

VOCAL

# TURKEY IN THE STRAW



A  
RAG-TIME  
FANTASIE

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# THE NEW TURKEY IN THE STRAW.

Otto Bonnell.

*Allegretto.*

Intro. *f*

1. I went down the lev - ee, had noth - ing else to do, I  
2. I got back home, my wife com - menced to bawl, Said

asked some coon to show me some - thing new; He showed me a dance, The  
I was no 'count, I wouldn't do at all; I sang my lit - tle song, She

best I ev - er saw; I asked him for the name, He says Tur - key in the straw.  
just com-menc'd to prance, And now she's all day long Just a dan - cing that new dance.

# Chorus.

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Turkey in the straw, Turkey in the straw, Fun-niest thing I

*mf*

ev - er saw, Just play the same old time and dance The Tur - key in the straw.

## Dance.

*p*

*ff*

*Sua* ..... *loco.*

*Glissando.*

*p*

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Tur-key'n the straw.

ff

Tur-key'n the straw. The fun - niest thing I

ev - er saw, Just play the same old tune and dance The Tur - key in the straw. D.C.

Finale.

ff

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I went out with a company  
That took well in each town;  
Of course we didn't take the things  
That happened to be nailed down.  
We had lots of money behind us,  
But I raised an awful fuss,  
For it was so darned far behind  
It never did catch up with us.

#### CHORUS.

"Turkey in the Straw" was the name of the  
play.  
The newspapers did say,  
"Stay far, far away;  
It's 18 karat fine without a single flaw,  
A good job for the undertaker  
Was "Turkey in the Straw."

I looked out through the peek-hole,  
Saw two men and a dog;  
Said I to the house manager,  
"Business must be on the hog.  
Say, Mister, did you ever  
Have a good house in this town?"  
He said, "Yes, we used to have one,  
But the darned place burned down."

#### CHORUS.

"Turkey in the Straw," Hip, hip, hurrah!  
It certainly was raw,  
The worst I ever saw,  
Oh, dear, oh, pshaw.  
It was stopped by the law;  
The "ghost", it never walked  
With old "Turkey in the Straw."