realize how far she had gone from home until she came to a clearing in the woodland and recognized a little dull brown cottage, by the roadside. "Why, it's old Mrs. Spivey's cottage, and I've come two and a half miles!" she exclaimed surprisedly. "And since I've come this far, I'll stop and see how the dear little old lady is getting along. I'm afraid I haven't been very neighborly lately. In fact I haven't seen her this fall."

In answer to Miss Tate's knock at the door little Mary Lee, Mrs. Spivey's granddaughter and sole companion, came to greet the guest. "Where's your grandmother, Mary?" Ann inquired anxiously. "I expected to find her out in the yard at work with her flowers. She always had such pretty chrysanthemums at Thanksgiving time."

"Yes; but she's been sick so much this fall that she hasn't been able to tend her flowers; and there aren't any, you see," the little girl replied.

"I hadn't noticed. But now I see that there are no flowers about the house," Ann exclaimed, looking regretfully at the blossomless flower beds. "But how is Mrs. Spivey to-day? I hope she is better."

"No'm; I think she is about the same. She can't get out of doors, but she walks about the house a little bit. I'm staying home from school this session and helping her with the housework. Just come right into her room. She'll be mighty glad to see you," Mary observed as she opened a hall door.

"Why, it's Ann, and I'm so glad to see you! I was beginning to fear that you had forgotten all about me, my dear. Forgive me for not rising, but I'm not well enough to get out of my easy-chair this morning," said Mrs. Spivey, smiling up at her hearty young guest, all flushed from the walk through the brisk morning air.

"I'm afraid I haven't been very neighborly," Ann replied regretfully as she accepted a chair beside her hostess; "but I've been very busy this fall with my music lessons and my flowers and some reading I've been doing. But I'm so sorry to find you ill. Had I known that you were not well, I would have come, busy or not."

"Well, I didn't want to trouble you with an old lady's ailments," Mrs. Spivey replied gently. "Tell me about your flowers. Did they bloom successfully? This is the first Thanksgiving in many a year that I haven't had chrysanthemums for my dinner table. It hardly seems like Thanksgiving without them. But Mary and I have had to give up our idea of a Thanksgiving dinner; for Aunt Phoebe, my old cook, is in bed with rheumatism, and there's only little Mary to prepare the dinner. So we'll have just a simple little repast as we do every day, without flowers or turkey or jellies or any of the lovely things we used to have. But, my dear, you were speaking of your music lessons. How I have wanted to hear you sing and play! The little organ hasn't been opened since you were here last. Do sing me some of the old favorites."

Ann felt a lump rise in her throat as she looked at the faded little old gentlewoman and listened to what she was saying. So she made no reply to her request save to grant it. Quickly she sat down before the little organ, raised the lid, and presently began the accompaniment of an old familiar air, which she sang at first a bit brokenly, but after a while with a full, clear, sympathetic voice. This song was followed by others, until all of the listener's favorites were exhausted. Then the guest, consulting the old clock on the high mantel shelf, found that it was time for to start home. But as she was singing she had been thinking and planning, too. When she had bade Mrs. Spivey an affectionate farewell, she closed the door after her and drew little Mary into the kitchen. "Mary Lee," she whispered, "I'm planning a surprise for your grandma, a happy surprise, and you and I must keep it a secret from her until everything is ready. I'm coming over early in the morning and bring a basket of jellies and cakes and nice things, and my beautiful chrysanthemums to decorate the table, and we're going to have a lovely Thanksgiving dinner in your grandma's honor. Sallie, our cook's little girl, will come along with me to help me carry the things and to help us get the dinner ready. You must keep your grandma in another part of the house and not let her know I'm here until dinner time, for it must all be a surprise for her."

"Yes'm" was all that little Mary said; but her eyes grew big and bright at the happy prospect, and tears of gratitude shone on her lashes as Ann Tate hurried away down the road.

O, it was a great sacrifice, giving up the football game and the dinner! But her place could be easily filled, and no one but herself would suffer. Then, too, how she had dreamed of the flowers which she would carry to the game and the dinner! But a vision of Mrs. Spivey's patient, faded face dispelled thoughts of selfish pleasure, and the sacrifice became light.

Early the next morning Miss Tate and her little maid arrived at the dull-brown cottage, which they entered quietly through the kitchen door. Until noon she and the assistants were very busy in the kitchen and adjoining dining room.

"Grandma doesn't suspect a thing," little Mary whispered as she came out of the invalid's room. "She can't hear us from in there, and she's been taking a nap. But if everything's ready now, I'll go roll her in in her easy-chair."

"Yes, everything's ready," Ann replied, viewing with satisfaction the beautiful table, with its snowy cloth set in fine old china and the golden and white chrysanthemums filling a tall vase in the center.

"Dinner's ready, grandma," little Mary announced as she entered the invalid's room.

In another minute the little old lady uttered an exclamation of mingled delight and astonishment, for the dining room door had been thrown open and a beautiful picture presented itself to her tired eyes. "Why, Ann, my dear, what does it all mean? Are you my good fairy who has waved her wand over my little dining room and produced a lovely Thanksgiving dinner and those beautiful chrysanthemums to brighten everything?" Mrs. Spivey asked as the tears mingled with her smiles.

"No; I'm just an unexpected Thanksgiving guest, and I brought the flowers and jellies and some other little things with me. Mary and Sallie and I got the dinner ready without letting you know, so as to surprise you," Ann replied as she and Mary sat down to the table opposite the guest of honor.

"And it's the sweetest, happiest surprise! It's like our old-fashioned Thanksgiving days," Mrs. Spivey observed feelingly.

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The Testimony of one of Ontario's Most Prominent Men

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"What's dat, suh?"

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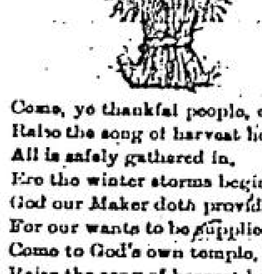

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

ACTON FALL FAIR PRIZE LIST

List of the Successful Exhibitors in All Classes in Hall, Stock, Poultry, Etc.

1917 FAIR REACHES HIGH WATER MARK

The following is the official list of prize winners at Acton Fall Fair last week. The fair of this year was the largest in point of entries, attendance and general success in the history of the fair:

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DRAFT

Brood mare: N. E. McKinnon, N. Gillies & Sons, M. P. Farries.

Spring colt: N. Gillies & Sons, J. A. Cockburn & Sons, W. W. Matheson.

One-year-old gelding or filly: N. E. McKinnon, J. A. Cockburn & Sons.

Two-year-old gelding or filly: James Barnes, R. Tuck, I. B. Vannatter.

Three year-old gelding or filly: R. Tuck, W. W. Matheson, N. Gillies & Sons.

AGRICULTURAL

Brood mare: W. W. Matheson, J. A. Cockburn & Sons.

Spring colt: M. P. Farries, J. D. McDonald.

One-year-old gelding or filly: N. E. McKinnon, J. A. Cockburn & Sons.

Two-year-old gelding or filly: S. Stewart, R. Tuck, R. McDonald.

Three-year-old gelding or filly: S. Stewart, Duncan McDougall, J. A. Cockburn & Sons.

GENERAL PURPOSE

Brood mare: Percy Martin, Leslie & Pearen, Thos. Ryder.

Spring colt: Thos. Ryder, Leslie & Pearen, P. Martin.

One-year-old gelding or filly: R. McDonald, Duncan McDougall, Thos. Ryder.

Two-year-old gelding or filly: W. H. Allen, J. D. McDonald, R. W. Lowrie.

Three-year-old gelding or filly: J. W. Canteloe, Thos. Ryder.

HEAVY HORSES IN HORSES

Span heavy draught: N. E. McKinnon, R. Tuck.

Span agricultural: J. A. Cockburn & Sons, W. W. Matheson.

Span general purpose: W. L. Scott & Son, Geo. A. Wilson.

LIGHT HORSES

CARRIAGE

Brood mare: Wesley Masales, D. Whitley, D. McLean.

Spring colt: Geo. M. Anderson, Wesley Masales, D. McLean.

Two-year-old gelding or filly: Geo. M. Anderson, A. M. McPherson, R. Kerr.

ROADSTER

Brood mare: J. D. McDonald, R. S. Henderson.

Spring colt: Dan Whitley, R. McDonald, J. D. McDonald.

One-year-old gelding or filly: Jno. Elliott, J. W. Nickell, R. W. Lowrie.

Two-year-old gelding or filly: J. W. Nickell, Mann Bros., R. H. Lasby.

LIGHT HORSES IN HARNESS

Single carriage, 3-year-old gelding or filly: Fyfe Somerville.

Single carriage, mare or gelding: J. J. Forgrave.

Span carriage, mares or geldings: W. C. Howard, D. McLean, A. E. Currie.

Three-year-old roadster, gelding or filly: John Campbell, A. E. Currie, L. E. Atkinson.

Single roadster, mare or gelding: C. H. Heslop, Alex. Orr, A. Vance.

Span roadsters, mares or geldings: D. Robertson Co., N. Chisholm, A. E. Currie.

Saddle horse, mare or gelding: J. B. Devereaux, W. C. Bessey, J. W. Nickell.

TRIALS OF SPEED

TROT OR PACE

1st: Dr. Hal, R. Overland, Orangeville.
2nd: Gold Bar, J. Hillis, Guelph.
3rd: Michael Grattan Jr., M. P. Barry, Rockwood.

CATTLE

PURE BRED

Cow, any age: Leslie & Pearen, N. Gillies & Sons.

Cow, showing dairy propensities: Leslie & Pearen, N. Gillies & Son.

Two-year-old heifer: Leslie & Pearen, N. Gillies & Sons.

One-year old heifer: Leslie & Pearen.

Calf heifer, senior: N. McKersie & Sons.

Calf heifer, junior: N. McKersie, Leslie & Pearen, N. Gillies & Sons.

Bull, 2 years or over: Leslie & Pearen.

Bull calf, senior: N. Gillies & Son, Percy Martin.

Bull calf, junior: Leslie & Pearen, N. McKersie & Son.

POLLED ANGUS

Bull calf: R. H. Reid.

DAIRY, ANY BREED OR GRADE

Cow, any age: A. Nightingale, Chas. McKeown.

Cow, 3 years: Percy Martin.

Two-year-old heifer: Chas. McKeown, Percy Martin.

One-year-old heifer: Chas. McKeown, N. Gillies & Sons.

Heifer calf: Chas. McKeown.

Bull, year, under 2: Chas. McKeown.

GRADES

Cow, 3 years and over: John Burnside, Frank Holmes, N. Gillies & Sons.

Two-year-old heifer: Percy Martin.

One-year old heifer: N. Gillies & Sons.

Heifer calf: Frank Holmes, Percy Martin.

SHEEP

LEICESTER

Ram: D. H. Taylor, A. E. Currie.

Shearling ram: D. H. Taylor.

Ram lamb: D. H. Taylor, W. H. Allen.

One ewe: D. H. Taylor, W. H. Allen.

Shearling ewe: D. H. Taylor, W. H. Allen.

Ewe lamb: W. H. Allen, D. H. Taylor.

COTSWOLD

Ram: Wm. Patterson.

Shearling ram: Wm. Patterson.

Ram lamb: Wm. Patterson.

One ewe: Wm. Patterson.

Shearling ewe: Wm. Patterson.

Ewe lamb: Wm. Patterson.

OXFORD DOWNS

Ram: S. Young & Sons, Wm. Stark.

Shearling ram: Bruce McKinnon, Wm. Stark.

Ram lamb: A. G. Milne, S. Young & Sons.

One ewe: Wm. Stark, S. Young & Sons.

Shearling ewe: Bruce McKinnon, S. Young & Sons.

Ewe lamb: Bruce McKinnon, W. Stark.

DOWNS—ANY BREED

One ewe: James Stark.

Shearling ewe: James Stark.

HOGS

BERKSHIRES

Boar: Bruce McKinnon, R. H. Reed.

Boar 1917: W. W. Browridge, Bruce McKinnon.

Sow: W. W. Browridge, Bruce McKinnon.

Sow 1917: W. W. Browridge, Bruce McKinnon.

Boar and two sows: W. W. Browridge, Bruce McKinnon.

YORKSHIRES

Boar: S. Watson, Albert Young.

Boar 1917: Albert Young, J. Leslie.

Sow: Albert Young, J. Leslie.

Sow 1917: Albert Young, A. G. Milne.

Boar and two sows: Albert Young, J. Leslie.

TAMWORTHS

Boar: Jas. Stark.

Boar 1917: Jas. Stark.

Sow 1917: Jas. Stark.

Boar and two sows: Jas. Stark.

POULTRY

Orpington cock: N. Gillies & Sons, J. C. Norton.

Orpington hen: N. Gillies & Sons, J. C. Norton.

Orpington cockerel: N. Gillies & Sons, J. C. Norton.

Orpington pullet: J. C. Norton, N. Gillies & Sons.

Rhode Island Red cock: W. H. Allen, N. Gillies & Sons.

Rhode Island Red hen: N. Gillies & Sons, W. H. Allen.

Rhode Island Red cockerel: W. H. Allen, N. Gillies & Sons.

Rhode Island Red pullet: N. Gillies & Sons, W. H. Allen.

S. C. White Leghorn cock: W. H. Allen, W. Landsborough.

S. C. White Leghorn hen: Geo. Wilds, N. Gillies & Sons.

S. C. White Leghorn cockerel: W. H. Allen, N. Gillies & Sons.

S. C. White Leghorn pullet: Geo. Wilds, W. H. Allen.

Brown Leghorn cock: Geo. Wilds.

Brown Leghorn hen: Geo. Wilds.

Brown Leghorn cockerel: Geo. Wilds.

Brown Leghorn pullet: Geo. Wilds.

White Wyandotte cock: N. Gillies & Sons, W. W. Browridge.

White Wyandotte hen: N. Gillies & Sons, W. H. Allen.

White Wyandotte cockerel: N. Gillies & Sons, W. W. Browridge.

White Wyandotte pullet: N. Gillies & Sons, W. H. Allen.

Any other Wyandotte cock: N. Gillies & Sons.

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Any other Wyandotte cockerel: N. Gillies & Sons.

Any other Wyandotte pullet: N. Gillies & Sons.

Minorca cock: W. H. Allen, N. Gillies & Sons.

Minorca hen: W. H. Allen, N. Gillies & Sons.

Minorca cockerel: W. H. Allen, N. Gillies & Sons.

Minorca pullet: W. H. Allen, N. Gillies & Sons.

Barred Plymouth Rock cock: N. Gillies & Sons, W. H. Allen.

Barred Plymouth Rock hen: N. Gillies & Sons, W. H. Allen.

Barred Plymouth Rock cockerel: N. Gillies & Sons, W. H. Allen.

Barred Plymouth Rock pullet: N. Gillies & Sons, W. H. Allen.

Any other Rock cock: W. H. Allen, N. Gillies & Sons.

Any other Rock hen: W. H. Allen, N. Gillies & Sons.

Any other Rock cockerel: W. H. Allen, N. Gillies & Sons.

Any other Rock pullet: W. H. Allen, N. Gillies & Sons.

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Silver or Golden Campine hen: W. H. Allen.

Silver or Golden Campine cockerel: W. Allen.

Silver or Golden Campine pullet: W. H. Allen.

Any other kind not mentioned cock: N. Gillies & Sons.

Any other kind not mentioned hen: N. Gillies & Sons.

Bantam cock: Geo. Wilds, W. Landsborough.

Bantam hen: A. Nightingale, Geo. Wilds.

Bantam cockerel: N. Gillies & Sons, W. Landsborough.

Bantam pullet: W. Landsborough, N. Gillies & Sons.

Rouen ducks, old male: N. Gillies & Sons.

Rouen ducks, old female: N. Gillies & Sons.

Rouen ducks, young female: N. Gillies & Sons.

Rouen ducks, young male: N. Gillies & Sons.

Pekin duck, old male: W. W. Browridge.

Pekin duck, old female: W. W. Browridge.

Pekin duck, young male: W. W. Browridge, Percy Martin.

Pekin duck, young female: W. W. Browridge, A. Nightingale.

Indian Runner ducks, young male: N. Gillies & Sons.

Indian Runner ducks, young female: N. Gillies & Sons.

Geese, male: James Stark, Percy Martin.

Geese, female: Percy Martin, James Stark.

Turkey, male: W. H. Allen.

Turkey, female: W. H. Allen.

GRAIN

White winter wheat: Mrs. W. B. Wheeler, John Leslie.

Spring wheat: Robt. Bilton, S. Bingham & Sons.

White oats: S. Bingham & Sons, John Leslie.

Black oats: N. Gillies & Sons.

Barley, six rowed: N. Gillies & Sons, S. Bingham & Sons.

Indian corn: R. H. Reid.

Sweet corn: Geo. Skinner, Mrs. J. E. Parsons.

Display of ensilage corn: T. Rogerson, Percy Martin.

White beans; Leslie & Pearen.

Beans, any other kind: Leslie & Pearen.

Collection of grain in sheaf: S. Bingham & Sons, Percy Martin.

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ROOTS AND VEGETABLES

Early potatoes, any variety: Rev. J. C. Wilson, W. H. Stewart.

Late potatoes, any variety: Mrs. A. Norrie, Percy Martin.

Potatoes, correctly named, any variety Geo. Skinner.

Long red carrots: N. F. Lindsay, J. E. Gamble.

Short horn carrots: W. Landsborough, Mrs. W. B. Wheeler.

Swede turnips: R. H. Reid, Wm. Talbot.

Heaviest turnips: R. H. Reid, S. Bingham & Sons.

Other turnips: R. H. Reid, R. S. Henderson.

Parsnips: Geo. Skinner, Wm. Talbot.

Long red mangold wurtzel: W. Talbot, Geo. Skinner.

Globe mangold wurtzel; Geo. Skinner, W. Talbot.

Sugar beets: Geo. Skinner, W. Stark.

Sugar mangold: W. Talbot, Geo. Skinner.

Table beets: N. Gillies & Sons, J. E. Gamble.

Cabbage, white: N. Gillies & Sons, Geo. Skinner.

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THANKSGIVING

For a free and plenteous harvest
And a year's unstinted joy;
For the tangled path of duty,
Where we may our powers employ;
For the friends who truly love us,
'Midst the fateful woes of life;
For Thy Providence above us,
And Thy strength in all our strife—
O Lord, accept our thanks!

—George W. Allison.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Oct. 7th, 1897

Mr. Richard Johnston has purchased the Moore homestead for $4,000.

Next Sunday is Young People's Day in the Methodist Church. The programme includes sunrise prayer meeting at 7 a. m. and a mass meeting at 4 p. m. in addition to the usual services.

Every one complains of the dry weather and the dust.

Business is looking up at the Canada Glove Works. Messrs. W. H. Storey & Son are advertizing for twenty additional glove-makers.

There was no show here on Monday and Tuesday of this week but the fakirs were here in full force. No less than ten got off the train on Tuesday morning.

As a result of the prolonged drought during the past five or six weeks much of the winter wheat sown has not germinated.

Millinery opening time is here once more. Messrs. Henderson & Co. held theirs on Wednesday with unqualified success. Green, purple and blue are the predominating colors. This is the first season for Mr. J. O. McBeath and his millinery department which is superintended by Miss Jordan was very interesting to the ladies from both town and country.

BORN

BEATTIE—In Acton, on Friday, 1st October, to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Beattie, a daughter.

USED TO IT

The man had been hailed before the magistrate on some trivial charge.

"Let me see," said the judge. "I know you. Are you not the man who was married in a cage of man eating lions?"

"Yes, your honor," replied the culprit "I am the man."

"Exciting, wasn't it?" continued the justice

"Well," said the man, judicially, "it was then; it wouldn't be now."