

CESAR'S VIRGINIA TURKEY

Cesar Alexander Shakewell, a colored citizen of Bridgeville, owned no turkeys, and his richer white neighbors had put theirs in special security as Thanksgiving Day drew near.

It came to him quite readily, it appears, for all at once he found himself carrying it out. He had noticed a loose board on Col. Fairgrove's back fence the day before.

Then he called to his wife to come and see him and to quit "jorin'" him about their Thanksgiving dinner.

Before going to bed Caesar Alexander went into his small yard, lifted a stick or two of wood from the turkey's barrel and took a long and fond look at his prize.

Here Caesar's teeth chattered and his legs gave way under him.

"Grace up!" said the ancestor, slapping him on the shoulder. "Grace up! I'm here for yer good, not for yer harm. I want ye to berry that turkey back. Ye've done something to disgrace the name of Shakewell, and I won't stand it.

Here the "ancestor" sniffed delightedly at something invisible, something in his memory apparently, and then went on:

"Ugh!" said Caesar, too dazed to utter an intelligible word.

The "ancestor" continued: "Its feet has as many toes on each foot as a man, and long, sharp claws on every toe 'cept its inside one. It uses dat as a thumb. It is a marsupial turkey, Caesar." Here the ancestor smiled at the towering proportions of his own learning,

Perspiring at every pore Caesar Alexander shouldered the turkey and started toward Col. Fairgrove's yard.

He opened his eyes slowly and in abject fear, and found himself sitting by his own fireside, the children in bed and Mrs. Shakewell standing by him with her hand on his shoulder.

The specimen was eaten with gravy and grace, and Mr. Shakewell's standing in the community remained unimpaired.

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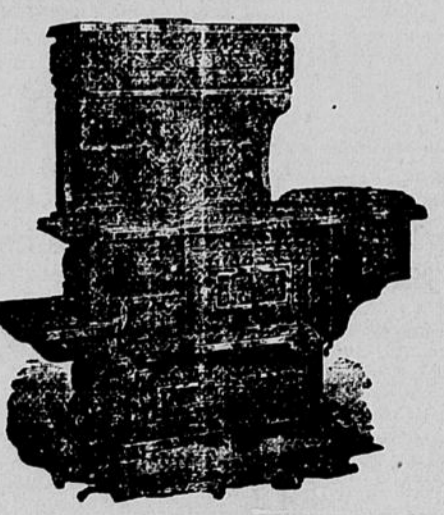
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