Thanksgiving.

Patient are the memories of childhood. We venture to say that in your mind's eye, as long ago, a stately band of the thirteen-score hosts of long ago, of a sturdy breed from with high-crowned hats, of apple-cheeked women in grey-clad and white-crossed aprons who marched behind their ermined lords bearing their long-barrelled prayer books, while he of the Great Plains, bore his trumpet-shaped blunderbuss. One supposes the blunderbuss was for the singing of an occasional wild turkey for those who had crossed a stormy sea, seeking freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience, though having fallen a bit shy and often upon fowl times had not as yet "fallen upon the aborigines."

Prayerful was this people, the march churchward through the snow, the background of sheltering pines, the friendly Indians bearing gifts of turkey and venison to grace the feast of plenty of that first Thanksgiving.

Who scene you may summon from the realm of childhood memories to this, a scene to your prayers of Thanksgiving and your feasting today. The stage is set beyond the forests of tall pictures, across mountain heights and lowland wilderness, the haunt of the wild folk and the friendly red man, soon to be made unfriendly, despite prayers and pleas for the hat for hand.

The actors are of the human race, yet not of the same breed as we of the twentieth century.

Who rode with westward round the land.
With Raleigh sailed the sea.

Or else of those who pondered sanctuary in a new land from the religious persecution of a King of France. Yet out of these types, fused in the great Melting Pot of the Nation, sprang the people who, blessed with the ideals of freedom to rule themselves, to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience, to love the home to the utmost and to rear children free men.

Is that kind of people today, and whether we inherit the day by service, by fleeting or by stamping the Autumn fields, we would, if we be thoughtful,

"Praise the Power that hath made
and preserved us a Nation."

The Maysville Bridge.

Few of us in Mercer county realize, perhaps, just what the opening of the Maysville-Aberdeen bridge means to this county and to the town of Carlisle. Tourists have used travel from north and south through Mercer since the erection of a river bridge at Maysville without an ever-increasing flow of travel from north and south.

Eventually, The Mercury believes, Carlisle will be placed, without expense to the county, on one of the main arteries of traffic through Maysville. In such event not only this town will benefit, but the county as a whole will be materially benefited.

Two of three years, however, we may look upon Wednesday, November 25, as an epochal day for this section of Kentucky.

Not All Roses.

Not all roses in this political notes last Sunday. It is stated that Dan Talley, recently elected Auditor, is being besieged by politicians with letters and telegrams, those who would share in the spoils of office in the new administration.

Mr. Talley didn't admit his unwillingness to accept a hundred letters and telegrams a day, but made through some source the announcement that he was free of mail, but the Democratic Committee of Mercer may bring applicants looking to Bardstown.

The life of a successful candidate is not all roses.

THIS, THAT AND T'OTHER

A PAGE FROM THE DIARY OF
A COUNTRY EDITOR

(Republished by Request)

On mighty helmus, [illegible] and find the morn mighty bright, though there be [illegible] grass blades and the swelling flower buds and glistening [illegible] the new finished work of a robin among the white blossoms of my plum tree. A very cunningly wrought nest, open to rain and sun, there and lined with grasses, but open to rain and sun, there being no sheltering bough above. And I wonder why the robin should build such a nest, so nicely roofed and painted and offered rent free to persuade the wee yellow beak to permit the nest to be [illegible] at the sun. But let it pass for the present, being a matter of mankind puzzles, and so to watch my purple martins, three of which [illegible] for the last few years, and for the last [illegible] I had year's tenant, for two years, [illegible] on the porches on his west, shallow legs, popping in and out of the rooms with music [illegible] and mellow mirth-chatter to [illegible] and a female, his wife no doubt, or soon to be, for they sit and talk with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]