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| History of Thanksglving Day. The honor of the first suggestion Says all are Liars and will |

The earliest record which we seems to belong to Representative have of an American Thanksfiving Day is found in the New England annals of 162 L . In the autumn of that year Governor Bradford, so saith the chronicler, sent out men
to procure some game, in order to procure some game, in order
that the New England colonists might properly enjoy a day o thanksgiving in remembrance of the fruits of their labors during
the year that had passed. Another day of rejoicing was set apart and "solemnized" as "a day of thanksgiving unto the Lcrd," after
an abundant harvest in 1622 . It is stated that, on this occasion, Masssasoit and his council of braves were invited to participate in the
festivities, and that they did so spending three days in feasting. Evidently the Indian friends of the colonists found Thankegiving
a day to be made the most of.

These thanksgiving days
not, however, of official character. The first official public Thanksgiying Day was not until the year 1631 ; and even this day was not at
first intended to be $g$ day of rejoic ing and thankgoiving. It had been set apart as a day of fasting and praser for relief. were in great distress; famine was imminent; a vessel laden with provisions and long at sea had not arrived. But just before the day of fasting came, the ship made port; and the day was then official port; and clanged by the authorities from a day of sorrow to a day of thanksa day of sorrow to a day of thanks
giving. This was the first real giving. This was the first real
Thanksgiving Day of the American people.
Thanksgiving days were occa sionally observed also in the New Netherlands after this date; but it another official Thanksgiving Day was proclaimed. That year Gov ernor Kieft proclaimed "a day of general thanksgiving," the occasion being the victory
nists over the Indians.
At the conclasion of the peace in 1645, another Thanksgiving Day was proclaimed. We are not tol that the Indian
this ceremony.
Occasional days of fasting, prayer and thanksgiving were kept by the various colins at differe times; but no general Thans ing Day was set apart until 1775
when the Continental Congress when the practice of designating such days. The first was Thurs day, July 20, 1775 . The follow ing Thanksgiving Days were also suggested by the Continental Congress: Friday, May 17, 1776; De-
cember 11, 1777; Wednesday cember 11, 1777 ; Wednesday
April 22, 1778; Thursday, May 6 1779; Wednesday, April 6, 1780 Thursday, May 3, 1781 ; Thursday, April 25, 1782. These days were
suggested in the form of recom mendations to the States, whos governors were asked to. Assu proclamations to their people fo
days of thanksgiving. Business with one exception, was suspended on these occasions. Washington also issued a special proclamatio oo the Colonial army for a genera Thanksgiving Day on Thursday Dec. 18, 1777, and again on May 7

The first national Thanksgiving Day was, by proclamation of Pres ident Washington, set for Thursday, November 26,1789 . The

Elias Boudinot, who moved, in the
By request, Senator Ben. Till House, that the President be re- man spoke at South Haven, Mich. quested to recommend "a day of Saturday night on the race thanksgiving and prayer, to be ob- problem and gave the republican
served by the people of the United party a scoring. Upon opening States" There was some opposi- he informed his hearers that he had ion to the motion, the objections no set speeen on the subject, but advanced being that such a thing could talk from one to five hour might tend to imitation of the fri- on the question an still have some volities and pomps of kingdoms thing to relate.
and other harmful doing; but the "The facts of the race ploblem motion prevailed, and Thursday, are not known to the northern peoNov. ${ }^{26}, 1789$, became the first
National Thanksgiving Day of the those who write about
are largely 'smart Alecks,' American people.
Other presidents, after Washing. on, issued Thanksgiving Dy proclamations, from time ty time, until now it has become the annual practice of the President of the United States to name the last Thursday in November as a day to prayer their proclamations to correspond, thus making the observance uniform throughout the land.
In the New Eugland States Thanksgiving Day has been observed annually for over a century. The custom has extended to other sfates, one at a ime, until today it
prevails almost everywhere in the country, and is observed by Americans in foreign lands with a sentiment that is not only religious, but patriotic. It is a legal holiday also. According to the official reports on the subject, in 1893 there of the country where Thanksgiving Day was not recognized: Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and
Utah. The rest of the Union had adopted the general custom. There are now but three sections in which Thanksgiving Day is not officially recognized-Ala., Louisi'
ana and Mississippi.-Godey's ana and $\qquad$
Mexico is the only country that goes serenely on without any disin the price of silver. Mexico in the price of silver. Mexico
adopted the Del Mar theory in regard to money and does not have the free coiange of gold or any thing else. If the government
wants to increase the amount of gold in circulation, it goes to the miners, buys what gold dust miners, buys what gold dust it
wants and makes it into money. wants and makes it into money.
It does the same with silver, and It does the same with silver, and debts, public and private.-Ex.
The New York World says A1 bert Patrick, the condemned lawer, has won his fight for life and that the death sentence will be comwuted to life imprisonment by Gov. Higgins before he retires from the governor's office.
We met an optimist the other day. He expected that some time he would drop into a home and find the motber playing the piano in the parlor while the daughter was washing the dishes.-Ex.
Besides the mail carrier and two sheep herders we mentioned Saturday as having froze to death in New Mexico, anothor Mexican herder near Corona and health seeker, Chales Ellenstein, in a tent near Torrance, were also, frozen to déath.

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five inches. Their conformation is five inches. Their conformation is
remarkable for the development o remarkable for the development of
the chest, which gives a short apthe chest, which gives a short ap-
pearance to the front limbs. The head is relatively small, but expressive, and the eyes are shaded by long black lashes. The horns are horizontally curved, and the coat is of an iron gray, more or less
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There are two stories of the lo
of Mr. Conners' thumb, a loss, by
the way, which gave him the nick-
ame of "Fingey." One is that
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rocked, and the swinging scaffol
caught Mr. Conners' thumb against
the side and crushed it. Another story is that a fellow longshoreman
20 years ago had a new revolver, and 20 years ago had a new revolver, and
was looking around for a mark at was looking around for a mark at
which to shoot. His wandering
which to shoot. His , wandering
glance caught Conners attention
lance caught Conners attentio, lilke indecision in any one.
"What you'se lookin' fer?" h
asked.
"A mark to shoot at."
"Shoot at me t'um," said Conners, sticking it up. The Buffalo
William Tell shot a little low for William Tell shot a little low for the personal comfort of the new state chairman, the result being that
his thumb was shot of short. Since his thumb was shot of short. Since
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Christmas and will be the January number. H. Clement, now with number. Hotton Journal, has been gaged as circulation manager
gaged as circulation mavager.
The Weekly Jeffersonian rece
$\qquad$ started at Augusta will continu publication just as at presant, Mr Watson writing for both. The Monthly will not differ materially from what Watson's Magazine has
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samuel was all in.
The minister of a negro church In Richmond gave out the funeral notice one Sunday as follows: "I have to announce to you, bredn and sisters, dat de funeral of de Pinkets an' his widow, Martha Jane Pinkers, both deceased, will take Pinkers, both deceased, will take
place and come to occurrence on Tlacesday next at 12 m . noon precisely. "An' I he: ers, dat say, bredren and ryin' out dat funeral will be in order an' acceptations, or else de funeral can't take place, exceptin' and save only as a plain burial; fo' Sam-
uel Pinkers has uel Pinkers has got jes' money
enough to bury himself without any enough to bury himself without any
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ECHOES OF THE PAST
Jonah had been thrown over the side of the ship and the big fish had taken him in. eflected in his cramped and uncomfortable quarters, "but I had Deeming it necessary, however, to close the incident in the convention al manner, he consoled himself by reflecting that the weather conditions wouldn't make any difference
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