

AN EASTER SONG

A song of sunshine through the rain, Of spring across the snow; A baim to heal the hurts of pain,

A peace surpassing woe. Lift up your heads, ye sorrowing ones, And be ye glad of heart. For Calvary and Easter Day, Earth's saddest day and gladdest day,

Were just one day apart!

With shudder of despair and loss
The world's deep heart was wrung,
As, lifted high upon His cross,
The Lord of Glery hung— When rocks were rent, and ghostly

Stole forth in street and mart; But Calvary and Easter Day, Earth's blackest day and whitest day, Were just one day apart. -Susan Coolidge.



Symbol of Glad Easter

All Nations and All Peoples Have Connected the Egg with the Creation or Renewal of Life.



spoken eloquently was left for a long time to the Alexthough mutely of andrian see to decide. the advent of the tival which in nal equinox. some form or people are observ- month of Nisan. ing. Easter lilies and hyacinths all day. have spoken of

birth of new hopes and desires, sym- ending with April 25. bolized in the celebration of Easter.

sians and Hindus, the Syrians, the Burmese, the Chinese, the Australians, which it is said to lay. the Hawaiians-all have connected the

Hawaii, the islanders declare, was a great egg which some mammoth bird from the dead. dropped as it passed over the seas.

used it as a type of their departure from the land of the Egyptians, and with the Paschal lamb it was a part of the Passover feast.

The early Christians were, of course, Jewish, and when they began monial of the season a new signifi-

the Chaldean form of the Hebrew of the aposties. name for the Passover festival. Hence Music, candles, bonfires, flowers,

second to the fourth centuries, arose. from others. The Eastern churches kept it at the | Certain articles of food, such as tanthat it should be identified with Sunthe beginning of the fourth century, sounded in gentler fashion. the Emperor Constantine succeeded in having a canon passed by the ecumen- church, made beautiful by an impresical council of Nice, fixing and mak- sive ritual invested with all that light ing uniform the date of its observance, and color and sound can add to a cerethough as the rules laid down by this mony, inspire the faithful with the council for the date of its observance thought that once again light and life made it necessary to reconcile three have triumphed over death and dark periods, with no common measure, ness. namely, the week, the lunar month and the solar year, the determination of Easter was for a long time a matter requiring great nicety of calcula- land have gone out of cultivation.

OR days the shop | tion, and so, as the Egyptians were windows have skilled in astronomical matters, this

The rules decreed that the 21st of great spring fes- March should be regarded as the ver-

The full moon happening upon or other the classes next after the 21st of March should and masses of the be regarded as the full moon of the

The first Lord's day after that full and fulips, violets | moon should be observed as Easter

If the full moon chanced to fall on the birth of a Sunday, the next Sunday should be new year, of the Easter day.

springing forth of | As all the movable feasts and fasts buds and blos- depend on Easter, uniformity of time soms, of the thrill- in its observance was an important ing of bird songs, of the breaking of matter. The rules adopted by the ice-bound waters, of the passing of Nicene council makes it possible for winter, and of the return of the sun, it to fall upon any Sunday of five bringing with it seedtime, and the weeks, commencing with March 22 and

The name Easter is derived from And everywhere the egg, symbolic the name of the Saxon goddess of of the universe and of life, of the spring, Eostre, Eastre, or Ostera, and springing forth from the germ of new | may be traced back to the Phoenician forces and powers, has been in evi- moon goddess, Astarte, so often associated with the hare in Eastern myths. The Egyptians, the Jews, the Per. Hence, perhaps, the use of the hare in connection with the Easter eggs,

Some think the name comes from egg with the creation or renewal of the word oster, which means rising, and to Christians it, of course, is commemorative of the rising of Christ

The month dedicated to the spring The Egyptians regarded the egg as goddess of the Saxons was the fourth a sacred emblem of the renovation of month, which answers to our April, mankind after the flood, and the Jews and her festival was held in honor of growth which the winter had chilled and crucified.

Each nation has had its own Easter customs, but many of them can be to observe Easter as a Christian feast traced back to the ancient spring fes gave to the egg as a part of the ceresun. In the church it is one of the cance, that of the resurrection from the three great Christian feasts, and has dead. Eggs were forbidden during been known as the Queen of Festivals Lent, and so naturally accumulated, and the Lord of Days. It is ushered as the hens did not stop laying. Eat- in by vigil and fasting, but is, itself, ing them on Easter day signified that a time of rejoicing. In the olden days fasting time was over and feasting a relic of the fire worshiping time begun, so they were connected with could be found in the kindling of joy just as were the bells which, hush-new and pure fires, after the old ones ed during the period preceding Easter had been extinguished, from the Pasday, broke into joyous pealing at its chal candle, the great and sacred can dle which often weighed hundreds of The name for Easter in the romance | pounds. The washing of the feet of languages-paques in French, pasqua others by high dignitaries of church in Italian, and pascua in Spanish- and state was, of course, done in comes through the Latin pascha, from memory of Christ's washing the feet

the eggs are pace, pashe, paschal, or miracle plays, the pealing of bells, pasque eggs, as well as Easter eggs. the exchange of gifts, the liberation When the early Christians began to of prisoners, the setting free of slaves, observe Easter as a Christian festival the giving of alms or maunds, the a controversy as to the time of its playing of games, some of them rude observance, known as the Paschal and rough enough indeed, during Eastcontroversy, and extending from the er week-these set apart the season

same time as the Jewish Passover, sy cake, typifying the "bitter herbs." the 14th day of the Jewish lunar and hot cross buns and custards were month of Nisan, which most often eaten in England. In Ireland the corresponds to our month of April, peasants rose early to see the sun though sometimes synchronous with dance, which we may do by looking March. The Western churches thought in a stream of water, as they did.

Most of the ruder sports have died day, and observed it on the Sunday out, but the note of gladness in its obfollowing the 14th day of Nisan. At servance still dominates, though

And the solemn observance of the

Unproductive Irish Land. Since 1840 1,300,000 acres of Irish

STATEMENT FOR IT.

CASE OF A MAIL-ORDER BUGGY

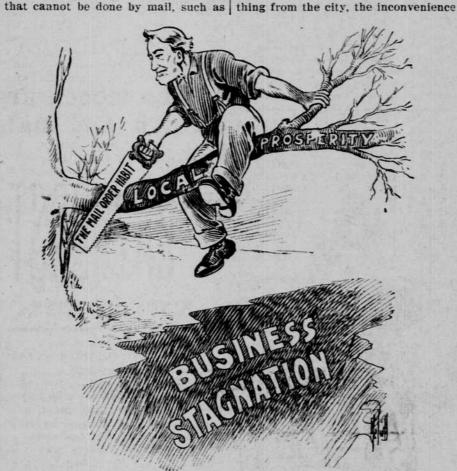
the Purchaser Was Ashamed to Use It and Sold It to His Hired Man-It Pays to Buy at Home.

(Copyright, by Alfred C. Clark.) ample of what the city does for hu- should happen. manity in creating poverty, misery,

ward. Inquire of their business men

SEE WHAT YOU BUY timekeeper than that famous watch BUREAU SAVES of Capt. Cuttle's. Another friend bought a buggy at \$34 and was elated over his purchase until it came and DO NOT TAKE THE CATALOGUE he saw that the top was a very ordinary article of oil cloth, instead of leather, and he was so ashamed of it that he sold it at a loss to his hired man and bought a better one in a neighboring town. A lady and her two daughters bought shoes from the catalogue and when asked why they had trouble with their feet said it was because of ill-fitting shoes. But such instances of the bad effects of buying "sight unseen" are daily occurring all over the country. It is only natur-The East End of London is an ex- al and inevitable that such things

Let us see what will be the effect disease, drunkenness and crime. Jef- of this formidable diversion of trade, ferson was right when he said: "Great if carried to its logical conclusion. cities are great sores upon the body Nearly all the business houses of the politic." Is it any wonder that lovers smaller towns will become bankrupt, of their kind are horror-stricken at the value of town property will dethe grinding of these gigantic mills cline, churches and schools will rewhose grist is the bodies and souls of ceive a feeble support and the towns, instead of being centers of business But there is another movement con- and social activity, will almost cease nected with this current setting city- to exist. The country in general will ward which, like it, is full of grave become like many portions of the menace to the welfare of humanity. south where the large plantations, by This is the dry rot now invading thou- getting their supplies in the cities, sands of villages and towns. It is not have kept the neighboring towns lack of capital or business energy in down to the cross-roads type-dreary, the towns, or discrimination in unpainted little places of a half dozen freights or exhaustion of the soil in ramshackle houses. The evil effects the surrounding country that is bring of this loss of trade and destruction ing about this change, but a new and of the value of town property will redangerous form of competition, and act upon the value of farm property the caprices of those who buy. Go by cutting off the home market. They into these towns and you will find | will add to the taxes on lands by rethem at a standstill or going back- ducing taxable values in the towns. Surely it is not to the interest of any or commercial travelers and you will body, except the bloated corporations learn that business is not as good as carrying on the mail order business, formerly and that the prospect is for to see the towns and villages fall into a continued shrinkage in trade. An decay. A live town is not only of observant commercial traveler said value to the lands surrounding it, but to the writer: "I believe the day of its well stocked business houses are the village and town is over. The big a convenience and a benefit to the fish are everywhere eating up the lit- buyer. Even if money could, in the tle fish. A few small lines of business long run, be saved by ordering every-



The mail-order habit will cut the limb of local prosperity from the tree of national life and drop you and your community into the bottomless pit of business stagnation. Are you wielding the saw that means certain dis-

ness is the aggressive and destructive quality are always the same. retailer altogether is a new thing, the my back on the old, convenient ways a country town and it is even asserted the town where my friends live? that a savings bank department is to be added by one of the catalogue

houses. The claim that the mail order houses of Chicago are doing an annual business of over \$200,000,000 may seem large, but one house alone has sold goods to the amount of \$29,000,-000 in the past six months and is now incubating a new plan to increase its enormous business by selling shares of stock to thousands of people in the hope of making them regular customers.

The skillfully worded advertisement and the big catalogue, with its pictures of articles in a hundred lines of trade, are very alluring to buyers, most of whom are not familiar with prices and qualities. Some of the articles below the usual prices are of an inferior quality, while the average price is usually fully up to what would he paid to the home dealer. As was shown last winter in a speech in congress, articles for the mail order trade are often misbranded at the request of the mail order people with deliberate intent to deceive. One of the instances given by this congressman was of some thousands of finger rings stamped "fourteen carats" when they

were in reality only ten. The buyer who orders from his catalogue, or from an advertisement, does not see the articles till they come and is often disappointed in the quality of the most of them, but there is no redress as there would be if he bought at home. He does not like to own that he is disappointed, so he makes the best of it and tries to persuade himself that he has saved money. In many instances he is not well enough informed in values to know that he could have bought as cheaply and selected much more satisfactorily at home. On a rural route with which I am familiar and over which most of the incoming letters are from mail order houses and the outgoing ones carry back money orders, lives a friend of mine who bought a watch from the catalogue at what he considered a rare bargain. The watch came, to be sure, but it did not go, that is at the right speed, bureau of standards of the department and, although money enough was of commerce and labor, and will be Adriatic sky, cooled with the balmiest into fullest blocm on or about Easter spent on it to bring the price up to furnished free to any school teach a good figure, it was no better as a the system.

barbering, blacksmithing or the serv- | and uncertainty of it would always | for this world are short on resolution ing of soft drinks and ice cream may make such shopping unsatisfactory survive, but such lines of trade can- Ordering from a catalogue is a leap make good the threats they have not sustain a decent town." The in the dark, except in the case of a made concerning shuffling off this cause of this widespread loss of busi- few articles whose color, shape and

competition of the catalogue houses To the man who can soberly look in the big cities. It has been possible on both sides of the question and who for 40 years or more to buy of some can put himself in the place of "the houses in the cities, if one felt that other fellow" the query will come: the merchants of his town were ex- is it best from mere whim, or even acting too much profit, but this effort for a certainty of saving from one to of the mail order houses to cut the half a dozen dollars in a year to turn growth of the past few years. Start- of doing business, and to do my part ing with a few lines of trade, this toward ruining the business of my form of competition has come to cover old acquaintances and friends, and ot almost everything that can be sold in destroying the value of property in F. B. MILLER.

RICHEST WOMAN IN BRITAIN.

Miss Emily Charlotte Talbot of Wales Has Distinction.

It will probably surprise most people to learn that at the present moment the wealthiest British woman living is a Welshwoman; more, that she is single. Miss Emily Charlotte Talbot was one of the three children of Mr. Christopher Talbot, a popula; M. P. of the mid-Victorian era. The only son died in early youth, and Miss Talbot's sister, somewhat younger than herself, became the wife, just 40

years ago, of Mr. Fletcher of Saltonn Miss Talbot remained at home, keep ing house for her father at beautiful Margam Abbey, Glamorganshire, and on his death, which took place some 16 years ago, his devoted elder daugh ter found herself left his sole executrix, and owner of all the Talbot real estate, ralued at about a million and a half sterling, as also of a reversionary interest in a huge trust fund in consols.

Didn't Suit Him.

People who patronize the cars running out to Forest Hills are familiar with Conductor Crowley, the man who wears six service stripes on his sleeve, says a writer in the Boston

Herald. Cm the afternoon of election day in November one of his passengers was an old man who had been imbibing endugh to make him go to sleep in the corner of the car.

Just before it reached Dudley street the conductor announced with his usual rich roll of the r, "Cir-r-cuit and Guild."

"Yer a liar! It's John B. Moran!" shouted the sleepy one, waking up suddenly.

New Metric Chart.

A new metric chart representing geographically measures of the international metric system of weights and measures has been prepared by the

THE DOWNCAST FROM SUICIDE

REMARKABLE WORK DONE BY THE SALVATION ARMY IN NEW YORK.

AID FOR FAILURES IN LIFE'S STRUGGLE

Hope, Cheer and Material Aid Given All Who Apply to This Unique Organization-Officer in Charge Tells of the Work Done in One Day, Characteristic of the Twenty-Four Hours -Gen. Booth Talks of Causes Which Led to the Formation of Plan to Check Self-Destruction.

New York .- Busy? There isn't a gers hurry in and out with sheaves of telegrams; postmen bring special delivery letters; officers in uniform escort grave looking persons hither and thither. There are conferences a man with epaulets who sits at a raphers and typewriters have their part in the multiple activities. There is so much life that it seems

hard to realize that the business carried on concerns self-destruction, for



Using Persuasion.

this is the anti-suicide bureau of the Salvation Army.

This institution carries on its work by letter and by telegraph. It is a correspondence school of adversity. a pository of all trouble. Its patrons who call in person are treated with as much deference as though the New York establishment is a de- position for him. He has gone to down in the world. With many, I bevelopment of it, worked out in accordance with conditions peculiar to the metropolis of the western world Most persons who talk mournfully

to their friends about not being long when the time comes for them to mortal coil with their own hands.

Don't Talk of Suicide.

The men and women who silently give way to despair are those who are prone to take their own lives without ever saying a word about it in advance. The anti-suicide bureau gives them a chance to tell their troubles in strictest confidence and to receive help and encouragement at a time when they would not bare their secrets either to acquaintances or friends on account of pride.

First of all to present himself to the consideration of the bureau was 3 youth who said that at times he was seek "the open door" that he could through his peculations. not resist it. Once he had jumped off a ferryboat and on another occasion a bridge had formed a convenient point of vantage from which he had sought a watery grave. W'enever things were going against him the impulse beset him. He was out of employment and the feeling had ob- bring him around to face life again. sessed him. What should he do? The answer to that was easy. The bureau found employment for him and he is now cheerful and happy.

There called a few minutes later a a worldly point of view, which heart the efforts of the army. could wish, and was connected with Employment was also found that are heavy laden, and I will give you impelled to take his own life. Such sum of money, which had disappeared. The Scotch seldom kiss.

for the tendency in any way, but by work his way. the application of the powers of his had at last mastered it.

All Strictly Confidential.

It is the rule of the bureau that everything connected with its work should be strictly confidential, and all telegrams and letters are handled with every precaution to insure se-

Col. Holland, however, who has charge of the work in New York, by way of illustrating the matter in which the bureau was conducted, gave a reporter a synopsis of one dav's work

No. 1 on that day was a baker out of employment. He was brooding over his misfortune and meditating finding some sequestered nook in which he could blow out his brains with a revolver. The bureau induced him to surrender the weapon, which was fully loaded. Temporary employment as an elevator man was provided for him, and he is interested in his occupation. The bureau, meanwhile, busier place in all the city. Messen- is trying to get him work more suited to his training.

For No. 2 there seemed to be little which could be done in New York. He was an elevator pilot, who was threatened with consumption. The bureau in small offices and then talks with is arranging to have him sent west to some dryer climate, where he may be large roll-top desk. Clerks, stenog- able to gain strength, for at present he is hardly strong enough to do any work.

Feared Bankruptcy.

business man 65 years old, who was Salvation Army." troubled for fear that his capital Plans for Cripples. he was on the point of suicide. The chance to gain a livelihood through him with the somewhat large sum he the hand. required, but dissuaded him from doing anything rash and counseled mod-

eration and self-control. It is a story which is often told in they can find occupations suited to industrial life which found its coun- them in which the defects would not terpart in the case of No. 4, a whitehaired man of 60, who was a carpenter. He had been forced out of emwages and work more slowly, although of self-destruction.

Had Been Dishonest.

No. 5 had committed a breach of trust, but although he had been disowned by the relative who was afthat he would be prosecuted. He was overcome with remorse and was ber. about to take his own life when his "But further back," he adds, "in the

periods of depression had come to The bureau gave him help and arhim when he was suffering from ranged for his return to Europe on a slight illness. He could not account cattle steamship, on which he was to

There were four other cases that will and by devotion to religion he day, but they were mostly those of men who seemed to be more interested in a night's lodging than anything else, and they, too, had their reward.

Meet Individual Cases. It is difficult to prescribe accurately for all the cases which come up before them, but the officers of the bureau have to vary the remedies to

meet individual cases. Practically the same tactics are pursued in the women's department of the bureau, which is under the supervision of Brigadier Bovill. Women of all ages who are tired and despondent have been received and aided. Among them are widows who have been left with families dependent upon them.

Attention was recently called to that of a woman who was the support of five small children. Her body was found by her five-year-old daughter hanging by a rope in a closet. The child gave the alarm and a man rushed in from the street and cut the woman down. Before she died she uttered the one word "Tired."

"We could have helped that woman," said Col. Holland, "if she had told us of her troubles, for we could have temporarily taken charge of two or three or all of the children for that matter, in our Cherry Tree Home, in Spring Valley. We could have also taken care of her and kept her with them there in the country until she gathered health and strength. Then she could have returned to the city Prescribing for case No. 3 was with one or two of the children and rather expensive, as it was that of a left the others to be cared for by the

would not be sufficient to tide him | Col. Holland said that many of the over a dull season. He was also suf- men who were despondent through fering from the stress and worry in- lack of employment were American cident to a business venture, so that mechanics who were deprived of a

colonel was not prepared to assist the loss of a finger or a portion of "We have special arrangements," said he. "for caring for those who are handicapped in that way, and often

seriously interfere." Back of the anti-suicide bureau is the whole organization of the Salvaployment in several places by young- tion Army, which has homes, asyer men who could work more rapidly, lums, farms and colonies, in which it and he had lost jobs until he saw can help the unfortunate, as well as nothing for him but the almshouse or schools and training bureaus. It also the river. He was told of an oppor- conducts employment agencies and is tunity where he could make fair in touch with many large firms and corporations. Its connections with he could not expect to keep pace with hospitals and with the medical proyounger men. He was comforted and fession is also close, so that it can reassured and has abandoned his idea arrange quickly for the treatment of physical ills which so often drive men and women to the verge of self-de-

struction. General Booth's Idea.

Gen. Booth, in his public address fected financially, it was not likely upon the situation, says the causes of suicide are almost without num-

they had opened an account in a bro- notice was attracted to the anti-sui- string of causes for this melancholy ker's office and the connection was cide bureau. His money was all gone transaction I should say there too likely to be enduring and profitable. and he was out of a job, but as he is frequently lies a sense of failure in General William Booth devised the young and a skilled workman, no the struggle of life; especially is this anti-suicide bureau in London, and trouble was found in getting a good the case with those who have come



Colonel Holland Talking to a Prospective Suicide.

it took an hour and a half's talk to umph of despair. Victim of Robbers.

of 53, of all he had, and he was about practical question. And it seems to to take his own life when the thought | me that we must supply the friendoccurred to him that perhaps he less with a friend, the broken in heart man well known in the business might gain strength and resolution if with comfort, the dazed, bewildered world, who said he could hardly blame he talked the matter over with the creatures with a guide, the momentarmen who were unfortunate from anti-suicide bureau. Within an hour ily maddened slaves of folly with yielding to the inclination toward self- or so after he had told of his predica- thought and hopes that will steady destruction, for he himself, although ment he found employment as an ele- them, and, above all, lead them to he had wealth and everything, from vator pilot in a lofty building through the arms of Him who is still saying,

the church, found there were times day for No. 8, a young foreigner who rest." when he had felt almost irresistibly had come to the country with a small

work in an endeavor to gradually pay lieve, the step is taken in the strugso overcome with the inclination to back the money which disappeared gle to be good—in the vain effort to master some hated evil-with the No. 6 was a paper-hanger, whose sense of utter helplessness. No one trouble was due to lack of employ- is at hand with sufficient sympathy or ment. Although he was past middle sense to understand them, to whom life he was found to be active and the bleeding heart can be laid bare. proficient. The officers found that he So the fatal step is taken. Suicide, in was so overwhelmed with despair that 90 cases out of 100, must be the tri-

"But I will not argue about causes. Can anything be done to prevent the Robbers had deprived No. 7, a man suicidal tide from rising? This is the 'Come unto Me, all ye that labor and

DEATH VALLEY'S BLOOM spring. On the face of the green earth dral arched with turquoise, floored

Springtime Turns Dreaded Spot Into One of the Most Beautiful on the Earth.

Think, if you will, of a long, low, valley, lying between two lofty ranges of barren mountains-a white glistening sink for a miserable desert river black pall of wind and sand and ashes from the dead craters that fringe its borders; add all the heat and horrid fumes of Gehenna, and you have some idea of Death Valley in summer, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

cloudbursts and rain, rim in their feet sprinkle the white waste with green

summer, no more beautiful one in giant Easter lilies.

And over the graves of many-Piute and desert tramp, teamster and stem, which, during the summer, does lonely prospector-who have lain not seem to have life enough to prodown to rise no more beneath its duce the magnificent waxy flowers heartless skies, glows the most beau- which are often as much as five inches tiful carpets of wild flowers to be across. A cactus much larger than found in this bloom-famed land of this-the barrel cactus-has a very the whole overlaid with a thick California. Not half the plants of small and insignificant bloom, while Death Valley are known to scientists: the tiniest of all, a low, creeping, most of those that are known are lit. round-stemmed, jointed growth, has tle more than names, and will never be more until the prying arm of the any orchid, and rivaling the fairest railroad shall have laid bare some of rose of Persia in its odor. the secrets of this vale of Hinnom.

Wash these mountains clean with Most beautiful and most plenty, of three months of almost continual course, of all these plants that bloom on the desert are cacti, and the rapidand the whole edge of the valley with ity with which their dry and apparfoot deep grasses, lush and green as ently withered stalks put out blosany that ever floored Sierran cienga, soms under the touch of the rains is wonderful. The life of any one of the bunches of mesquite all aglow with cacti is the personification of death myriad blossoms, arch over all an and resurrection-and as they come of breezes, and you have pictured the whole desert, as far as the eye Death Valley at the beginning of can reach, seems like one vast cathe-

lies no more terrible bit of world in with emerald and gayly garbed in

The largest and showlest blossom of them all grows on a short, stocky an immense pink flower, beautiful as

Unfortunately the names of these rare species are not well known, and the commoner varieties, which are also found on the coast slope, bear no such gorgeous array of blossoms.

Work at Last.

First Party-Hullo! Out of a job? Second Ditto-No, old chap. I've got about the stiffest one I ever had in my life.

First Party-Oh, what is it? Second Ditto-Looking for work.

