

Easter Morning



"He is risen, is the Sun
Floods the world with living light;
Christ the victory hath won,
He hath conquered in the fight!"

Many Ways
In
Which
The World
Observes
Easter

Sunday through Easter there are many services each coincident with the life of Christ. Thus, Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem; Monday tells of the healing in the temple; Tuesday suggests the giving of the parables, and Thursday brings its sad associations of the Lord's supper. When the sayings of Christ upon the cross are read and the bells toll on Good Friday, the whole passion and death seem very real. It is a relief when Easter morning comes and the tuneful trombone choir awakens the people that they may arise and hasten to the little church, and from that to the cemetery nearby. Here the people stand in a hollow square, and as the dawn slowly reddens the sky, and the rising sun touches the tree tops, the birds begin their morning anthems and seem to join in the chants of praise which go up from the devout congregation.

WHETHER the sun shines forth in splendor or the skies be laden the spiritual and material seem to combine on Easter day, the festival of spring. The church has other sacred days, there are other whisperings of renewed nature, but Easter Sunday stands forth unique from all other religious feasts.

There have been few such spectacles since the pope gave up blessing the world on Easter morn from the loggia of St. Peter's. To-day Rome lacks this ceremony, but the devout can go to the Church of the Passionates, where are the holy staircase and chapel filled with relics of the Passion, among them the title of the crucifixion, which no one but the pope is allowed to see. In France the archbishop has for years given his benediction on Easter morn from Montmartre, and in London there are rich parishes where there is still a sort of perfunctory alms giving among the people, relics of a time when the Paschal feast was celebrated in arts of grace and charity.

Many and strange are the observances of Easter Sunday, whose very name has come down to us from the Goddess of the east, she who in Saxon mythology was Ostara, or Easter. In the never-changing east and the mutable west there are strange customs connected with this day, and no matter how indifferent the Christian he cannot ignore it. Though it was not until the year 325, at the Council of Nice, that arrangements were inaugurated to determine what day in every year Easter should fall on, and it was decided that Easter day should be the first Sunday after the fourteenth day of the calendar moon, which happens on or after March 21, this did not alter the inner meaning of the day. As far back as the time of Pharaoh, when those Egyptians were saved who had shed the blood of the first paschal lamb, Easter Sunday was born, and it has lived through strife and church dissensions with all its purity and suggestion of new birth unimpaired.

The American Indians take kindly to any observance which can find expression in forms and ceremonies, and for this reason Easter and Passion week appeal forcibly to those who have embraced Christianity. A remarkable Passion play has been enacted for years at Amecameca, near Mexico City, which is a sort of Oberammergau in the new world. Shortly after the Conquest Pope Adrian VI. sent 12 missionaries to convert the Aztecs. One of them, Fra Martin, was a kind man, who lived in a cave on a mountain near Tenochtitlan, or Mexico City. After his death his body was placed in a chapel built over the cave, and the mountain became a sacred spot. Thousands of pilgrims come here in Lent and on Ash Wednesday the body of the priest is placed in the village church. For 200 years this ceremony has been enacted, and has been followed by a Passion play on Good Friday, which is witnessed by people from all over the country. The performance, which is under the auspices of the priest, begins early in the morning and ends at midnight when the peasant who is selected to impersonate Jesus is taken from the cross and the peones who have been in attendance escort the body of Fra Martin back to the chapel over the grave. Thousands of Mexican peones attend these ceremonies, and it is this class of people who take the various parts.

In the same way its customs have lingered until even their origin has been lost in obscurity. For instance, many unique explanations have been made regarding Easter eggs, some authorities claiming that eggs were used long before the existence of Easter. Among Egyptians, Greeks and Romans, the egg was the sign of the universe, and for centuries the church itself has considered eggs the symbol of the resurrection, and at first they were dyed red as symbolical of the blood of Christ. Just why this is so, no one can tell authoritatively, though many contend that all spiritual significance was lost in the thought that after 40 days of fasting the early Christians were allowed to eat eggs, and hence valued them as Easter remembrances. But these are not the only countries where eggs have figured in a spring festival. The people of Peru believe that three eggs fell from heaven, thus bringing priest, king and common people on earth. The Japanese and Orientals look upon them as a type of the whole human soul, and Teutonic children are told the story of the turning of Ostara into a hare, who appeared as a messenger of spring and left eggs. Italy's children think that if they find an egg laid by a white hen in a new nest, good luck will attend them.

These Passion play celebrations can, of course, be traced to the influence of Christianity, but it is a singular fact that just as the cross was found in Mexico, long before the advent of Cortez, when the country possessed the cultivation of ancient Thebes and Egypt, so the Indians in North America have always held dances and religious rites to commemorate the coming of spring. No one knows whether this was natural instinct that led them to rejoice over the awakening of earth or the survival of some religion that prevailed among them before the coming of Christianity. We can only guess at the past of our North American Indians and deduct conclusions from their ceremonies and occasional folklore. The fact remains that heathendom as well as Christianity rejoices when Easter comes, and all nature lifts up its voice at the glad acclaim that spring is here, bringing with it promises of eternal life.

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Sale of Blue and White Enamel Ware

1300 PIECES AT ABOUT HALF PRICE

Three big selling lots go on sale, representing a recent special purchase at a very low price. Over 1,300 pieces will be included in this sale.

Lot No. 1 at 15c—(528 pieces)—No. 16 Lip Pres. Kettles, No. 16, Lip Sauce Pans, 2 and 3 quart Baking and Pudding Pans, 2, 3 and 4 quart Milk Pans, 2 and 3 quart Mixing Bowls, at..... 15c

Lot No. 2 at 20c—(600 pieces)—18 and 20 Lip Pres. Kettles and Sauce Pans, 4 and 5 quart Baking and Pudding Pans, 5 and 6 quart Milk Pans, 4 quart Mixing Bowls, 28 and 30 Wash Basins..... 20c

Lot No. 3 at 25c—(204 pieces)—32 Wash Basins, 22 and 24 Lip Pres. Kettles and Sauce Pans, 5 quart Mixing Bowls, 6 quart Pudding Pans..... 25c

March winds bring April showers, which is but a warning for early preparation; these Umbrellas for this week's special offer are of the famous Folmer Clogg make, world-wide known for their durability and value giving; sale includes over 400 Umbrellas, for both men and women, your choice at, each..... 98c

\$1.25 ALL LEATHER BAGS AT 98c.

While this week's sale is a continuance of Saturday's special offer, the original large showing of 300 Bags leaves an excellent choosing assortment for this week's sale; every Bag made of real leather, in assortments, all leather covered, with metal frames and inside purse, our very strongest recommendation is the large number of Bags sold during past sales; regular \$1.25 Bags marked as a special Easter attraction at, choice..... 98c

Over 400 Umbrellas marked at, your choice, 98 cents



GOV. A. C. SHALLENBERGER

HOOSIER ELECTRICAL WORKERS.
The Electrical Workers of Indianapolis have gone out on strike for an increase to 40 cents an hour and closed shop conditions. Electrical work on the new city hall has ceased pending settlement of the trouble.

PAINTED THE FRONT.

The front of the Labor Temple has been painted and the improvement is really remarkable. Just as soon as possible a couple of unsightly poles and a mass of wires will be yanked away from the front, and then the Temple will show up to full advantage.



GILBERT M. HITCHCOCK
Congressman from Second District of Nebraska.

No. 154.
Mr. Hitchcock is the publisher of the Omaha World-Herald, and is a well known friend of organized labor. He has paid out hundreds of thousands of dollars in wages to union men and women. He is a democratic candidate for the United States senate.

The First Easter



By Wilbur D. Nesbit

"In the end of the Sabbath, as it had begun to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher."—Matthew xxviii, 1.

Spikenard and frankincense and myrrh,
And spices savory and sweet,
They brought unto the sepulcher,
To lay them at the wounded feet.
Their precious gifts their hands between,
They came in that first Easter dawn,
And she who was called Magdalene
Before the others hastened on.

But at the door the spices slipped
From hands upraised in reverence,
And from the ground, unheeded, dripped
Spikenard, and myrrh, and frankincense.
With finger on her lips she turned
And in a whisper tense with awe,
With eyes that in their rapture burned
She told the glory that she saw.

The tomb aglow with holy light,
A radiant one of gentle voice,
Whose lustrous wings were jewel bright,
Whose lips made music thus: "Rejoice!
Your hearts no more need shelter fear."
And one sat where had been His head,
Who said to them: "He is not here,
For he has risen, as he said."

Then, turning back upon their way,
They set their feet; and then the sun
Flung from its arms the Easter day,
As bright as was that shining one.
And she that was called Magdalene
Paused, for before the sepulcher
A lily, stately and serene,
New-bloomed, flung back the dawn to her.

