

Men and Women always look forward to it with pleasure. Festivals of

some kind seem to be necessary to all the members of the human race. big or little, and nothing could be more natural than that there should be one at this time of the year, when na ture is waking up from her long winter sleep to put on new life. There has perhaps never been a time when there was not a celebration of some kind at the end of winter, for people must express their joy in one way or another, even if it is only as the little girls do, when, at the first signs of epring, they invariably with one ac cord get out their skipping ropes. which may have been laid away and forgotten for eleven months.

The word Easter is probably de rived from Eastre, the name of the Saxon goddess of spring, and it is easy to imagine that before our heathen ancestors were converted to Christianity they used to have a great apring festival in honor of the goddens. With the advent of Christianity the same season, when all nature sug gests joyous thoughts, would natural ly be selected for the festival that i Christ.

is the chief festi- I between Easter and rabbits. It must val of the Church, and first be explained that the rabbit is a mistake, and the animal that appears in our Easter pictures and done in sugar in the windows of the confectioners should really be a hare, instead of a rabbit. The hare has from time immemorial been the symbol of the moon, and, as the moon decides the time of Easter, it is quite proper and natural that the hare should be associated with this season. In Germany the Easter hare is almost as important a personage as St. Nicholas, and its habits somewhat resemble those of that much loved saint. On the night before Easter a white hare enters the home of all children who have been good and hides in all sorts of out-ofthe way corners any number of beautifully colored eggs. Anyway, the children find the eggs when they hunt for them, and it would perhaps be presumption on the part of any one who is not a German to express an opinion as to where they really come

A rabbit is not a hare, although they are cousins. There is one marked difference between them. The baby rabbit, as all know who keep these little animals as pets, comes into the world blind and beipless. commemorates the resurrection of while the baby have has its even open from the beginning, and is soon



WOMEN AT THE SEPULCHRE EARLY IN THE MORNING.

of the Church celebrated Easter on known. It may have been all the of the Church did at one time keep doubt thought they could make candy ish Passover that the word "paschal" | fore never learned that there was any is now used in reference either to difference between a rabbit and a Easter or the Passover. The question | hare. as to the particular day on which cussed in Church councils, and all the learned men of the Church gave | bol of creation and new life. It is It their most serious consideration, easy to understand why this should until it was finally decided that Easter | be, for every one knows that all the Day should be "the first Sunday downy little chickens and ducklings after the full moon which happens come out of eggs, as well as a multiupon or next after March 21; and if tude of other birds that don't look the full moon happens upon a Sunday, so pretty because they are in such Easter Day is the Sunday after." No | a hurry to get out that they won't one is expected to understand this wait to put on their downy garments. except the astronomers and mathema. The egg had been used in the Jewish ticians, who discover and announce to Feasts of the Passover, and when the the general public on what particular | Christian festival of Easter was estab-

day Easter will fall each year. bewildering decision of the Church is symbol of the Resurrection. that it gives a hint of the connection

At first there was great disagree, able to take care of itself. It has ment as to the exact day that should been believed that the hare never be set for this great festival. The closes its eyes, and that is one rea-Jewish Christians wanted to have it son why it is chosen as the symbol at the same time as the Feast of the j of the moon, which always has its Passover, but others would not agree eyes open and sees everything that to that, and the result was that for | goes on at night. Just how the rabhundreds of years different branches | rit error was introduced is not different days. It is because a part | fault of the confectioners, who no Easter at the same time as the Jew- without studying nature, and there-

The use of eggs in the celebration Easter was to be celebrated was dis- of spring is an ancient custom for the egg has always been the symlished its use was retained with an The only reason for mentioning this added meaning, for it became the

There have been many curious ob

servances in Tegard to Easter, me which hares and eggs are dying out, while new ones are coming in, but the custom of wearing new clothes is one of the old ones that is not likely to die out. This practice has been so long and firmly established that in some parts of the world there is a superstition that it would bring bad luck to neglect it. Even if there were no Easter festival the coming of spring would probably always create in the human heart a longing for fresh raiment.

NOVELTIES FOR THE EASTERTIDE.

Time was, and not so very long ago either, when a dainty card with simple "Easter Greetings" sufficed as a remembrance from friend to friend on this most glorious of days, but here, as in other things, changes have taken place, and florists' and confectioners' shops are filled with novelties characteristic of Eastertide as various in make as the prices which tag them.

A miniature woodpile, on the top of which a proud father of the barnyard seems about to air his views of life, is another novelty of the confectioner's shop. There is a little moss-covered foundation on which the tiny logs made of chocolate are piled, and the rooster has a white body with real black wing and tail feathers, and high comb and topknot of red cloth. One would never guess that the moss-covered foundation was a box to be filled with candies.

One two-wheeled cart of willow shows a little golden-haired, blue eyed doll in dainty lingerie frock and hat seated amid the numberless ilies of the valle; which fill the body of the basket. The carriage top is interwoven with spring blossoms and ribbon bowed, and the wheels are trimmed with sprigs of smilax. Mr. Rooster is reined with white satin ribbon, which the little lady's hands affect to control. His harness is hung with tiny colored eggs of paper board and little chicks peep here and there through from the openings in the basket and perch on the willow shaves and hide in the flowers.--- American Home Monthly.

THE CHRIST OF THE ANDES.

(Colossal Statue on Boundary Line Between Chili and Argentina.)

See, where it stands in its beauty, Where the earliest sunbeams shine: Tall and stately and splendid; The Christ of the Boundary Line!

Forbidden the evil impulse That leadeth to pain and crime; United the faith of nations, A compact outlasting Time! Telling the coming of Man. Who is born in the Image Divine:

Like a grand, full, chord of music,

The Christ of the Boundary Line!



As we view this beautiful statue From the mountain paths below. As we see its Face supernal In the sunbeams' latest glow: Twist erstwhile waring nations Of a present peace the sign; A psalm and a prayer in marble: The Christ of the Boundary Line!

AN EASTER PRAYER.

So many eyes, tear-blinded, scarcel

The gracious hope and promise of the spring; Though leaf and bud are rich in

prophecy. They have no vision of the blossom-

Oh. God of pity! at this Eastertide. May all the sweet, glad promise of the day

Steal into troubled hearts, and there abide-Grant visions unto such as these.

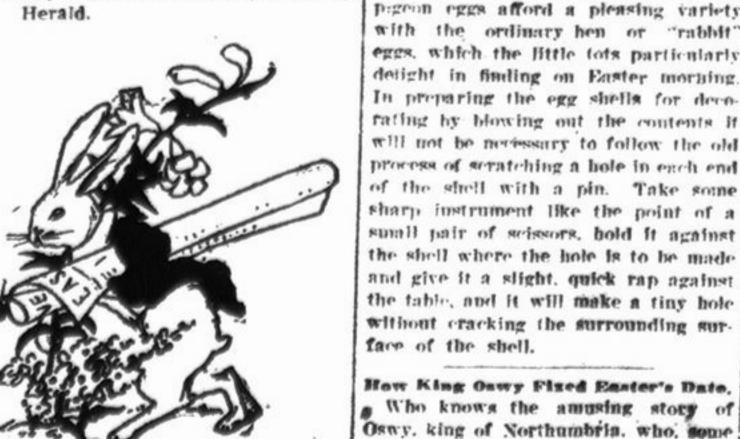
HE IS RISEN.

We pray.

Sweet the chime the bells are ringing Sweet the carol angels singing: "Risen is our Lord most glorious, Over sin and death victorious."

He is risen—tell the story Wafted from His throne of glory: From the bonds of death set free-O, grave, where is thy victory?

Angels, strike your harps of glory; Waft, ye winds, the joyful story, While with happy voice we sing Praises to our risen King. -Emily Houseman Watson, in Home Herald.



THE FIRST EASTER MORN."



"In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn towards the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from beaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat mon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead mea. And the angel answered and sold unto the women. Fear not yet for I know that ye seek Jesus.

CUPID'S BAD AIM.

Through days of Lent,

Dan Cupid fashioned arrows,

He practiced on the sparrows.

She'd wear on Easter morning.

From church, they came together.

With skill and swiftness laden;

But the headgear of the maiden!

Thus Capid and Myrtilla planned

And toiled through Lenten weather

On sport intent.

And every day

Myrtilla spent

Of splendor that

Till Easter day,

When, on the way

And Cupid raughed

Found not the heart.

"Ho, ho," she cried

You did it very neatly!

Rut, filled with shame

And practice unavailing.

Before her stood bewaiting.

She stepped and cried

"Cheer up, you silly Cupid!

Tie true, but what of that, sir?

And through the April weather

DECORATIONS FOR EASTER EGGS.

May Be Produced.

boil it very hard or make a small hole

curred in gold, silver, copper, bronze,

etc. Nothing in this line is more drinty

than a "frosted" egg. A cont of dam-

fore being allowed to dry it is thor-

oughly sprinkled with diamond dust.

small landscapes and flower sprays

may be handpainted. Another charm-

ing fancy is to inscribe an Easter wish

of verse on a delicately finted egg. This

is done with metallic paint, applied

with a fine camel's hair brosh. It may

be more quickly done with a stub pen

and India fuk, but the result will not

be so effective. To one end of the

egg gine a fringed cap of tinsel paper.

to which has been fastened a how

and a loop of ribbons for hanging. If

they can be procured, goose, turkey and

pigeon eggs afford a pleasing variety

with the ordinary ben or "rabbit"

eggs, which the little tots particularly

delight in finding on Easter morning.

In preparing the egg shells for dece-

rating by blowing out the contents it

will not be necessary to follow the old

process of scratching a hole in each end

of the shell with a pin. Take some

sharp instrument like the point of a

small pair of scissors, hold it against

the shell where the hole is to be made

and give it a slight, quick rap against

How King Onwy Fixed Easter's Date.

Who knows the amusing story of

time back in the six hundreds, decided

Becomes it most completely."

With saucy pride,

My hat was bare.

Your arrow there

At wretched sim

The pretty boy.

Then to his side

That Love is blind

That Lave is only stupid.

I've heard I find

"Your skillful eye

If you were smart

With joy beguiled,

And meadows fair

That previous pair

-San Francisco Call.

ple outline figures, etc.

Went o'er the hills together,

You'd know my heart

le in my Easter lint, sir."

Did aim agry.

Berrit of joy.

And simed a shaft

But, lo, the dart

A costly hat

His sim, they say,

Now, days of Lant

In projects for adorning

which was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and, behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him; lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great foy; and did run to bring His disciples word And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hall. And they came and held

Him by the feet, and worshiped Him."

for the Roman calendar for Easter in have become by falth partakers of His that controversy as to its rightful date nature, if He has risen from the dead over which so much time and excite in our lives, if the spirit that was in ment were wasted for a number of cen- Him animates our thoughts and acturies? After hearing the sides of the tions then we have a right to believe two parties, he asked the bishop who that, because He lives, we shall live stood for the Alexandrian calendar if also. The life of the vine is in the any such trust had been given to his branches, and over that life, as the St. Augustine as that given to Peter, event we celebrate at Easter proves, of being the gate keeper of heaven, and for the loved ones gone before, we On having it confessed that there had welcome the glad message that Easter not, "Well," said Oswy, "since I should brings, and sorrow not as those who be sorry to reach beaven and not be have no hope. admitted, to the Roman party the fixing of Easter must be given."



Now little Miss Pratt bought a dream With a dear little birdle upon it:

The part of the bird that poor daddy the hope of earth shall be fully and

Was the hill for the bird of a bonnet.

Enster.

time of the Easter festival. Those who have laid the forms of loved ones in the grave, and those who are approaching the end of their own lives, ask auxiously the question uttered long centuries ago by the patriarch: "If a man die, shall he live again?' Looking on the face of one on whom death | Easter trimmings not only cover the How Some Very Benntiful Effects has done its work, and noting the fear ful havor it has made, we may be fornot seem possible that the man can at each end and blow out the contents. Hive again. Millions have passed out The simplest manner of decorating is of that dread gate, and not one comes to color with aniline dyes, by means back, or utters a word andible to morof which any shade may be obtained. Ital cars. What reason have we to These may be further beautified by hope for anything beyond? To the anxetching with a sharp-pointed kalle the long believer comes the assurance of monogram of the recipient, vines, sim- | Christ: "I am the resurrection and the life;" and after His words had been More heautiful in effect and quite put to the proof. His declaration, "I easily prepared are the eggs control am He that liveth and was dead; and with metallic paint, which can be pro behold. I am alive for evermore,"

May we found a hope of immortality on the resurrection of Jesus? Does not in the churchyard attired in holiday our very belief in the divinity of His dress, and Indulge in swial games. If mar varnish is first applied, and be pathre preclude as from inferring a during these games a girl allows her resurrection for ourselves, which may handkerchief to be taken away by a have been a result of that union in young man this is a sign of a proposal Eggs may also be prettily embellished Him of the Divine and the human? and acceptance. The next day her parwith decalcomania pictures finished To this question the life we are now ents send a jug of wine to him as a with a cost of dammar varnish, or living must give the answer. If we token of their approval.

Light from the Tomb.

The open tomb is God's auswer to the hope of the ages. All that the prophets promised, that the age-long thousand miles northwest of Sydney. hope of the world expected from His The new-comers, miners, elected a lacoming. Jesus gloriously fulfilled in !lis resurrection. He lived, was seen alive, liveth forever more, and because He lives we shall live also. Death has | "eef you ave h'only been at dees wed-Lot its sting and its shadow. We live | ding of Pierre Coubertin an' Emille La in the morning-glory of a day that will Roche you shall nevaire forget been never set in darkness, the people of a So gentil! So mooch luxury! H'every Kingdom that is agrices and eternal, one so 'appy an' so grand an' fine The supset is the sunrise and the valley of gloom has been filled with a radance that admits no darkness, for the dreenk de real ginger ale!" Lamb is the Light thereof.

As life passes onward and the full measure of the years is made up, the with added force and authority. Then the resting places of the heart and we waters. Few sightseers ever catch a link ourselves with the best of both worlds. Earthly years are not seen as the whole of our life, but in the blessed light of Christ's open tomb we see beyond into the glory of eternal life with Him. We shall see His face and gioriously and forever satisfied in Him.

Enstertide in Billyttle.

There are numerous angels pictured on the Easter cards, but they are all scantily clothed, and not one of 'em wears a twelve dollar bat.

Times are not exactly as flush as they might be, so yesterday we took our rifle and killed four jay birds for our wife to trim her hat with. There is just this about it : These

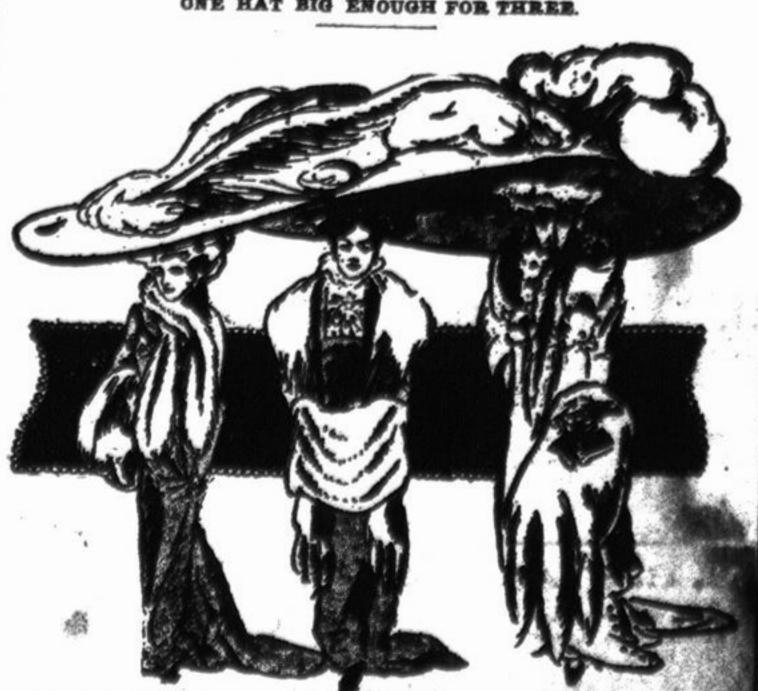
ground, but certainly fill the bill, We have been kept very basy of late. To prepare the egg for decoration given for our faltering faith. It does We are running an Easter millinery establishment in connection with our

> We have sold enough Easter liftes this season to pay off the mortgage on

The Easter weather is so clear and beautiful you can see a bill collector approaching a quarter of a mile away. Atlanta Constitution.

Enster Monday in Balgaria. In Bulgaria young men and women meet on Easter Monday, congregating

ONE HAT BIG ENOUGH FOR THREE.



The Norwegian army

England's food importations age about \$16 for each inhabits With all its possessions co there are six colored persons to

white in the British empire. The first alarm of fire by an electri telegraph system was given at size p. m. April 29, 1852, in Boston. Street sweepers of Chicago and Box ton carry a tiny electric lamp on their

caps to keep from being run over. Stockholm, Christiana, Berlin an London in the order named have the lowest death rates of all the cities of Europe.

The first application of electric hasting for household use was the electric flatiron. Now there are hundreds of thousands of electric flatirons in use in private homes and laundries. The first rotary converted in Ameri-

ca, as well as the largest, was built by the General Electric Company. These machines are used to change alternating current into direct current for street railway service. Rhodes, the city of the Colossus, still

survives, a medieval city in all its defensive war gear of tower and curtain and keep. It is the city which the Knights of St. John erected in the midst of the Byzantines, after being driven out of Jerusalem in the early fourteenth century.

Josiah Quincy, the prominent Boston politician, was walking near the city hall, when he heard a laborer accost another thus: "That's Josiah Quincy." "An' who's Josiah Quincy?" the other asked. "I never see such ignorance," rejoined the other. "He's the grandson of the statute you see in the

A saller enters a livery stable to hire a horse for the day, to take some friends into the country. The proprietor has one brought out for inspection, and begins: "There's a beauty for you! Small head, clean legs, short back-" "Short back be blowed! We want one with a long back. It's to carry nine."

Edward Bulwer Lytton Dickens, the youngest son of one great novelist and godsou of another, has lost his seat in the Parliament of New South Wales, Australia, through the discovery of rich silver mines at Broken Hills, a bor candidate.

Two French-Cauadians were talking. "Ah, Antonia," one of them exclaimed, Theenk of cet, Antoine! H'every one wear de Prince h'Albert mants an

Larger than Niagara is the caterac of the Langua falls, afmost at the insecretion of the three frontiers of sense of eternity steals into the soul Paragnay, Brazil and the Argentina Republic. The river taken its name it is that the promises of God become from a Spanish word meaning great gfimpee of Iguasu falls because f takes six days to make the picturesque journey of about 1,250 miles from Buenos Aires.

> Goats, more than any other thing, have assisted the rural inhabitants of Asia Minor to destroy the magnificent forests which once extended from Smyrna through to Konia, the ancient capital of Karamania. Not only have the peasants and nomads destroyed the timber for the sake of firewood, but they destroyed it also in order that their goats might obtain suitable pasture. And the goats in their turn pervented the new shoots ever after from replacing the trees which had been cut down.

One of the leading comedians of the Frankfurt Theater, in Germany, other evening went to the director and asked for an advance on his week's salary. The books showed that the whole amount had already been drawn and the director said "No." "Very good," said the actor, "then I shall refuse to go on to-night." The director saw that it was dangerously near curtain time and rejuctantly gave the act or the amount asked for, but safet; "Remember, sir, this is nothing short of extertion and a cowardly one at that." "Not a all, Herr Director," said the actor, stuffing the money in his pocket, 'my name is not on the bill for to-night, anyway." Dr. Sven Hedin, the explorer, writen

thus from Japan: "A fact that has often struck me is how little the Japanese think of the men who, quite recently, have written the history of the world with the point of their swords or the fire from their cannon. A month ago when we visited the Shinto temple raised to the momery of the hero Kusupoki in Kobe, many of my, friends said that when Admiral Togo dies and a temple is sure to be raised to him But If, on the other hand, one express es one's profound admiration of such men, hardly any one agrees and for the reason that they consider tha these men have only done their duty that the fulfillment of duty is the most natural thing in the world and not worth wasting words over."

Bosnia is a land where a man's sur name very often varies according to his religion. In the old days familioften divided their members he Christianity and Islam, so as to certain to have friends on the side, much as old Scottish f selves between Jacobite and an. In such Bosnian canca Ellot explains, all re other as relatives.