



CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY  
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# DIGGIN'S FROM DAKOTA

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- AIMS:**
1. The study of Mineralogy and Geology.
  2. To foster field trips to collect minerals, gems, and fossils.
  3. The improvement of the members in the art of cutting, polishing and mounting gem material.
  4. To provide opportunity for exchange, purchase, and exhibition of specimens and material.

**MEETINGS:** First Sunday of each month in the Hospitality Room of the Capital Electric Building on Highway 83, north of Bismarck. 7:30 April to Oct.; 2:30 rest of year

**VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME:** at the club functions, meetings, field trips, Annual Shows, etc.

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# North Dakota's Annual GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

## Mandan Community Center

### OCTOBER 1 & 2, 1977

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

It was gratifying to see so many members present at the last meeting. It was also interesting to note that five of the six guests present decided to become members.

The next meeting is designated by our constitution as the annual meeting. It is at this time that the election of officers for the coming year will take place. The nominating committee has already submitted a slate of candidates for consideration by the membership, and of course nominations from the floor will also be in order at the time of the election.

I hope that we again will have a large turnout for the election and the annual Christmas ham dinner. Don't forget to bring your own plates and silverware and of course also either a hotdish, salad, or dessert. For those of you who were at the last meeting, please bring whatever you signed up for.

Bill Buresh

THIS AND THAT FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

Fifty three adults and twelve Pebble Pups were in attendance at the meeting. This gave Harold Brady a good bunch for the youngsters' meeting. With the new members who joined we should have an active Pebble Pup group again. Some of the Oldsters said that they thought they would join so they could learn the fundamentals that Harold is teaching.

Those who joined are: MARY OSBORN, 309 12th Ave. N.W., Mandan, 663 9603; DON CAMPBELL, 523 Bismarck Ave. Bismarck, 258 7077; Mrs. COREEN WOLD, Micah and Anthony, 912 Owens, Apt # 1, Bismarck, 258 1861 Mr. & Mrs. VERL MAUSEHUND (Edna), Linton, ND 58552 Ph Hazelton-782 4291 DOUG STICKNEY was a guest.- from Harvey.

The nominating committee presented a list of names for officers. More may be nominated from the floor at the December 5 meeting. President-ERNEST KNUDSON; Vice president-DON LARSON; Secretary-SALLY O'NEILL; Treasurer-BOB RANDALL. Be sure to attend the December meeting to vote on these officers.

The door Prize, donated by Larry Strand, was won by John Dosh.

The program was SILENT AUCTION, after which a delicious lunch was served by MAE FAIRAIZL, JOYCE LARSON, AND EMMA BRADY.

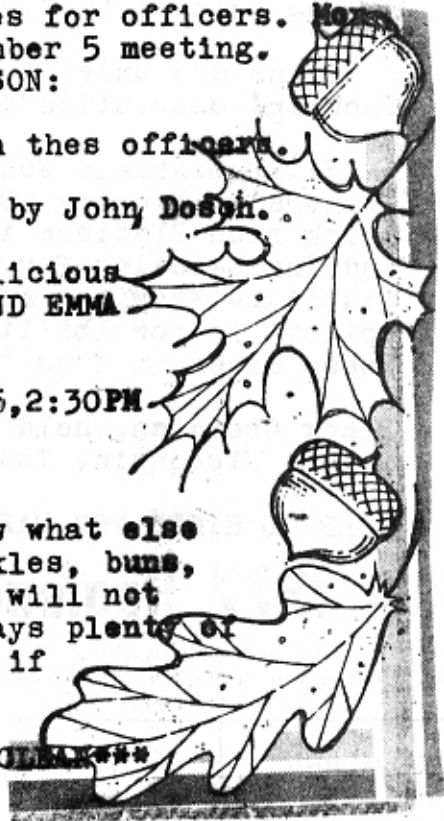
DON'T FORGET\*\*\*\*\*DECEMBER MEETING\*\*\*\*\*DECEMBER 5, 2:30PM

BRING PLATES, AND SILVERWARE!!!!

If you signed up at the November meeting you know what else to bring- otherwise bring salad, baked beans, pickles, buns, or something- THE CLUB FURNISHES THE HAM. Emma will not call anyone who is not on the list. There is always plenty of food anyway. COME AND BRING A GUEST- especially if they are going to join!!!!!!

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GIVE A HOOT\*\*\*\*\*DON'T POLLUTE\*\*\*\*\*KEEP OUR LAND CLEAN\*\*\*



From THE AMERICAN FEDERATION NEWSLETTER  
Serving the six Regional Federations monthly

"It is with considerable pride that the AFMS Scholarship Foundation announces the names of the students who will receive grants this fall as they pursue graduate degrees in Earth Sciences. In this, the fifth year the six Regional Federations have selected their Honorary Award winners, we are able to increase the grants to \$1,000. If a student continues in school, he or she will receive a similar grant next year. In addition, through the splendid support of the membership of the AFMS three one-year "Wild Card" grants of \$750; have been provided, as was announced last winter. "

Robert C. Pease received the regular grant for the California Federation  
Rodger Carl Witham, the "Wild Card grant" for the California Federation  
Mrs. Jacqueline C. Burton, received the grant for Eastern Federation  
Terry D. Keegan received the regular grant for the Midwest Federation.  
Frank Ireton- Northwest Federation; Robert L. Harrison "Wild Card"  
for Northwest; Shirley Turner, Rocky Mountain Federation; Nels F.  
Forsman, South Central, received his B.S. in Geology from UND in Grand  
Forks, ND; Susan Sophie Levy, "Wild Card Grant" South Central.

Three additional Students, William Fay, Eastern and Dena K. Fairchild  
Northwest, and one to replace Eison of California.

Additional information may be found in the AFM Newsletter.

The official Fossil for Louisiana is the Petrified Palmwood and the  
state gem is the agate. This is the 36th state to name official mineral  
and gems. They also passed legislation naming a state fish-garfish.

HONOR THEM NOW!!!! Pay tribute to those who have done so much for  
our hobby while they can appreciate it and remember those who are gone.  
Are We Doing This????

Plans are under way for the California Federation's 38th Annual  
Show and Convention "Jackpot of Gems '77" in Reno, Nevada, June 17-19.

VITAL MINERALS FOR THE AMERICAN WEST-Platinum, gold, silver, and copper  
-Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, California, and New Mexico;  
thick rich Platinum in Montana; Asbestos, California; Copper, Wb  
and The Cascades; Beryllium, Utah; Sphalerite-Illinois; Mercury-Nevada;  
Aluminum- Wyoming; Alunite- Utah; Metal salts from sea water is having  
optimistic possibilities- Copper, Manganese, nickel, cobalt, and others.  
These minerals from the west are important in the nations future.

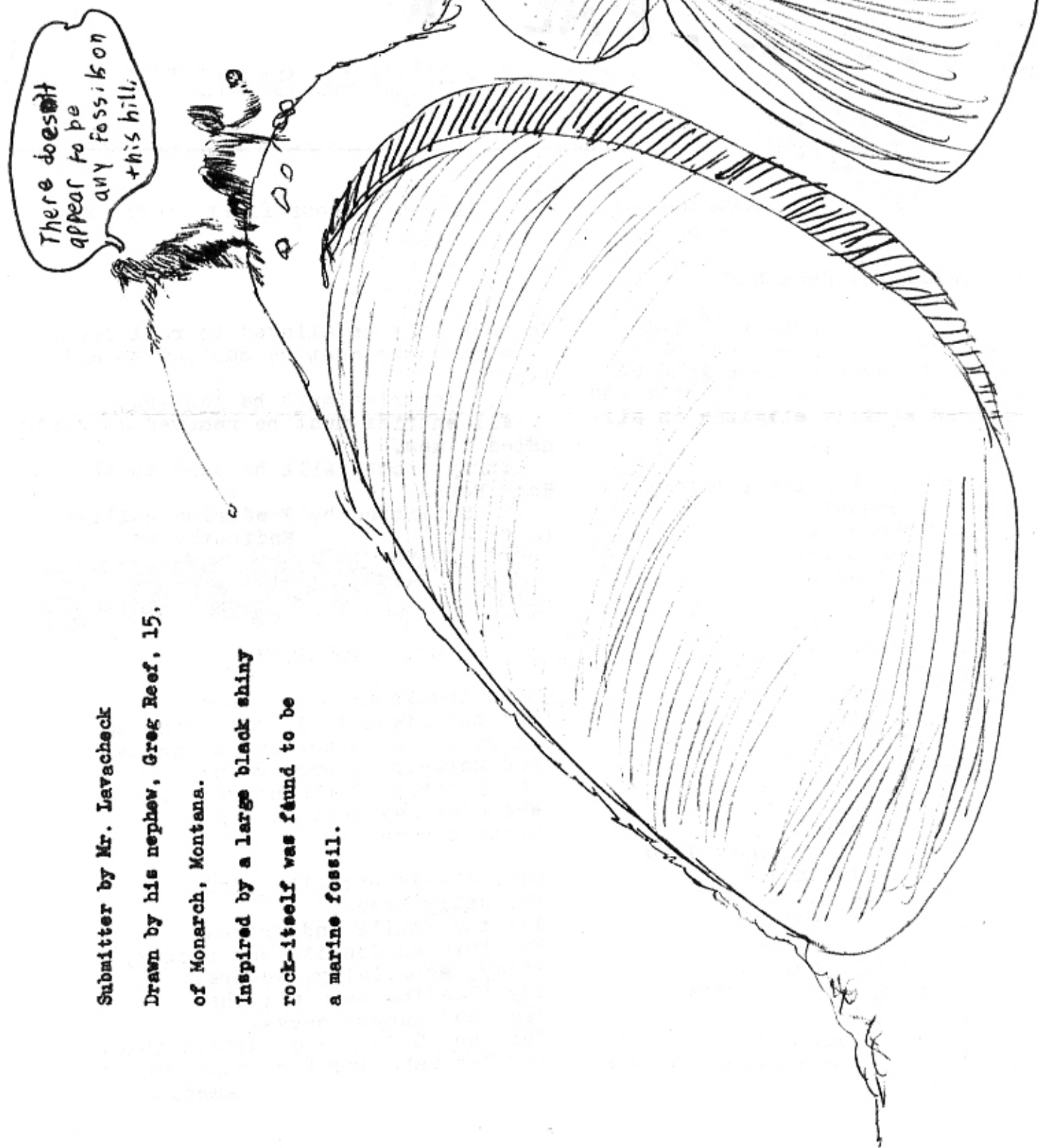
Black Obsidian, held together with white cement has been used in build-  
ing in Wisconsin. The pieces weigh from 40-100 pounds.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR MAKING SLIDE PROGRAMS is a part of this month.

## Your 1977 Regional Show Schedule

Here are the dates and locations of the six Regional Shows in 1977. Note that the National Show and Convention will be held in Ogden, Utah in conjunction with the Northwest Federation.

CALIFORNIA	EASTERN	MIDWEST	NORTHWEST	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	SOUTH CENTRAL
Reno, Nev.	Hampton, Va.	Dayton, Ohio	National Show Ogden, Utah	Salt Lake City	Houston, Tex.
June 17-19	July 1-3	July 20-23	Aug. 18-21	June 10-12	Sept. 9-11

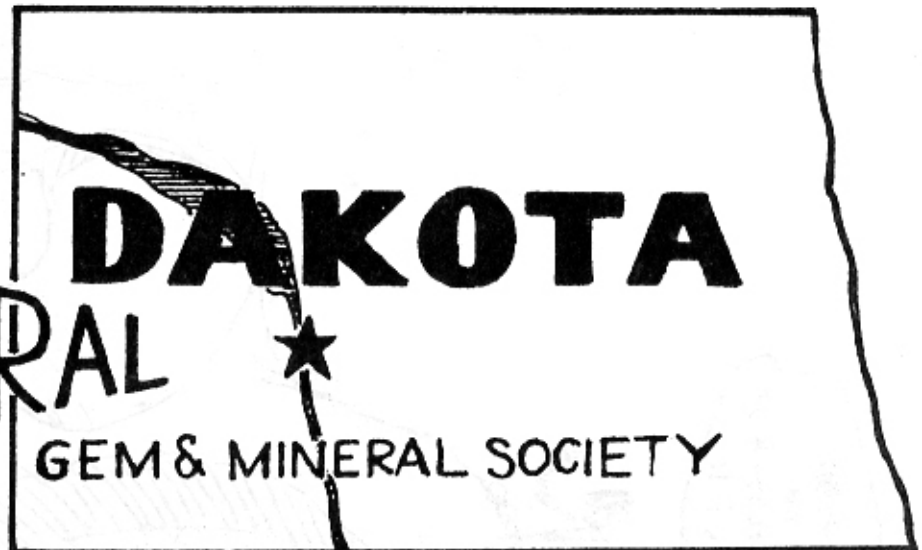


Submitter by Mr. Lavachack  
Drawn by his nephew, Greg Reef, 15,  
of Monarch, Montana.  
Inspired by a large black shiny  
rock-itself was found to be  
a marine fossil.





Teredo Wood State Fossil



(A copy of our first stationary)

**ALL BREED PET ROCK SHOW**

Pet rocks purchzsed with full pedigree and ahose found out-doors in roads or rock gardens are equally beloved by their owners and equally eligible in all pet rock events.

Show catagories for pet rock awards include:

- Most handsome
- Most beautiful
- Best trained
- Best loved
- Miss Congeniality
- Most traveled
- Mossiest
- Most rugged
- Most dimples
- Most polished
- Youngest trainer
- Oldest trainer
- Best dressed
- Most colorful
- Rock that looks most like its trainer
- Plays dead best
- Rolls over easiest
- Stands up longest
- Sits still longest
- Falls with least noise

**Rules:**

Each rock must be contained in its own habitat such as rock cage, pen

No rock will be allowed to roll loose  
Wild rocks must be muzzled at all times.

All ;entries must be labeled.

All entries must be removed at designated times.

Stray ;rocks will be sent to the Rock Pound.

Submitted by Frederica Holllster  
(a friend) Endicott, NY

**A PRAYER OF THANKS**

Give thanks unto the Lord  
For the right to live in America  
Where we may speak out thoughts  
And worship in our own way  
The Creator of the universe.  
Where we may meet any day  
Without fear.

Give thanks unto the LOrd  
For daily bread,  
And for family and friends  
Who love us despite our faults,  
Today, especially, we pray  
Thy Blessing upon all the  
Weak and hungry ones--  
Hear us, O God, and sustain tham,  
For Thy Sake and for those who believe  
Amen.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT I I IROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION GRANTED TAX EXEMPT STATUS BY THE I.R.S.

It gives your Tax Status Committee pleasure to announce that on August 27, 1976 the Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division granted the Rocky Mountain Federation exemption from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Federation successfully qualified as an EDUCATIONAL organization under the rigid and specific requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Federation's tax exempt status is retroactive to the date of our original Incorporation, i.e. July 28, 1961.

The RMFMS November Newsletter will carry an article describing the benefits gained by our newly acquired 501(c)(3) Educational tax exempt status, as will the obligations this status imposes.

Dean Wise, Chairman  
Louellen Montgomery, Member  
RMFMS Tax Status Committee

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MULTIPLE USE OF PUBLIC LANDS -- Elsie S. Matthews

Please note the change in title of my committee (formerly Conservation of Recreational Lands.).

There have been several people advocating that letters should be sent to our Senators, Congressmen, etc., in regard to Save the Selenite Crystal Area. That should not be done. I was informed in 1973, by General W. C. Gribble, Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. and by several senators that the Arkansas Red River Chloride project was entirely in the hands or under the control of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa Division. Such control being authorized by Congress by P.L. 91-661 sec 201. General Gribble suggested that I contact Tulsa, Corps., I answered that I had already done so, and that they would keep me informed of any definite action. Which they did (see previous reports re meetings etc.). In this regard let me repeat again, that when any member of any club in the RMFMS has any ideas such as the above, please let me know about them before they are printed in any bulletin.

"Signing a petition or sending signed petitions to the Corps of Engineers does not constitute lobbying. The lobbying laws are primarily directed toward the relationships of the lobbyists and the Congressmen. The laws relate primarily to Gifts and Favors and make no restrictions on the presentation of points of view of the electorate. A statement to this effect may be reprinted in your bulleting and newsletters."

Signed, Donald R. Henderson for Weldon N. Gamel,  
Chief Engineering Divisions,

The above was sent to me at my request. Also a person or persons signing such petitions need not add their club name. We now have 4393 signatures to our petition SSCA. I want to take this means of thanking those who already sent in petitions and those who will be sending in petitions.

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I also wrote Dr. Arthur Schoondermark, our president elect, and asked him to go to a meeting in Denver in regard to proposed coal leases and a proposed branch railroad to mines already there, in Northwest Colorado. I, then called the Bureau of Land Management in Denver, and asked for copies of the proposed environmental impact draft concerning the area. Upon Dr. Schoondermark writing me for more information, maps etc. I again called the BLM (time was short by then) and then sent him the six volumes. I wrote an outline for Dr. Schoondermark who used it and added to it for an oral statement. He and I also sent in a written statement. One of the things that I wanted to refute in the draft was a statement "rock and fossil collectors would have a detrimental effect on the area."

Wrote to Hon. Curt Berkland, Director Bureau of Land Management and inter alia asked him to keep me informed of future actions, environmental drafts etc., concerning the Rocky Mt. States, and sent a similar letter to Hon. Thomas A. Kleepe, Secretary Bureau of Interior. I am writing again on HR 8435 mining reform law.

Elsie S. Matthews  
926 Sandstone  
Bartlesville, OK 74003

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#### FOR OUR RECORDS

Anyone knowing the addresses of the following please send them to Mrs. Aldine Fireng, 3917 Mountain Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79930:

Charles J. Hutchinson, past president 1949-1950

Dr. H. W. Eckert, past president 1951-1952.

Thank you.

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#### QUEEN GETS WYOMING JADE AND FOLGERS COFFEE CAN

Queen Elizabeth II of England received as a state gift from President Ford a bronze statue of a cowboy on a bucking bronco created by western sculptor, Harry Jackson of Lost Cabin, Wyoming. The statue is similar to the well known Wyoming license plate. The horse was named Steamboat, a legendary unmanageable horse, and the rider was the late Clayton Danks, a rodeo rider who was sheriff of Lander for many years. When Jackson made the statue he wanted the composition mounted on a cylinder of bronze with a base of polished Wyoming Jade. So he filled the nearest suitable object with wax to be cast in bronze...it was a Folgers coffee can. (AFMS Newsletter, Sept. 1976)

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION OF MINERAL SOCIETIES

presents

WORLDWIDE GEM-MINERAL SHOW, GEMBOREE OF THE ROCKIES

June 10-11-12, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

SALT PALACE CONVENTION CENTER





# The First Thanksgiving

Annette May Jones

As I walked down a narrow, winding street  
In old historic Boston, one chill day —  
The day before Thanksgiving, years ago —  
There as I mused, the Present fled away  
And I was in the distant Past, with all

*The Pilgrims gathered near — at Plymouth town —  
To render thanks for their first harvest yield,  
With friendly Indian guests who brought good will  
And gifts of food, from woodland, stream, and field,  
Including cranberries from out the bogs.*

They sat within a clearing of the woods  
About the one huge table, rudely made,  
Facing the dark blue waters of the Bay,  
While winds and waves breathed out a serenade  
Around the vessel anchored near the shore.

*The grateful Puritans sang psalms and prayed  
Most fervently, before the feast began  
And at the close before they sought their homes,  
Thanking the Giver of All Good, whose plan  
They sought to know and follow faithfully.*

For many days they met there to give thanks  
And afterward were blessed in countless ways —  
Were given strength to bear the trying years,  
To triumph over fear, to thread the maze  
Of perils in the pioneering life.

*Oblivious of Time I wandered on, —  
Slowly the scene was changed — the voices stilled —  
My reverie was ended. As I passed  
The many charming homes, the air seemed filled  
With savory smells of wholesome things*

Which good New England housewives can prepare,  
And when I reached my door my heart was light;  
A wave of gratitude surged over me  
For everything that made my life more bright,  
And for our great and good Thanksgiving Day.

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