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After having your Big game brought in out of the mountains and attended to. You are leisurely walking down the street, you pause and are gazing in a window when an old Scotch friend walks up beside you. He shakes your hand and commences talking and asking questions. Suddenly he tells you that that there is going to be a Scottish party at his home. You are a Scotsman and accept willingly. When you arrive at the house which is a medium sized house, a picket fence around it, a gravel walk leading from the gate to the front porch. You enter the house by the front door into a large parlor which is neatly arranged. You walk through this room into the kitchen. His wife is busy preparing a meal. Introductions follow. His wife is a small middle aged woman with a pleasant smile, dark brown hair, complexion dark. She is ~~XXX~~ dressed in a neat print dress, checkered apron around her waist. After a short while she announces that dinner will soon be ready. Both of you go into the parlor while she sets the table. She announces, "dinner ready!" You enter the kitchen, for that is where the meals are eaten. The table is neatly set and everything on it looks appetizing. All of the meal is put on the table before sitting down. When all are seated the food is passed around. This noon meal consists of, mashed potatoes, oat meal cake, gravy and Skerly this is a mixture of oatmeal, shortening, onions made on the order of hash. Boiled rice with milk, coffee.

You visit around with your Scotch friend until supper time. This ~~XX~~ meal consists of Finnan haddie with potatoes boiled with the jackets on (unpeeled). Broth made of barley, split peas, shredded carrots, and rutabagas, oatmeal cake, cornstarch pudding, milk and tea. After the supper dishes are washed and dried you sit in the parlor until time for bed, your friend pulls out the divan which is in the parlor and you sleep on this. In the morning after you arise from a restful slumber you sit down to a delightful breakfast of kippered herring, broac, this is very fine oatmeal ground to a flour and boiled in salted water then served in wooden bowls with milk. After breakfast you and your friend start for the village while the wife does her house work. You visit in the village until it is time for dinner. So back to the house you go. For dinner they will have a meal a meal something like this, Hagas this is oat meal, liver, beef and onions cut into small pieces and stuffed into a sheeps' stomach after it has been cleaned and thoroughly washed. After stomach has been stuffed the openings are sewed with twine. Then the stomach is boiled in water until well done. Served sliced, Scoin, made of cream, flour, and milk and baked on a griddle takes the place of bread. Sometimes tripe is served at noon.

The guests for the party arrive. Three couples. The men folks sit in the parlor, the general conversation is about the war. The women folks don their aprons and proceed to help the hostess with the evening meal. Two nice plump, fat hens are brought in which has been plucked and cleaned beforehand. A stuffing is made of oatmeal, shortening, onions and the gibbllets chopped fine. This is put inside of the hens, the openings are sewed up to hold the stuffing in them. Then they are put into a large kettle to boil. A mealy pudding which has been prepared ahead of time - cows' casings which has been washed and thoroughly cleaned and stuffed with oatmeal, shortening, and onions chopped fine. The ends are firmly tied to keep from opening. This is put into a kettle and boiled

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in water. Some of the women are making short cake. This is made of butter sugar, and flour mixed with milk and poured into shallow baking pans and baked in the oven. The broth from the hens is used for soup. It is near supper time and all are anxious for the big feed. The women folks busy themselves setting the table. A clean white cloth adorns the top. On the top of the table are-China plates, cups, saucers, spoons, soup bowls knives, forks, water glasses and small whiskey glasses set at each individual place. In the center of the table are plates of sliced onions oatmeal cakes, (these are small cakes) pitcher of water, salt and pepper shakers also a quart of whiskey. In the meantime some of the women are cutting the hens some are slicing the mealy pudding and the short cake which is used instead of bread. The food is served in platters and the broth in a large bowl. This is set on the table which is in the kitchen and each one help themselves as it is passed around. The men are ushered into the kitchen and all are seated. The host fills their glasses with whiskey. All arise and sing Wee Dock and Doris. No mixed drinks here for the Scotch drink their liquor straight. All are seated and the food is passed around. All enjoy a hardy a meal push back their chairs and leave the table. The men retire into the parlor while the women folks clean off the table, wash and wipe the dishes and put things away. Soon they join the men in the parlor, after sitting and taking on a few drinks they decide to dance. The men and women soon have every piece of furniture removed from the room. The musicians bring out their instruments, two bagpipes and a violin. They dance to the weird music of the bagpipes and the soft musical notes of the violin. They dance the Highland fling, reels, polka, and square dances. Liquor has been passed around quite frequently and soon it involves itself into a wild party along the wee hours of the morning. The party breaks up amid the shaking of hands and bidding good-byes. Boy what a party.

When you wake up in the morning you notice the slanting rays of the sun painting a checkered pattern on the walls and you come to the realization that you are in jail. Soon you hear a booming voice, "Hey in there!" You snap out of your be-fogged mind and see the sheriff standing outside of the door with a tray of food. The sheriff is a genial, jolly fellow with a ruddy face and an Irish brogue. On the tray which holds your breakfast are plates of sour dough hot cakes, bacon with fried eggs, butter, cream, sugar and coffee. The sheriff slides the tray of food under a steel latticed door. You go into your cell and sit on a steel bunk and eat your breakfast. You are brought before the good judge and are discharged with a good lecture.