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Seasonable Recipes

Fluffed Eggs
Beat the white until stiff, add a pinch of salt, place in a buttered ramekin or saucer, put a piece of butter in center of white and place unbroken yolk on top. Set the egg dish in a pan of boiling water, cover and cook three minutes. Serve at once.

Easter Salad.
Arrange lettuce leaves on individual dishes. Cut hard-boiled eggs in strips lengthwise so as the strips look like petals. Mix yolks with salad dressing, arrange the "petals" on the lettuce to form a flower and place a spoonful of yolk in the centre of each.

Egg Muffins
Two cups of flour, one teaspoon salt three teaspoons baking powder, one cup milk, two eggs, three tablespoons melted butter. Mix and sift the dry ingredients. Add beaten yolks, butter and milk. Beat well cut and fold in the stiffly beaten whites. Turn into gem pans, bake in hot oven ten or fifteen minutes. Three tablespoons sugar may be added if desired.

Sally Lunn
Use rule for Egg Muffins. Spread three eggs instead of two, and bake in a cake pan instead of muffin pan.

Dutch Apple Cake
Use rule for Egg Muffins. Spread mixture one-half inch thick on buttered pans. Lay apples cut into eighths in two rows on top of dough. Sprinkle with sugar, bake in hot oven thirty minutes. Serve with lemon sauce or as a tea cake.

Corn Muffins
One cup cornmeal, one cup flour, one-quarter cup sugar, one cup milk one-quarter cup butter, four spoons baking powder, one half teaspoon salt two eggs. Cream butter, add yolks well beaten, flour mixed with cornmeal, baking powder and salt, milk and beaten whites. Bake in buttered muffin tins twenty-five minutes in hot oven.

Helpful Hints

Just after Easter, when eggs are most plentiful and have reached their lowest price, is the time to pack next winter's supply. Prepare your crock or water-glass and pack a few freshly gathered eggs every day. They will keep splendidly in the cellar and will be almost as good this time next year as they are when you put them away.

When putting clothes away for the summer use turpentine on the clothes and in the boxes to discourage moths.

Mosquito netting makes the best scrap bag as you can see what you want without turning everything out.

If one chair or table leg is shorter than the others turn the article upside down and put a screw in the end of the leg. This will generally correct the trouble and is tidier than a wedge of paper.

An ordinary dining room chair may be made high enough for a small child by getting four of the rubber bumpers which are used behind doors and screwing one into each leg.

A small circle of old inner tube may be glued to the bottom of each chair leg to keep the floor from being scratched.

The Old Fashioned Way

Jock got better quickly under Mother's and Jeannie's careful nursing but he was very much disappointed when the doctor said that he had better not go out for a week or two longer.

"Yes, I know the sun is shining but the wind is still cold," he said, "you would run around and get overheated and it wouldn't take long for the sharp wind to chill you. You don't know how lucky you are, young man. I wish I could stay in the house for a couple of weeks with somebody to read to me and bring me my meals."

Jock laughed but he felt pretty sorry for himself just the same. Granddad and Uncle John were making maple syrup down in the big bush and he wasn't there to help them. This was the first time he had ever been in the country in the early spring and he was so anxious to go down and see the big evaporator and watch the men collecting the sap in big barrels. Jeannie had gone to see them and had brought back some fresh warm syrup for Jock's tea. The things she told him about the bush and the robins and the song sparrows made him long to be there.

He was feeling rather blue one evening when Granddad came in to tell him about the day's work.

"Well, Jock," he said, "the evaporator isn't much to look at anyway. The real way to make maple syrup is in the old-fashioned kettles we used use when I was a boy. They are still used by people who haven't enough trees to make an evaporator pay, and I guess we who were brought up to make it that way will always think it is the best."

"I wouldn't care what way it is made if I could only see it," said Jock.

"Have you been a good boy today?" asked Granddad suddenly.

"I think so," said Jock in surprise.

"Did you and Jeannie do your lessons?"

"Yes," they answered together.

"Have you bothered your mother about wanting to go out and play?"

"No, not to-day, granddad."

"All right," said Granddad, "if tomorrow is a bright sunny day you wait and see what happens."

"I know," said Jeannie, "a drive to the sugar bush."

"Nothing of the kind," said Granddad pretending to be cross, "now go to bed at once or it won't happen at all."

When Jock woke in the morning the sunshine was streaming across his bed and he could hear Granddad at the telephone.

"I don't think it would hurt him at all—he needs some sunshine. . . . All right good bye doctor."

Jeannie and Jock hurried into their clothes and downstairs.

"Are we going to the sugar bush?" they asked excitedly.

"No," said Granddad, "but if you will eat your breakfast nicely—all your porridge—the sugar bush may come to you."

After breakfast Jock was taken out to a sheltered corner of the sunny south verandah, and how he and Jeannie wondered when they saw what Uncle John was doing. For he was driving old Dobbin right into the yard and Dobby was pulling the stone-boat with a barrel on it. Then Granddad came around the corner of the house with a big iron pot and set it on some flat stones that were arranged in a hollow circle right in last year's aster bed.

"Oh, I know, I know," shouted Jeannie in delight, as Uncle John put some of the contents of the barrel in the kettle and Granddad put birch-bark and sticks underneath it and struck a match. "The old-fashioned way, the old-fashioned way."

The men had to hurry back to the bush to look after the evaporator but all day long Jeannie and Jock and Mummy and Aunt Madge had a sugar making all their own.

When the boiling was done and the syrup was strained and bottled each twin was given a "very own jar."

"I'm going to keep mine for daddy," said Jock.

"I'm going to keep mine till I'm grown up," said Jeannie, "then I'll let my children have it for their tea and I'll tell them about the day we made it."

EASTER

I sometimes wonder whether people in more southern lands feel the real thrill of Easter as we do here. Our northern spring is so truly a time of resurrection. our winter is so cold and long that it sometimes seems as if things could never come to life again. If a stranger from one of the countries where they have no winter were to be set down in Canada on a below zero day, seeing the leafless trees amid the drifts of snow, he might be excused for saying, "Here's a country where everything has died, here is a land where there can be no new life." He might listen politely to our explanations but could not believe us because it would be something quite outside of his experience. But we know. We know that Spring and Easter are symbols of new life and resurrection and on that we base our faith.

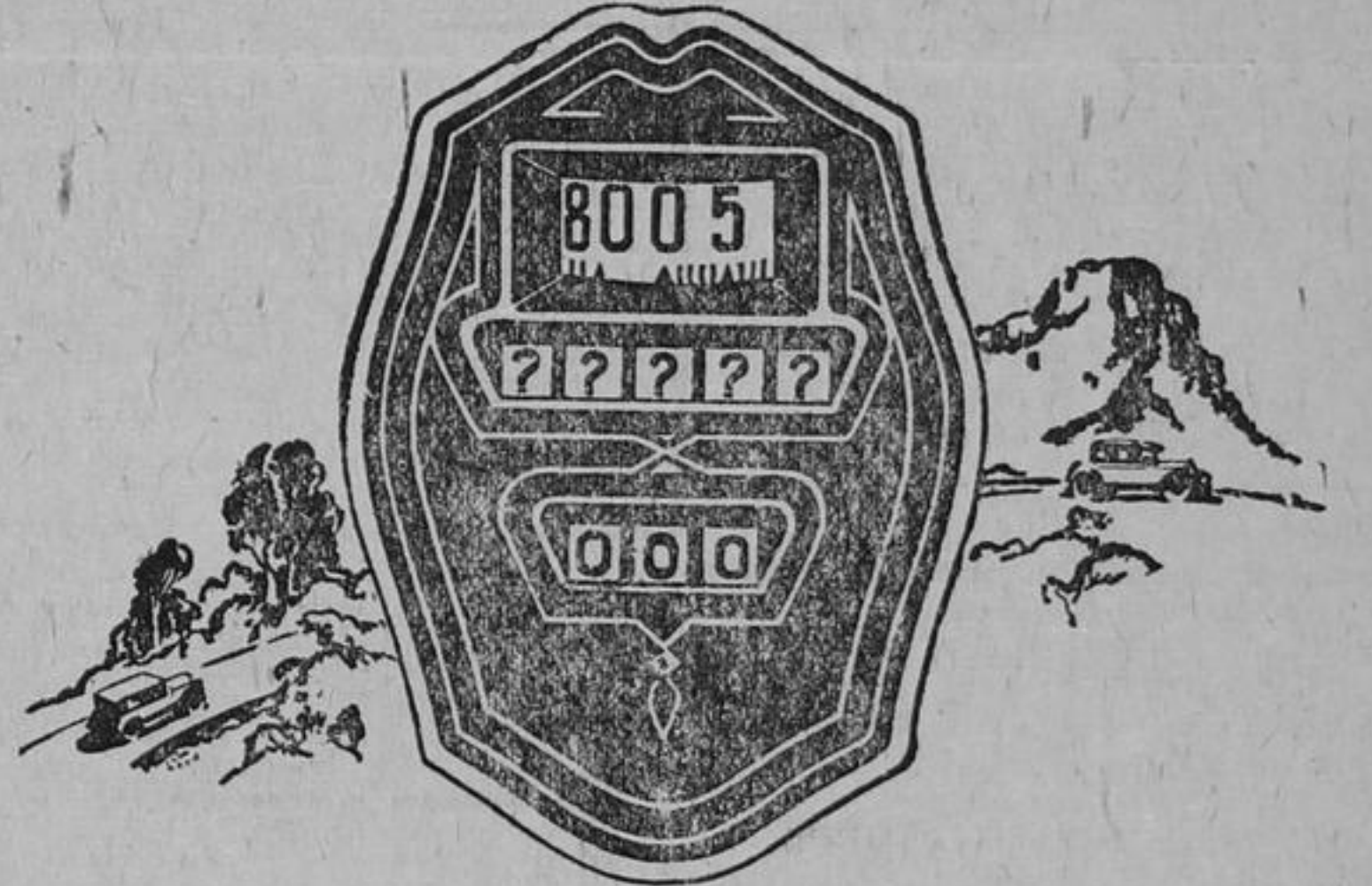
The lovely Easter lily which is used so lavishly to decorate our churches at this festive season is a beautiful example of resurrection. A seemingly dead bulb was buried in the earth, has lain there for a season and has blossomed into this exquisite symbol of purity. Every trillium in the woods, every crocus and tulip in our gardens tells the same story. Each tiny seed we plant tells us the same truth over and over.

Another example of resurrection which is not used as often as the story of flowers but is quite as wonderful is that of the caterpillar. When its life as a caterpillar is ended it spins itself a shroud and buries itself in the earth or perhaps clings to the branch of a tree. Then when spring comes it bursts forth its bonds and emerges into the sunlight a beautiful butterfly.

Teach the children this part of Easter rather than only about Easter eggs and rabbits and new hats. A well known clergyman had evidently neglected this part of it in his own home. At the children's service he asked the question, "What is the chief thing we think about on Easter morning?" And to his horror his own small son answered "Easter eggs."

Strangely enough the time for holding the Christian festival of Easter was for centuries a cause of serious divisions in the church and a fruitful source of dispute. The first Christians celebrated Christ's resurrection at the same time as the Jews held the feast of the Passover. This led to dispute among the different churches and finally the uniform keeping of the festival was decreed by the Council of Nice in 325. As it was set by a certain phase of the moon it was not really settled until the establishment of the Gregorian calendar in 1582. As Easter Sunday always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after vernal equinox (March 21st) that is the reason it occurs on such varying dates.

The English name Easter is probably derived from the name of the old Spring goddess, Ostera, whose feast was celebrated by the ancient Saxons in the early spring and for which the first missionaries wisely substituted the Christian feast.



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