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Jeweled Eggs at Easter According to Herbert P. Whitlock, curator of gems of the American

Museum of Natural History, the custom of exchanging eggs Easter was a very old one in imperial Russia. According to an ancient legend, Mary Magdalene gave the Roman emperor, Tiberius, hen's egg dyed red as a symbol of the risen Christ. Up to the close of the World war, the great mass of the Russian people yearly gave one another hen's eggs dyed red. Among the wealthier class, eggs carved from the variously colored Russian decorative stones were used. The emperor, Alexander III. inaugurated the custom of presenting to the empress at every Eastertide a specially elaborate and costly egg designed by the court jeweler.

"Hull's Victory" Song The song, "Hull's Victory," was inspired by the famous sea battle of 1812 off the lower coast of New Jersey, when Hull, as commander of the Constitution, with soldiers recruited from Annapolis, defeated and captured the British frigate Guerrier. New England sailors often sang this song and the tune and dance by the same name have been used in Maine and other sections in the eastern part of the country for at least 80 years.

Mexican Religious Ceremony celebration of song and dance fol- It is supposed to be unlucky MILTON. lows.

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By order W. I. DICK, Milton,

Clerk of the Peace

Shakespeare's Birthplace

Was Simple Gabled House The quaint little village of Stratford-on-Avon in England is closely linked with events which took place there many years ago-the birth, life and death of William Shakes-

longs to the British government, is finder Magazine. restored to its original state and the ground floor is used as a mu-

thoughts."

as Shakespeare knew them. And secticide.

To digg the dust encloased heare,

Synthetic Jewels Can Be

MacMonnies, sculptor.

"Fissure lines" are present in all rubies and always run straight. The lines are curved in synthetic rubies. That is the only difference between a real and an imitation stone, swers Magazine.

Faked emeralds are perhaps the most brilliant example of the synthetic jeweler's art. A piece of Largest, Heaviest Fruit colored crystal is carefully overlaid with a layer of genuine emerald, by means of fusing.

If a jeweler lays this dud stone under the "refractometer," which measures the angles of light reflected from its facets, the "emerald" Portuguese adventurers of the Fifwill pass his test. The stone must be removed from its setting before it is possible to discover the fake. The cultured pearl would easily

deceive but not so the expert; he

to evaporation, the level of the Med- supposed to be the forbidden fruit Coventry's Peeping Tom spite of the large volume of water them to be a remedy for senility. poured into the Mediterranean by such rivers as the Nile, the Rhone, the Ebro, the Po, and through the Panda Sits on Haunches Dardanelles. The Mediterranean extends over an area of more than a million square miles, equal to a States. It washes the shores of Europe, Asia and Africa.

Spanish and Mexican settlements also supposed to have special powthroughout the country. Nine nights | ers against kidney and digestive most others.

First Counterfeiting

The first New England and New York colonists found the Indians using beads and belts for money: made out of the black part of a clam |cold polished and arranged in strings or Greek "ailuros," a cat-like animal The bridge having the longest wa- by either Chinese or Arabs. belts, with one black bead worth two and "fulgens" (Latin) means "shin- ter span in the world is the San whites. This money became the ing." prevailing currency for a while. with the white man showing his superiority by counterfeiting it.

Coining Money, Declaring War The United States Constitution cousins. "Born out of group suffer- spans of 2,310 feet each. The east States. The herbal fever-fighter is says regarding the rights of coining ing," he says, "the spirituals give bay crossing, from Yerba Buena money and the powers of declaring voice to the slave's song of a better sland to Oakland, includes a canti- which grows in Brazil and Asia. Of war: "The congress shall have the world to come. The blues, also lever span 1,400 feet in length, the medically valuable plants, the Unitpower: To coin money, regulate the rising from a cauldron of pain and heaviest in the world. The east bay ed States has extremely few. Pervalue thereof, and of foreign coin, misery, are the expression of an crossing from the island to the toll and fix the standard of weights and individual singer, and bear the plaza on the Oakland mole is 19,400 measures. To declare war, grant hope that although today is filled feet in length. The east bay crossletters of marque and reprisal, with unhappiness, tomorrow's sun ing is connected with the west bay coast and the leaves and bark of the of land and water."

Blossoms, Leaves, Bark, Roots Used as Medicine

Since ancient times, man has had a high regard for flowers, leaves, doctors were firmly convinced-as some Chinese doctors still are-that if any section of a plant resembled The most revered building in the village, writes Leslie Hartley in the Washington Star, is the simple gabled wooden house on Henley street in which the "Bard of Avon" and liverwort became a standard standard was how in 1564, on April 23 many. was born in 1564—on April 23, many part of the treatment for diseases of chief justice of the king's bench,

second floor where the poet was born. riety of diseases, and they adopted signer of the Declaration of Indemary for remembrance, pansies for icans chew it for toothaches. A con- criticism and in religion. coction from larkspur seed was

his remains rest under the altar of Between 1860 and 1880, the peak for modern charts and whose name possibly was never inside the door Trinity church, where he worshiped, of the boom, the New England mem- was given to an island, town and of the Auld Licht kirk, which he has with the following epitaph to mark bers of a religious sect known as mountain range in Australia; Perry, immortalized. Religious differences the "Shakers" had a virtual monop- naval officer, famous for his treaty in those days were too acute to per-"Good frend for Jesus sake for- oly on the botanical drug business, with Japan in 1852 safeguarding mit of wandering from one church shipping their products all over American commerce in Japanese to another. America and to foreign countries, waters. Blese be ye man yt spares thes At about the same time, shrewd promotion led ignorant Chinese to win Locomotive works; Brady, first son of David Barrie, it is unlikely And cursed be he yt moves my believe that ginseng, a common plant in the eastern United States war photographer in America, with the South From It was through A bronze statue of Shakespeare in and Canada, was a remarkable the gallery of the reading room of healer, and ginseng seeds literally

United States. It is by Frederick sweet, and preparations of them are Vassar college. commonly used to coat pills. Others are mildly laxative in their effect, although herbs are not as wide- Betta, Siamese Sea Fish, Worn Without Detection ly used for diuretics as they once were. Many of them provide oils necessary to the preparation of liq- Betta, fighting denizen of the Siuid medicine. Further, the leaves amese sea, is a strange fish and the and roots of many plants are poison- strangest thing about him is his ous and with a doctor's advice, a love life, writes Brian Curtis in cording to a writer in London An- few of them may be used as "The Life Story of the Fish," pub-

The coco-de-mer is to be found on lin island and Curieuse island, in the substance from his mouth which Her daughter, Elizabeth, married teenth century were the first to dis- process he repeats until he has a collect these ditties and put them in cover the nut, floating on the sea dome of bubbles from one to two permanent form for the use of future hundreds of miles from land. The inches in diameter and protruding generations. He, therefore, brought fact that it was a "double" nut, dif- as much as a half an inch above out a book, of which the earliest ferent from the ordinary coconut the surface of the water. would look for the small blister that with which the sailors were already the nest and attacks all intruders ing title: "Songs for the Nursery; always appears in them. When familiar, suggested that it was the nest and attacks all intruders or, Mother Goose's Melodies for strung, a hole is bored through the something new, according to a Frentually be drives ber out and Children. Printed by T. Fleet, at

presence can be discerned by the A foot long, of a black-brown color, carefree way. But not so the male There is little doubt that this was the coco-de-mer is the largest and Betta; his task has just begun. the first edition of the work, since Generally speaking, it is the heaviest fruit in the world—and the He remains in his nest making such the old records of Boston give the cutting and setting of synthetic Portuguese sought for its home; repairs as necessary and returning date of the marriage of Thomas gems that give them away. A lady but it was not until 1789 that white to their place such eggs as fall out, Fleet and Elizabeth Goose as 1715. who is prepared to pay for expert men first set eyes on the lovely fan until the young are hatched. For workmanship in this respect can palms which bear the fruit. The several days thereafter he remains wear synthetic jewelry without first specimens which reached Eng- the perfact papa, until suddenly he much fear of its being detected. | land were sold for £300 apiece, and wearies of the whole idea, turns

The strait of Gibraltar, often con- hang in clusters of three to six, take jaws. sidered the Mediterranean's chief seven years to ripen, and weigh outlet, is technically an inlet. Due often as much as 50 pounds, were iterranean is a little below that of of the Garden of Eden and to have the Atlantic ocean, so that fresher medicinal virtues. Indian princes ocean water constantly flows in pay big prices for the nuts, which

The panda (East Indian name third of the area of the United order Ferae, family Procyonidae, genus Aelurus, species Aelurus fulgens), is a raccoon-like mammal "Green Stone" Gamblers' Mascot of the southeastern Himalayas. small panda is about the size of a The New Zealand "green stone" large cat and has a bushy tail nearly is a type of jade, but generally as long as its body, ringed like that much darker in color than the jade of a raccoon. The giant panda necklaces. It is a mascot for gam- weighs about 300 pounds at matublers and gives success in any game rity. Its fur, which is thick, is a of chance, particularly in racing. As rich red chestnut above and jet-Las Posadas is a Mexican relig- it is green it was regarded as bene-black below, the face, the inner sur-

before Christmas a candle-lighted | ills. One book says that a great the Himalayas at elevations of 7,000 abbey founded by her in 1043, once procession following the Holy Pair, deal of jade is found in Peru and it to 12,000 feet, states a writer in the gave proof of existence. That, unwhose images are solemnly carried, was worn as ornaments by the na. Indianapolis News. Though an ex- fortunately, was destroyed by Henry ly, when a body of water is dynaweaves its way from door to door, tives to safeguard them against cellent climber it passes much of VIII, and while most people still adthose particular ailments when Centhe time on the ground, making its mit that she was a real person, they were momentarily too buoyant who can find "no room in the Inn." tral America was discovered. It home in holes and clefts in the doubt she ever made the ride. No come to the surface while the others finally, it is explained that shelter is, according to one book, the birth-rocks. It is mainly herbivorous, its documentary evidence of it turned sink to the bottom. is sought for the Virgin Mary and stone of people born under the Zo- foods being chiefly fruits, acorns, up until 150 years after her death the door is thrown open. All are diacal sign of Virgo-birthdays be-bamboo shoots, and roots, but it and such rides, detractors say, are received with great rejoicing and a tween August 24 and September 22. will eat eggs, milk and butter. Its common in old folk traditions. Lady navigators when Columbus discovto habits are some like those of a Godiva's name, the debunkers say, the cat-bear. It sits upon its honor to her piety and goodness. haunches to fight, and drinks like a bear by putting its nose in the water and sucking instead of lapping. The panda is easily tamed and

Blues and Spirituals here on earth."

Name Matthew of Hebrew

Origin: "Gift of God" Matthew, the tax-gatherer, was one the apostles. Modern opinion "gospel according to Matthew," but

historians say. This house, which be- the liver, notes a writer in Path- highest judicial office in England. He was held almost infallible on America's herb boom started al- legal questions and his "Analysis of the ground floor is used as a museum and library. Narrow, dark
stairs lead to the little room on the
stairs lead to the little room on the
them using various plants for a vaMatthew Thornton (1714-1803)

Shakespeare was a lover of nature the native usage. Until about 50 pendence, was a judge of the New and flowers, and in a garden be- years ago, for instance, catnip was Hampshire Supreme court. Matthew neath the windows of his room are regarded as an aid to treat female Arnold (d. 1888) English poet and grown many of the flowers men- disorders and to treat fevers of al- critic, professor of poetry at Oxtioned in his plays, such as "rose- most any description; many Amer- ford, helped introduce a new era in Other Matthews of the past were: many religious denominations as

lage are restored so that they look was recognized merely as an in- est of hydrographers, whose survey more. Barrie himself was brought of the Australian coast is the basis up in the Free church, and very

Baldwin, co-founder of the Bald- was ten years old, and being the war photographer in America, who that he ever saw the inside of any war with the permission of Presi- -the South Free. It was through the library of congress was cast in became worth their weight in gold incalculable historic value, and Vas- Lichts and their religious views. sar (d. 1868), who used the fortune Margaret Ogilvy was brought up in Some herbs are fragrant and he accumulated as a brewer to found the Auld Licht kirk, which she con-

Builds Nest of Bubbles lished by Appleton-Century.

only two islands in the world, Pras- the other, each covered with a sticky children of the neighborhood. Seychelles (Indian ocean). The prevents it from bursting and a Mr. Fleet, and he believed it

blister. Even then, however, its writer in London Tit-Bits Magazine. Eventually he drives her out and his printing house, Pudding Lane, she is at liberty to continue on her Boston, 1719. Price, 2 coppers." for many years afterwards £100 cannibal and tosses off those of his 250 years ago, and not long after

through the strait. That is true in they take as medicine, believing ors its most famous woman, Lady Colonial design. In the old legislamous ride through the city's streets. to Fight; Easily Tamed statues in Coventry, one in the seem to haunt its charming halls. port to mark the exact spot where he share of mementos.

was struck blind. Both Lady Godiva and "Peeping Tom" have come in for their share of debunking in recent years. urns out that the legend of "Peepious ceremony at Our Lady of ficial in eye troubles. From ancient face of the ears, and the claws being story of the ride, but was added

years later as an afterthought. The panda lives in the forests of | As for Lady Godiva, a Benedictine bear, whence it is sometimes called was attached to such a legend to do

Longest Bridges

Francisco - Oakland bay bridge which is eight and a quarter miles long. This bridge is both suspencrossing between San Francisco

Word "Thrums" Technical

Term, Authority Asserts

of warp, saved from webs, or furnished with the new. to mend the broken threads of the growing fabric."

Many other buildings in the vil- thought to cure asthma; later it Flinders (d. 1814) one of the great- there are in the town today—if not

"Barrie left Kirriemuir when he tinued to attend until her marriage to David Barrie. She took her memories with her and handed them on to her son."

Mother Goose Lived in

edition now known bears the follow-

Founding of Annapolis

offspring who are not fortunate became the capital of Maryland Mediterranean Lower Than Ocean The reason? These nuts, which enough to escape his menacing Still later it was the capital of the Shares Honor With Lady Baltimore. Its beautiful capitol sits Coventry, England, not only hon- on a little knoll and is a gem of Godiva, but also "Peeping Tom," tive hall, General Washington surwho was supposed to have been rendered his commission after the struck blind for peeping on her fa- Revolution. The shades of Carroll of Carrollton, a signer of the Dec-Lady Godiva herself has two laration of Independence and others, Guildhall, the other in the Great In one of them stand the battle Hundreds of tourists visit standards of the Maryland regithem. "Peeping Tom" is also im- ments in the Civil war, with the mortalized in Coventry presum- Union and Confederate flags on opably as a bad example, with several posite sides of the room, since Maryeffigies. These are each in a dif- land was a state of divided sympaferent part of the city, but all pur- thies. The World war also has its

Because water pressure increases with depth, fish constantly but slowly have to adjust the pressure in their swim bladder, as they move from one level to another, to avoid sinking below or rising above their desired depth. That is why, states a correspondent in Collier's Week-

Early Reference to Compass

The magnetic compass, friend of ered America, was known at least as long ago as the Twelfth or Thir-

The great herbal emetic comes sion and cantilever. The west bay from ipecac, a tropical plant. The great herbal pain-killer is morphine. The blues and the spirituals, ac- and Yerba Buena island, is 10,450 a derivative of the opium poppy; cording to an authority, are first eet long and has two suspension this is not grown in the United quinine, from the cinchona tree haps the two best known are cascara sagrada bark from the Pacific and make rules concerning captures will bring a new, happier day, right crossing by a tunnel through Yerba common mayapple plant, which are used in the preparation of laxatives.

Sir James Barrie carved Thrums ("A Window in Thrums") out of Kirriemuir-the old weaving town in Scotland where he was born. But Kirriemarian, in "J. M. Barrie: An

old weaving days," said Professor Roy. "These thrums were the ends previous

And just as Thrums was only a portion of Kirriemuir, so were the Auld Lichts ("Auld Licht Idylls"), about whom Barrie writes, only a section of the community, Professor Roy explains. "All Auld Lichts were not weavers and all weavers were not Auld Lichts," he says. "In Barrie's Thrums there were just as

the Eighteenth Century

Mother Goose was no myth, as is commonly supposed, but an actual personage, asserts a writer in the When Betta is in a romantie Cleveland Plain Dealer. She lived mood, he builds a gorgeous bubble in Boston at the beginning of the castle. This he accomplishes by go- Eighteenth century. She had an ing to the surface, breathing in air, endless stock of old rhymes and Is Found on Two Islands retiring to a chosen spot, and there jingles in her memory, which she releasing little bubbles, one after taught her grandchildren, and other

United States for a short period in the early years of our congress. It was named after Ann Arundel, wife of Cecil Calvert, second Lord

Why Dynamite Affects Fish

teenth century, says Nikola Tesla, noted physicist. He has a definite allusion to it in a poem by Guyot de Provins, a medieval French writ-The Golden Gate bridge at San er. Tesla disagrees with the conmakes a pleasing pet, but is hard to Francisco has the longest single clusion of the Berlin geographer, white beads made out of the end of raise in any but a warm climate span, a 4,200-foot sweep over the Heinrich Winter, that the compass a periwinkle shell and black beads on account of its susceptibility to entrance to San Francisco bay. The was first used by Norse sea-wanderoverall length of the bridge is 9,200 ers. He considers it more probable shell, the beads rubbed down and The word "Aelurus" is from the feet, or approximately two miles. that the instrument was invented

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