

Easter Lore the World Over

Superstitions innumerable have clung around Easter since the days of Beland Woden. One of the quaintest of these-that the sun dances in the heavens every Easter morningis found in England, Ireland, and Brittany. Suckling alludes to this belief in the often quoted lines:

No sun upon an Eastern morn Was half so fair a sight.

The origin of the Easter egg is told in the following legends: A bird sang a sorrowful lay over Christ's tomb and as a reward for its devotion its eggs were ever after of bright colors. Another story is of an exile who in prison received a decorated Easter egg which said: "Hope in God." He recognized the handwriting of his wife, and, managing to communicate with her, regained his freedom.

Thirty days hath September Every person can remember. But the dates when Easters come.

Egg rolling on Easter day used to be practiced with the idea that the farm lands over which the eggs were rolled would be sure to yield abundantly at harvest time.

At Easter let your clothes be new, Or else be sure, you will it rue.
-Poor Richard's Almanac.

It is bad luck to paint a cross on Easter eggs, and good luck to paint flowers on them. If the sun shines on Easter, it will

It is a good omen to have your babe baptized on Easter day.

shine on Whit Sunday.

To cry on Easter is a sign that you will have a sad Fourth of July.

Unlucky Engagement Day. If you see a star fall on Easter night, you will lose your lover.

If you get engaged on Easter Sunday, you will not be married. It is lucky to receive the unexpected

gift of an Easter egg. It is a lucky thing for you if a friend happens to bring an infant for

the first time into your house on Easter morning. To put a garment wrong side out

on Easter morning is a bad omen.

In some countries, the children be- fore the dawn of Easter day. They lieve that the rabbits lay beautifully colored eggs at Easter. This connection between the hare and Easter originates in the hare's connection with the moon, of which the hare has been from ancient times a symbol, together with the fact that Easter is to a certain extent a lunar holiday. A few of the reasons of the hare being identifled with the moon are: The hare is a nocturnal animal and comes out at night to feed. The female carries her young for a month. Hare and moon were believed to have the power of changing their sex; the new moon was masculine, the waning moon was feminine. The young of the hare are born with their eyes open, white rabbits are born blind; hence the bellef that the hare never closed its eyes, and therefore was considered to resemble the noon, who is called the "open-eyed watcher of the skies at night."

Popular French Belief.

Easter superstition of French origin says that the young girl who to live long, marry the man of er choice, and prosper, must never wear any other flower than the jonquil or violet on that day. These only

ring good luck. The maiden who wishes to know if lover is faithful should rise early March 26 nor later than April 25.

on Easter morning and eat an apple.

As Eve in her thrift for knowledge ate, So I, too, wish to know my fate.

faithful; if there is an odd number,

visited he in the shape of a swan.

Will plenty have and never beg. The one who gets an egg of blue Will find a sweetheart fond and true.

The one who gets an egg of black Bad luck and troubles ne'er will lack. The one who gets an egg of white In life shall find supreme delight.

In life shall find supreme delight. The one who gets an egg of red Will many tears of sorrow shed. Who gets an egg of purple shade Will die a bachelor or maid. A silver egg will bring much joy And happiness without alloy. A lucky one the egg of pink, The owner ne'er see danger's brink. The one who gets an egg of brown Will have an establishment in town

Will have an establishment in town. The one who speckled egg obtains Will go through life by country lanes.

A striped egg bodes care and strife, A sullen man or scolding wife. The one who gets an egg of plaid, His heart is good but luck is bad.

GATHER FOR JUDGMENT DAY

Moravians Visit Burial Ground Easter

Sunday to Welcome the Dead,

Should They Arise.

The Moravian churches of this coun

try have their Passion week, with

somewhat peculiar rites. They set-

tled in Pennsylvania and North Caro-

lina. At Bethlehem and other places

in Pennsylvania they are the predom-

inating religious sect. At Salem,

N. C., they established a very inter-

esting and unique colony in 1753.

There they have a strong church and

Religious service is a daily oc-

one of the finest colleges in the coun-

currence in the church during Pas-

sion week. The sacrament is admin-

istered and many of the younger set

are confirmed. On Saturday, the

and break bread together as one happy

family. The juvenile pleasures are

not overlooked. Late in the after-

noon of Saturday the children are to

be seen buslly engaged about the

hedges and fences constructing rabbit

nests in which they expect rabbits to

The church congregation is up be-

assemble at the church and proceed to

the burying ground to welcome the

dead should they rise. They are led

The concourse passes up the broad

graveled walk, which runs between

rows of ancient cedars, to the center

of the cemetery, which is odd, quaint

and beautiful. There they pause and

sing hymns, in which all the people

join. The singing stops as the sun-

light comes over the rugged eastern

hills. All is silent and solemn while

the clergyman reads out the names

of those who have been placed to rest

in the burying ground since the pre-

Easter and the Passover.

been settled with the particular inten-

tion of preventing it from ever oc-

Passover, the Nicean decree failed to

prevent this entirely. Since 1800

Baster and the Passover have been ob-

served together on April 12 in 1805, 1825 and 1903. Also they will occur together on April 1, 1923; April 17,

1927, and April 9, 1981. However, the

Passover usually falls on the week be-fore Easter. It never comes before

Although the date of Easter had

vious Easter.

closing day, they have the love feast

The one who gets an egg of green Will jealous be and not serene.

The one who gets a golden egg

Meantime she will say:

"There's a patient in the third bed in the ward wants looking after," said the house surgeon to Nurse Ellice. "Acute alcoholism and exposure. Picked up by the ambulance an hour ago. He'll want looking after."

Dane's Last

Jest

By ELLA SAUNDERS

They looked at each other and smiled, for they were the best friends that it is possible for two people to be who know that they can never be anything more than friends.

It had been almost a case of love at

first sight when they met at the hospital six months before. And when silence became impossible Nurse Ellice had spoken the words that had robbed Wesley of his hopes forever. He had learned of her unhappy mar-

riage five years before to a drunkard and rogue who had ill-treated her and finally left her, of her taking up nursing, her admission to the hospital, where she was generally loved by nurses and patients alike.

She had thrown her whole life into her work and was recognized as the most devoted and competent of the

"I'll go and see him," Nurse Ellice answered.

Five minutes later she was staring into the face of the man on the bed with a terror that constricted her heart and left her numb, cold and speechless. And, as if conscious of her presence,

the man opened his eyes and looked back at her. At first he looked without recognition; then a malicious smile began to spread over his features. If the seeds are even, he will prove

"So it's you, Ellice, is it!" he mumbled. "Who'd have thought of meet-The usage of interchanging eggs at ing you here?"

"You must lie quiet and not talk," Easter has also been referred for its origin to the egg games of the Romans, said Nurse Ellice in her quiet tones. which they celebrated at the time of He obeyed, grumbling. And the next our Easter, when they ran races in an day he was too ill to talk at all, but egg-shaped rings, and the victor re- she was conscious that his eyes folceived eggs as a prize. These games lowed her every movement. And at were instituted in honor of Castor and the thought of the past, and the awful Pollux, who came forth from an egg, sense of being entrapped by it again deposited by Leda, after Jupiter had she moved as if in a dream, not daring to think, lest the old terror should drive her mad.

He was not changed. When he grew better he delighted in tormenting her. "We'll fix up a little home, Ellice," he would say. "You've become a siunning woman, and I'd do a good deal for you. I'm going to give up the drink. I've learned my lesson. I've got a little deal on that'll soon bring in the shekels. I'm not down and out. And, if I was, you'd see me through, wouldn't you, Ellice?"

"Yes, I'd see you through," she answered mechanically.

He watched her wolfishly when Weslev was at the bedside. He knew in a moment, and he taunted her when he was gone.

"So that's how the land lies, is it?" he jeered.

"Making up to the doc, eh? Well, there's nothing doing to that. D'you understand? You're my wife, and when I get out of here you're going to be mine, or I'll soon put the lid on throne at the further end of the that doc friend of yours." Wesley faced Ellice in the passage.

"Ellice, who is that man?" he asked in a fierce whisper.

"My husband," she answered. He said nothing more. After all, what could be said? It was fate that had brought him there, the same fate that now suddenly produced a relapse, so that for days Dane hovered between life and death, only again to improve slowly, until he was sitting up once

with his bitter smile. "I don't understand it," said Wesley, frankly puzzled. "By all the rules he ought to have been dead or well days ago. Ellice"-the cry in his voice was almost of despair-"tell me, do you wish him to get well?"

more and watching Wesley and Ellice

"Yes, I do," she answered bravely. "Then-

"I shall leave the hospital. I cannot see you again.'

"But you will not-you will not-?" "Oh no no never!" she answered. with a strangled sob; and fled from

lay eggs during the night, and they Dane was sitting up in bed every are never disappointed; they always day now. He was to be discharged find the nests bountifully supplied with soon. He called Nurse Ellice to him. various colored eggs on Easter morn-"I guess you're pretty fond of that doctor chap, eh?' he asked, looking curiously at her.

"Well?" she asked listlessly, "I've been a rotten sort of husband you, I guess. Did you mean what said about taking care of me?" by a brass band and church choir.

"I'll do everything in the world for you," she answered, "except-except-He grinned at her in his malicious "See you tomorrow, then," he jeered. "I'm kind of sleepy now. We'll talk things over, then."

"Nurse Ellice, you are wanted-your

Wesley and the senior surgeon were standing by the bed inside the screen. One glance at Dane's face told Ellice the truth. She pulled herself together with a mighty effort of will.

"When-was it?" she faltered. "Half an hour ago. The man fooled We could never have saved him, but if we had known what he was suf-. he must have endured unbearable torture. Poor felcurring on the same day as the Jewish

low, he's better off so!" Nurse Ellice looked helplessly into the senior surgeon's face. Then Wesley caught her as she dropped un-

No Reciprocation. Rub-They say that misery loves

ompany. Dub-What I often wonder is what does the company think of misery?



When Winter's icy breath Muttered the cold word "Death". Far seemed the cold word Death,
Far seemed the dream of Spring—
A half forgotten thing.
But, lo! as in an hour,
The sky opes likes a flower,
Rosy and blue with dawn,
Its chilly mists withdrawn;
And where bare boughs were seen Hover soft clouds of green. Spurning the withered leaves,

The flowers start in sheaves, And o'er old Winter's tomb Break into wondrous bloom While birds with joyous cries Wing to the shining skies
This miracle, re—birth,
Thrills once again the earth,
By resurrection stirred Roused by the holy word: I will arise!

The M Holy Week in the Eternal City

Peter's on Palm Sunday and as early as eight o'clock the people begin to assemble. The ceremonial itself lasts about three hours and in order to see it many visitors stand for five or six hours. Ladies alone are favored with seats, and only then if they are in dark dresses and with black veils over their heads, instead of hats and bonnets. One of the papal regiments is always on duty within the sacred precincts to be replaced by the "noble guard" of the pope when the latter enters the church. During the service the chief sacristan brings forth an armful of so-called palms and places them on the high altar. These are stalks about three feet long resembling a walking cane dressed up with wisps of yellow straw. In reality they are sticks to which artificial palm leaves had been glued.

His holiness the pope, who dresses plainly for the occasion on account of the fact that the church is still in mourning during the Lenten season, enters the church in his chair of state. He advances up the nave; he gives his blessing to the assembled multitudes until he finally reaches the church.

Blessing the Palms.

After some music the pope proceeds to bless the palms which are brought to him from the altar. The blessing is effected by reading certain prayers and the incensing of the palms three times. An embroidered apron is now placed upon the pope's knee and the cardinals advance to his holiness, receive a palm from him, kissing his right hand, his knee and the palm. The mitred abbots, who are next to receive the palms, kiss the pope's foot instead of his knee. There is some more music and then low mass is said. after which the pope is carried back with the same gravity to the small chapel whence he came, which con-

nects by a passage with the Vatlcon. The great event in Rome on Wednesday in holy week is the singing of the Miserere in the Sistine chapel. service which is also called Tenebrae from the darkness in which it is held begins at half-past four. The whole office is a finely finished musical composition which is performed by the organ and sung by voices of what probably the finest choir in the world. During the singing of the service all the candles on the altar are extinguished one by one, with the exception of the topmost candle which is concealed behind the high altar, a symbol of deaths of all the prophets before the coming of the Savior and of the resurrection of the Christ.

The Sacred Oils.

On Thursday, the ceremony of blessing the oils takes place in St. Peter's during mass. There are three varieties of oils to be blessed and the ritual surrounding beatification is someoil of the catechumens used in blessings, baptism, in consecrating churches or ordaining priests and blessing and crowning ereigns. The second is the oil used in extreme unction administered to or sacred chrism composed of oil of the balm of Glicad is used in confirmation, in the consecration of bishops and in the blessing of bells. The bishops are attended by at least twelve priests with seven deacons and seven ubdeacons all robed in white, and the ceremony is most impressive to the members of the Catholic church. All the bells in Rome are mute from half past eleven on Thursday morning until Saturday evening and such is the force of custom that in many of the hotels handbells are employed to an-

school bells are mute. On Thursday also the pope attends at St. Peter's for the ceremonial washing of 13 bishops. The pope is dressed very plainly in white with a small white biretta and a red cape. He divests himself of his cape before the ceremonial and at the close presents each of the bishops with a towel and a few flowers, a gold medal being afterwards sent to them by an official of Ceremonial of the Supper.

After this there is the ceremonial celebration of the Supper, in which the 13 bishops hand plates to the pope, who pours out wine and water for them to drink. On this day the altars are all stripped and there is set up in the nave of St. Peter's the grand penitentlary where a cardinal sits to give absolution for mortal sins.

dinary confession. In the streets on the evening of Thursday the shops of sausage-makers, candlemakers, and pork dealers are decorated and illuminated in a most fantastic way. The most prominent object in each is a statue of the

Virgin and Child enshrined amidst

which are beyond the sphere of or-

candles and flowers. On Good Friday the air of gloom is accentuated in the churches. The pope is robed in red but he neither wears his ring nor gives his blessing. 'The soldiers' arms are reversed and all decorations possible are stripped from the altars. Yet notwithstanding the peculiar solemnity of the religious services of the day the shops, public offices and places of business, also the palazzos, where pictures are shown, remain open as usual-the only indication of the religious character of the day outside of the churches being the muteness of the church bells. This disregard of Good Friday in Rome particularly strikes the Protestant visftors who come from countries where the day is observed reverently and quietly:

Reloicings Are Loud.

On Saturday evening on the reading of a particular passage in the Sistine chapel the bells of St. Peter's are rung, the guns of St. Angelo are fired and all the bells of the city immediately break forth. At St. Peter's there is the blessing of the paschal fire and the paschal candle is lighted. As might be expected Easter Sunday is celebrated in Rome with elab-

orate ceremonials, the pope himself officiating at high mass at St. Peter's with the most gorgeous ritual. The magnificent basilica is decorated and myriads of lights blaze from the altars and round the tomb of St. Seated in his official chair and robed in vestments which scintillate with gold and precious stones and wearing on his head a magnificent tiara the pope enters the crowded church. Beside him are borne two large fans of ostrich feathers and over him is a richly embroidered canopy. After officiating, the pope leaves the church to appear a few moments later surrounded by high officials of the church in the central balcony from where he extends his blessing. In the evening the dome and the entire church are a blaze of candles and artificial "Lahts.

"Alive Unto God."

Not the future state of the soul, but its present condition is the vital thing. Men are bidden not to be anxious about the morrow-and that may include the eternal morrow-since "the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself." And all will be well with man, as with the "fowls of the what complex. The first is the air" and "the lilies of the field," if he, as they do, performs the functions ordained for him, and is loyal to the true law of his being. Human souls are to "be dead indeed unto sin" in order that they may be "alive unto God." If they are thus alive their immortality those who are dying, while the third is assured. "There needs no ghost come from the grave to tell us this." -Exchange.

Promise of the Spring. Today people are not so much conerned with the date or duration of the Easter feast—unless it be the makers and sellers of fashions, who would like to see it come as early as possible, the better to dispose of their Today men and women accept the feast of gladness thankfully whenever it comes, not bothering about ancient ecclesiastical disputes. but neunce the hour for dinner and even thinking of the joy of the resurrection and the promise of the spring to come

Bang! Goes Another Illusion. A New York woman tried to sell her husband at public auction but failed. Which seems to disprove the theory that women will buy anything at an auction sale.—Detroit Free

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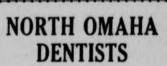
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