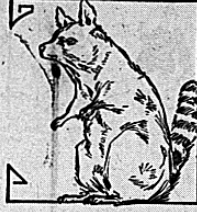


FOUR LEGGED TURKEY

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WHY, mother, if tomorrow ain't Thanksgiving...



"See, it's hotter!"

Since she and Jacob were married all their Thanksgiving had been spent...

and, barely dodging the blow that Isaac aimed at him, came scrambling out...

the mouth, Mahaly. Maybe they wanted the skin and maybe that's their way...

"Oh, no, mother. They give us work, an' that's the best thing they could do for us..."

The tracing air, tempered by unclouded sunlight, stirred the blood of the man and boy alike...

Birds gave audible proof that they were swift and alert now. A party of jays screamed in discordant unison...

"An' father," he cried, "what kind of a track's that? It looks just like a little boy's bare foot."

our roast pig or four-legged turkey or whatever it is. An' now let's get to choppin' for we've got to put up our two cords afore night."

When the dessert of pumpkin pie was being served Jacob beamed a complacent smile upon his family and said...

"How do you feel, father, when you see a pig, an' I don't see why it ain't, persisted Isaac, with wistful eyes upon the game."

She poured out a second cup of tea, cleared her throat and began with heartening words:

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"That's what she says he says he'll do, but I ain't believe it when he'll, an' she shooed her head. 'It's hard payin' for a dead horse.'"

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