

## The Action Free Press

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### The Young Folks.

#### MARY'S EASTER HAT

My little mother has now hat  
To wear on Easter day.

Almonds and nutmeg plumes made up  
With all the flowers of May.

A garden is the doted crown  
Where violets may grow.

White buttercups and grasses blit  
With golden hairs.

What a ring in the spring day!  
The gayest of the gay!

Which Neil will wear with safety grace  
Upon the Easter day!

—MAUD THIBAULT.

#### THE NEW SPRING BONNET.

It is to be admitted that there is something of the same quick delight to the soul of every young woman in the possession of a new Easter bonnet that is to be felt by all, both young and old, over the newly springing brooms and daffodils, or the

April blossoms.

or that comes to one from the perfect representation of spring, beauty with paint and pencil.

It is, in the first place, an object of beauty, with its delicate fabrics, its delicate tints, its airy lightness, its fresh fastidious ribbons, its plumes or its posies; its general effect of being only a larger sort of bloom itself.

In the next place, it is the result of a high state of manufacture. Not only has talent, skill and artifice of finger gone to the combination and harmony of shape and color there, but new looms have been set up and new methods have been thought out and employed, that these silken ribbons, these lute strings and gazeze, might be woven, and new inventions have exercised brains for the making of these frames, for the setting of these dyes.

#### THE DATE OF EASTER.

The date of Easter is determined by the ecclesiastical calendar of the Catholic church. It is a very complicated and elaborate affair invented by Julian the Neapolitan astronomer and sage, under Gregory XIII at the close of the sixteenth century.

It would be preposterous to tax the brains of modern readers with the abstruse calculations by which the date of Easter is determined, but a few general rules might be given for their enlightenment.

The regulations of the council of Nice are four: First, Easter must be celebrated on a Sunday; second, this Sunday must follow the fourteenth of the paschal moon; third, the paschal moon whose fourteenth day falls on or next follows the day of the vernal equinox; fourth, the equinox is fixed invariably in the calendar on the 21st day of March.

This calendar moon, it should be remembered, is not the moon of the heavens, nor yet the moon of the astronomers, but it is an imaginary moon created for ecclesiastical convenience. From these conditions it follows that Easter Sunday cannot happen earlier than the 22nd of March or later than the 25th of April.

#### THE BICYCLE ON SUNDAY.

The bicycle can no longer be viewed as a "rare." It has now come to be recognized as one of the necessities of our rapidly moving age. We rejoice to learn that those following it are following in its train.

It is a diversion of youth of our land from the theatre and from the unhealthful "sports" of various forms. Very remarkable also has been the decrease in the sale of tobacco and intoxicants.

Every friend of youth rejoices in these results of the extended use of the bicycle. But the bicycle can be made a means of evil as well as of good, and unfortunately, one of the evils is causing much anxiety to many who are seeking the highest welfare of the youth of our land. We refer to the increasing prevalence of bicycling on Sunday. The use of the wheel to attend church or to ride in the discharge of Christianity no one will raise serious objection to; but the misuse of it as a source of pleasure or selfish gratification, is nothing less than Sabbath desecration in one of its most seductive forms. Thousands of young people—and older people, too, alas!—are seen spinning along with their faces toward the parks and the country from morning till night, all bent on pleasure-seeking. The Lord of God is angry. The Sabbath is forgotten in His holy day's turned into a holiday. Here is an opportunity for Christians Endeavor to exert a strong influence for good. It would be better not to use the bicycle at all, even to attend church, than to give countenance to desecration of the Lord's day. This will afford a splendid opportunity of declaring your allegiance to Christ, and of exhibiting the spirit of self-denial for his sake. Such self-sacrifice will not be without its reward. "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then thou shall delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob, thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

#### EASTER LILIES.

Long ago, as Easter umbles, bloomed the lilies, tall and white, growing in the garden of life.

Woe, if with prayer and fasting,

Pain with watching by the dead,

Near a garden tomb they lingered,

Low before it bowed the head,

For the angels' silent fingers,

Toured the scene, the myrtle biles

Lovingly, with tender care.

While the world in solemn stillness

Watched the coming of the day,

Of that great day, the world was rolled away,

And when morning dawned respondent,

Paled the earth its glory shone,

"Christ is risen from the dead!"

Yankee Version.—Teacher trying to inculcate a moral—Now children, why was it that the world would not touch Daniel?

It is reported that sixty-nine poor families in New York were evicted during one of last winter's storms. How far below zero is it possible for some hearts to sink.

The talking machine is now much used in the work in teaching foreign languages and in teaching English spelling and pronunciation. One advantage of machine teaching is that the machine is endowed with endless patience.

#### THE EGG BRIGADE.

There is no country where eggs are used more lavishly than America, says the Detroit Free Press, where the Press gives the children of Washington the freedom of the White house on Easter Monday, and the result of their egg殽elling contest, which is as democratic a festival as one could well imagine, where black and white, street boys and aristocrats, play side by side,atching eggs or "picking" them, that is cracking them together till one shell breaks the other and are cracked, and they become a mass of crumpled shells, when the egg part is soon scooped out and eaten with much satisfaction. The eggs are all the colors of the rainbow, and are brought in baskets, in pockets, in hamper and in nets. A great many people in carriages and on foot stop and look on. The custom of rolling eggs down hill is a very old one, and is practised in many parts of England.

#### ESTER IN THE COUNTRY.

We who dwell in the country may miss many good things which contribute to the fullness of life for the "bright," the urban dweller, who is compelled to buy his bread, meat, fruit, that never fails—that of watching the seasons as they come and go. Here we find that infinite variety which constitutes the best relish of life; a variety produced by nature, unfeared over changing, not subject to the finite limitations that make the contrivances of men so little able to refresh and rejuvenate the inner self. Merely, the coming of spring begins with Easter Sunday, though after times, in this latitude, the weather does not always bear out the promise of the day.

#### CRITICAL CONDITION

OF THOUSANDS OF CANADIANS.

#### BLOOD IS FOUL AND DISEASED.

#### Paine's Celery Compound the Great Spring Cleanser.

Your blood impure and poisoned? It is if you have eruptions, blotches, pimples, sores, eczema, salt rheum or scrofula. With such trouble the blood is fast carried away and disease to every part of your system.

To be clean, sound, vigorous and healthy you must use Paine's Celery Compound. Its vitalizing and health-giving properties show at once upon the blood, it is unequalled as a health producer and cleanser.

No bitters, nerines, sarsaparilla, or any concoction can possibly remove the dangers that lurk in your system at this time. For pure, rich blood, ray cheeks and good digestion you need Paine's Celery Compound.

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Beware of the substitutes that are frequently offered for Paine's Celery Compound—those worthless imitations that are pushed on the unsuspecting for the sake of the large profits they bring the retailer, instead upon having "Paine's" the kind that makes people well.

#### Constipation

Causes fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indi-

gestion, constipation, etc.

**Hood's Pills**

contain, ind. taste, coated tongue, sick headache, etc. Hood's Pills cure constipation, etc.

They are sold in demand. The Sale Borders on the Phenomenal.

Slight Liver, Constipation or irregular bowels are the precursors of many physical disorders.

These little wonders remove cause.

They are entirely, vegetable. They act on the liver and bowels without disturbing the system, etc. All druggists.

Prepared by C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

The only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The sin that looks the safest is the easiest to kill.

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#### CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

Character is measured by the distance travelled, from the starting point, and everything depends upon whether the progress has been up stream or down.

Putnam's Corn Extractor

Cures in twenty-four hours. This is the testimony of tens of thousands who have used Putnam's actie speedily, without pain, and removes corns in twenty-four hours.

The shiftless man is always away from home with a good opportunity knocks.

These never was, and never will be, a universal panacea, in one remedy, for all its-to-whistle-bliss-is-his—the very nature of many cures being such that were the course of other and differently seated diseases rooted in the system of the patient—what would relieve one ill, in turn would aggravate the other. We have, however, in Quinino Wine, when obtained in a sound undiluted state, a remedy for many and grievous ills. By its gradual judicious use, the traitor system is led into convalescence and strength, by the influence which Quinino exerts on Nature's own restoratives. It relieves the drooping spirits of those with whom a chronic state of morbid despondence and lack of interest in life is a disease, and by tranquilizing the nerves, dispenses sound and refreshing sleep, imparts vigor to the action of the blood, while bodily aliments, caused through the veins, are removed, thus restoring the healthy animal functions of the system, thereby making activity a necessary result, strengthening the frame, and giving life to the digestive organs, which naturally demand increased substance—result, improved appetite. Northrop & Lyman, of Toronto, have given to the public their Quinino Wine at the usual rate, and, gauged by the opinion of scientists, this wine approaches nearest perfection of any in the market. All druggists sell it.

Ask your druggist for

Putnam's Corn Extractor

Look for this Print in the Snow

It is the pattern of the heel of the Granby Rubber and Overshoe. The next time you buy a pair of rubber or overshoes ask for Granby and look for this pattern on the heel. There is no need to have them in the same shape as your boot, because they are not. They are made to fit every shape of foot. A rubber that does not fit the boot will draw the foot. Granby Rubbers are thin, light, elastic and fit perfectly.

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