Many Easter " " The Customs



Getting ready for the Easter Monday egg-hunt in Grant Park, Atlanta. The park gates have been closed for the morning and men are driving about the grounds scattering thousands of candy eggs in all directions. At a certain fixed time the gates are opened and the children pour in to search

from it on Holy Saturday.

get to the waters quickly, where, upon

HE origin of Easter is lost is dark, when suddenly through the in autiquity. The first trace holes in the wall light appears and of it is as a pagan rite. the priests, standing in front of them. celebrated in honor of hand to candles. These they receive Fastre the Saxon goddess again lighted and they are sent by of spring. Then it became chosen messengers to Bethlehem, Nazidentified with the Jewish passover, areth and all over Palestine, As they and about 68 A. D., was instituted as pass through the congregation to the

There are many quaint customs in | ward them, each member of the vast celebration of Easter in countries assemblage striving to light his canwhere superstition still holds sway dle with the blessed flame. over the minds of the people. In There is legend of a crusader from Spain, Portugal and most of South Plorence, who, finding himself one America, Judas, the betrayer, plays Easter at Jerusalem, joined the throng a prominent part in the proceedings who lighted their tapers at the saof Easter, and Holy Saturday is a day cred flame within the Holy Sepulcher which is devoted almost entirely to church. Anxious to bring this back maitreating his effigy

Execution of Judas. On Good Friday the shopkeepers are whole of the land journey on a donbusy all day selling Judases, of every key, with his face to its tail. size and shape, by the dozens, to men. women and children; and on the following morning the whole community is transposed into a place of execution Ropes are stretched across the of Florence, only claiming as his privstreets from house to house, and on lege to be the first to take a light them are strong Judases filled with straw and gunpowder, black and very

ugly as they sway in the sunlight. A few minutes before 12 o'clock the pilgrimage on Monday of Holy there is a bush over all the place, and week to the River Jordan. At the Pilthen as the church bells toll out the grims' ford are congregated thousands moon hour a sudden frenzy seizes the and tens of thousands of Christians. people and every Judas is cut down who, in the gray light of dawn, pour and buried into flames amid wild down upon the river on foot and shouts of rejoicing, and pandemonium borseback, straining every nerve to reigns supreme.

in Cuba and other Spanish-Ameri. arriving, they splash in, depping themcan countries there is a curious custom which almost outrivals those of other places. At an appointed hour on Easter morning the cathedral doors are thrown open for the resurrected Saviour to pass out. This is a waxen figure of Christ (with open wounds exposed) seated upon a draped platform, beneath which may be seen the legs of the score of monks who carry it. Following is a long line of priests bearing crosses and many

This odd procession passes down the sunlit street until at a given point it is met by a second figure, borne on the shoulders of four priests. This represents a woman dressed in the most gorgeous finery. It is Mary Magdalene coming to meet her Lord after his resurrection.

Like the Biblical Story. There is a sudden halt of both figures, and then Mary turns and hastens away, the eight legs beneath galloping furiously in order that it may be seen how fast the repentant one is hurrying to spread the news of the risen Christ. As she goes she is met by a third figure, decked in yellow satin and crowned with gold, and this is the Virgin Mary. The two pause, and then turn to meet the advancing Saviour. When they do reach him they bow repeatedly and then Getting Ready to Give Judas Iscariot the procession solemnly returns to the church, passing through rows of soldiers who, as they enter its doors,

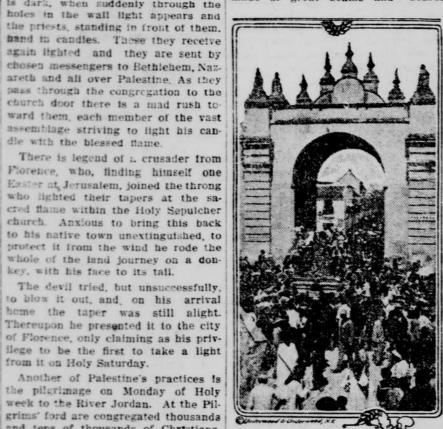
fire a salute, and the music ends with Trinity. After filling bottles and a great flourish The ceremony of holy fire within they hasten away. the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Palestine, is a very remarkable practice and one against which the pope vigorously protests, but the Greek church declares it is an annually recurring miracle. On Holy Saturday with the church crowded almost to Throughout the whole peninsula there her subjects. suffecation, all lights are extinguished, are family reunions, fetes and cereand one of the Greek patriarchs opens the service by circung three times bishops (all of them clad in rich fire as the great purifying element, fire may be sent down from heaven.

The Blessed Flame.

chanced that a young man of the great Piazzi family was the first person to light his torch from the fire which was drawn from the fire which was drawn from the sacred flint from the tomb of Christ, and so greatly pleased were his whole clan England Sends Vashington Trathat they resolved on the next holy Saturday to celebrate the circumstance with pomp and a display of fireworks such as to this day is a sign of Italian rejoicing.

Ever since, the family has spared no expense in marking the occasion. Year after year these demonstrations grew more showy, the family spending more and more, until at last it occurred to them to build a car, to be to explode at the moment when the Washington, D. C. city bells (silent since Holy Thurseral more, was burned. The Pyrotechnic Car.

stroyed and restored a number of square structure, four stories high, American citizen. made of great beams and boards



Easter Procession in Seville, Spain, Passing Through the Parta Ma-

clamped together and supported on low, solid whels.

When the time for the celebration ed with fireworks and adorned with flowers and four huge white oxen draw it through the streets to the front of the cathedral. Here there is fixed to it a wire connected with the high altar at the farther end of the cathedral. At the end of this wire is a mechanical device, made of wood, with a wheel and a slow fuse inside of it, known as the "columbia" or

The archbishop applies a light from the sacred fire to the dove, which goes hissing down the wire, over the heads of the congregation, to the car and ignites the fireworks, when loud explosions occur which can be heard all over the city and the surrounding country.

The peasants attach great importance to this ceremony and are extremely superstitious about the successful passage of the dove, for they take it as a sign that the coming harvest will be good. Should it stick in any way on its passage to the car or not ignite the fireworks there is loud cursing, and they look for nothing but ill luck from this omen. People come from all over Italy to see the cereit that many more centuries will see it performed.

Washing Beggars' Feet.

in England, on Maundy Thursday, there used to prevail a custom for the sovereign to wash the feet of as many poor people as corresponded with the years of his or her life. King The Italians hold Easter as the James II, was the last monarch to most important festival of the ecclesregularly perform this service, though lastical year, even attaching more im Queen Elizabeth in her thirty-ninth portance to it than to Christmas. year washed the feet of thirty-nine of

Her majesty was attended by an monies, all of the latter originating in equal number of ladies and gentleremotest antiquity, and each connect- men. The feet of these poor of the around the sepulcher, followed by the ed more or less with the worship of kingdom were first washed by yeomen of the laundry with warm water robest all praying fervently that the Florence has always been distin- and sweet herbs; the queen then guished for a most unique ceremony, bathed them and made the sign of known as "Scappio del Carro" (the the cross on the instep and kissed it. The Patriarch then enters the sep- "explosion of the car"), which is un. This ceremony took place at Green-

Rubbings on Monuments of Ancient Family Seat in Great Britain Presented to National Museum-Ancestors Well Known.

cings to America.

Washington.-The National museum has received a set of rubbings crammed full of fireworks, and this from the monumental brasses of the they proposed to place in front of the Washington family in Sulgrave and cathedral, lighting the whole mass Brington, England, collected and prefrom the sacred fire and causing it all sented by Mrs. A. T. Robertson of

The fact that the history of the day) burst forth into merry peals at family of George Washington is well the stroke of midday, when was cele- known and fully recorded in England brated the symbol of Christ's resur- is brought to notice by the brass merection. At first a new machine was morials and inscriptions still to be made every year, but after a certain seen in the old English church and time they determined to have a dur- manor of Sulgrave and Brington, Engable one, and accordingly built a huge | and. It was in this village that Lautriumphal car, carved and gilded, but rence Washington and his family it did not serve long, for it, with sev- lived for three generations, previous to their removal to Brington.

The Washington house, originally But in 1622 (as an inscription on a monastery, is now the manor house the inside testifies) the car now in use of the village of Sulgrave. It was was made. It has been partially degranted to Laurence Washington, the mayor of Northampton, by Henry times, until the inside is a patchwork VIII., in the year 1538, upon the disof many kinds of wood, each piece solution of the monasteries. Over being inscribed with the name of the the entrance is carved the Washingcarpenter who fixed it. It is a massive ton coat-of-arms, well known to every

The old church of St. Mary, where the family worshiped for years, is near by, and forms a point of considerable interest, containing, as it does. three memorial brasses on the gray stone slab put down in memory of Laurence Washington and his family. These brasses consist of Laurence

Washington's effigy, a shield bearing the Washington arms, and the follow-

19th day of March, 1622. As also ye Washington, the president. body of Robert Washington. Gent. It is believed that the original dethey lived lovingly together."

however, has never been done. Laurence Washington, grandson of cerity.

the Laurence of Sulgrave, died in So it seems that the arms of the in the river,

ASK REVISION OF NOTED WORK

Parents of New York Pupils Object

Expletives.

INDIAN LEADS POSSE IN MAN-HUNT



the Blue Ridge to run down the outlaws who shot and killed five people at Hillsville, Va.

his sons, John and Laurence, became in his country's flag. respectively Sir John Washington, knight of Thrapston, and Rev. Lau- MUDDY WATER SAVES LIFE rence Washington, rector of Pur-"Here lies interred ye bodies of leigh, Essex, whose eldest son, John. Elizab. Washington, widdowe, who emigrated to America in 1657, and changed this life for immortallitie ye was the great-grandfather of George

1616, and is also buried here. Two of | Father of His County are incorporated

Hunting for Spring, Man Finds Girl Who Had Plunged Into the River.

body of Robert Washington. Gent. It is believed that the original de-her late husband second sonne of sign of the American flag came from which the residents of Trenton have to rates charged, but depends upon the Robert Washington of Solgrave in ye the stars and stripes of the Washing- drink, has saved a life. Former Free-County of North Esqr., who depted ton arms, and in the flag, as in the holder James Kinney, who lived in this life ye 10th of March, 1622, after original arms, the stars signify di- South Trenton, trudged from his home vine influence, guiding the bearer in to a well near the Delaware river, and Apparently Laurence Washing the right way, while the bars denote as he was filling his pitcher with pure ton, great-great-great-grandfather of one who sets the bar of conscience spring water he heard the cries of a George Washington, devised this mon- and religion against wicked tempta- child. Kinney ran to the river, and ment as a memorial to his wife, leav- tions and evil desires. The colors, there he saw little Anna Smith struging the date of his own demise blank, red and white, seem to follow also; gling for her life. He fished the girl to be filled in after his death. This, the red meaning military bravery and out with a wire which he found along fortitude; the white, peace and sin- the bank. The girl walked out on a gang plank and in the darkness fell-

The Cudahy ranch was originally a

part of the famous Nadeau vineyard,

The Nadeau homestead is today one

of the most picturesque of the homes

of the old days. Of the substantial

construction of a generation ago, it

stands in a grove of magnificent old

HAVE WINE ORGY IN LOCKUP

New Yorkers Destroy Thousands of

Dollars' Worth of Drinks While

at Station.

pated in a merry wine party in the

local lockup. The trio with three

others applied to the police for lodg-

ings early in the evening. On the fol-

lowing morning three of them had

disappeared and the others were ly-

ing on the floor in a stupor, surround-

It was found that a private wine

cellar near by had been broken open

and that a thousand dollars' worth of

stock had been destroyed. The empty

bottles indicated that the little party

drank about three dozen quarts of

wine worth \$20 or more a quart.

ed by empty wine bottles.

actual deaths in the society. rating merely means that each mem-ber shall pay his real share of that Members who think of drop-

WHAT INSURANCE

notice to that society:

COMMISSIONERS SAY

Insurance Commissioner Wm. H.

Hotchkiss of New York, chairman of

the executive committee of the Na-

tional Convention of Insurance Com-

missioners, prior to the last Head

Camp of the Modern Woodmen of

America, gave the following official

"Pursuant to action of the national

convention of state insurance commis-

sioners, at its adjourned session in

December last, I write you this ex-

pression of views as to the necessity

of your order-as well as all other

fraternal benefit societies-placing

itself on a firm foundation as to rates.

An insurance society which in these

days does not recognize that the cost

of insurance is fixed by laws other

than man's laws-namely, the laws of

nature-or prescribes for its members either a flat rate, irrespective of

the age of its members, or any other

rate that is not scientifically safe, is

deceiving both itself and its members and approaching the time-perhaps

slowly, but not the less surely-

when it must fail and its contracts be

repudiated. The fraternal spirit is a good thing; but the rates and man-

agement of fraternal societies must

also be such that the beneficiaries of

the last member to die will receive

every dollar that such member's cer-

Ekern of Wisconsin has issued an of-

ficial interview in which he says:

"Fraternal societies generally have

come to recognize that their business

must be conducted on a sound basis.

This means a re-rating for nearly ev-

ery society, and members who do not

fully understand the situation are

often inclined to complain of in-

creases in their rates. They should

understand that with a re-rating on

a sound basis they have a much more

valuable insurance than before. All are benefited by getting a permanent

insurance for what was uncertain be-

fore. The Modern Woodmen of Amer-

ica, by reason of its long experience

with a large membership, is permitted

to make a rate upon its own experi-

ence, which is even lower than that

based on the National Fraternal Con-

gress table, which new societies must

adopt. The cost of this insurance is

ping their insurance will do well to take enough time to study the ques-

tion before doing anything which may

tificate calls for."

State Insurance

bring regret to both themselves and their families." The Chicago Inter Ocean says: "It is unpleasant for the members of the Modern Woodmen Society to have to pay more for their insurance, but let them think how much more unpleasant it would be for those 5,000. 000 women and children, or any of them, to be deprived of that protection because their husbands or fath-

> Women to Wear Mantillas in Church. Women of St. Francis De Sales Cathedral will introduce into this country the custom of wearing in church the graceful lace headdress of the Spanish women in place of hats. The innovation was suggested by Rev. Dr. O'Connor to the members of the Altar society and at the general communion of the society the scarfs will

ers got angry. That is what all Wood-men should think about."

"The hats of today have become a monstrosity," says Rev. Dr. O'Connor, addressing the society.-Toledo correspondence Cleveland Leader.

A Frequent Type. "Spoonleigh is a connoisseur of hap-

peppers and pines, a landmark for piness." miles around. It is the intention of "How do you define a connoisseur the new owners of the property to of happiness?" allow the house to stand indefi-"A person who knows how to be

> happy but can't." There is nothing heavenly about war .-- or

Dyspepsia. The world is outgrowing the first, and Garfield Tea will conquer Dyspepsia.

An optimist is a man who knows that his troubles might be worse

Brocton, N. Y.—The police are searching for three men who partici-DESPONDENT

Find Relief in Lydia E. Pink. ham's Vegetable Compound -Their Own Statements So Testify.

Platea, Pa.-"When I wrote to you first I was troubled with female weak-



ness and backache. and was so nervous that I would cry at the least noise, it would startle me so. I began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's remedies, and I don't have any more crying spells. I sleep sound and my nervousness is better. I will recommend

-Mrs. MARY HALSTEAD, Platea, Pa., Here is the report of another genuine

your medicines to all suffering women."

case, which still further shows that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound may be relied upon.

Walcott, N. Dakota.-"I had inflammation which caused pain in my side, and my back ached all the time. I was so blue that I felt like crying if any one even spoke to me. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I began to gain right away. I continued its use and now I am a well woman." - Mrs. AMELIA DAHL, Walcott, N. Dakota.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confi-dential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

THERAPION Used in Fr GREAT SUCCESS, CURES KIDNEY, BLADDER DISE

uicher alone and for a moment all doubtedly of most ancient origin. wich palace. Greatest of Festivals

Celebration of Eastertide Is the Proclamation of the Divine, the Im- faith which is at the foundation of all mortal That Is in Man.

The special significance of the | the Jewish Passover, or among west-Not the impersonal, unconscious merg- life. ing of the individual in impassive imrest of creation.

purest minds of all ages have been er and truer significance. Faster day has been identified with who dwells, as he ought, on the love God can't reach you.

Easter festival lies in its triumphant ern nations with the old pagan festival assertion of the fact of immortality. of returning spring and resurrected

His Due.

selves three times in honor of the

flasks with the consecrated water

The Italian Easter.

The church, recognizing the identity mensity which Buddhism teaches; not of aspiration in heathen and Christian. the mere prolongation of physical and bringing to the former assurance that sensual life which the Koran prom- his dream of immortality was not a ises; but the true immortality of the delusion, but a God-proven reality, spirit, that nobler part of man which naturally enough took and made distinguishes him enfallibly from the sacred the time with which such associations were already interwoven. A hope, a trust, a confidence, even, Christ came not to destroy, but to fulfuture life is common to all fill the law. His church needs not to races of men. It is inherent in the reject all pre-existing human institusavage; it is symbolized by all the tions, but to fill them with a new and obenomens of nature; the loftiest and holier life, to invest them with a high-

ble to reason to no other conclusion. Origen, an early father of the It is no reproach, therefore, that our church, says finely that the Christian to come very close to the place where

and sacrifice of Christ, keeps every day his Easter and his pentecostal feast. But there is virtue, too, in coming together and publicly declaring to a heedless and precccupied world the religious life. That is why Easter. which proclaims the divine, the immortal in man, is the greatest festival of the Christian church.-Youth's Companion.

Cannot Be Hidden. Rottenness in character is as certain to break out on the surface as rottenness in an apple.

Lacks the Proper Spirit The preaching that never helps the man with a heartache is not the preaching of Christ.

Should Be Christian's Pleasure, The Christian ought to have faith enough to praise the Lord, whether he feels like it or not.

To get where sin can't shock you is myself, I suppose your price will be different."

Cudahy Land Near Los Angeles, Cal., a ale which resulted in the establishment of the model industrial city of Dominguez and in the installation of

Last Great Ranch is Sold

to Shakespeare's Use of 2,000 Acres in Size, Is Purchased New York .- The New York board of by Syndicate-Bought in

education has been asked by a committee of parents from one of the suburban schools to undertake a revision of Shakespeare's works to elim--inate profanity and language shocking to the sensibilities of children. The committee suggests that the board might, in certain cases, "provide some harmless expletive to be used in cases of emergency." Special complaint is lodged against

the poet's "Merchant of Venice," which is used as practice material in the classes in reading for pupils of about 12 years. One parent ex-

"One of the passages containing an objectionable oath fell to my daughter, a girl of peculiarly sensitive and refined nature. Against the dictates of a tender conscience and under the stress of her supposed duty the girl went obediently through her lines. She and other pupils were much mor-

CITY FREES DYED RODENTS day, the development southwestward

Seattle Health Commissioner Tries to Trace the Drift of City's Rats.

Seattle, Wash.-If Seattle citizens mony, and so keen is the interest in fall to see brilliantly colored rats point of the holding. scampering about the streets it will not be because the rats are not there. of identification. Each rat has a price lits sale involves one of the largest of \$2 on its head, whether captured dead or alive. The purpose is to trace the drift of the rodent population as it migrates from one section of the city to another.

"At this time of the year rats leave the water front, where they stay dur- cut up into small tracts by eager ing the winter months, and make their way to hills and residence sections of which at its southern end reaches to the city," said Health Commissioner Crichton.

Morgan Spoils His Clothes. Paris .- J. Pierpont Morgan, unused Homes company. to operatorless levers, risked his life and damaged a suit of clothes climbget out of a lift.

Luck of an American Millionaire Who

Tried to Bargain with Noted

Painter.

Paris, France.-The death of Jules

Lefebre, the celebrated French por-

trait painter, has been followed by

many anecdotes of his interesting ca-

reer. Despite his success Lefebvre re-

mained what he was from the start-

a man of simple and charming man-

ner. On one point alone was he firm

and intractable. He detested utterly

any form or attempt at bargaining.

will it be?"

\$4,000), replied Lefebvre.

one of the greatest irrigation systems, 1892 for \$200,000. in the world for the intensive cultivation on leased lands of close to 19,000

Los Angeles, Cal.-The passing of the last of the great undivided ranch tracts in the immediate vicinity of Los Angeles was marked in the formal which at one time produced nearly transfer by the heirs of the late Mich- a third of the wine made in Calael Cudahy to a local syndicate head- ifornia, ed and represented by W. I. Hollingsworth, of the famous Cudahy ranch, just south of and adjacent to Huntington Park. Something over 2,000 acres changed hands in the deal, which involves a reported consideration of approximately \$2,000,000. The purchasing syndicate, which has been incorporated as the Nadeau Ranch company, plans to subdivide the entire nitely. property and lay off a town site during the present year.

The transaction is of great significance not only on account of its magnitude, but because it signalizes the metropolitan advance of Los Angeles and its environs. The huge tract is actually almost a part of the city tohaving crowded right up to the boundary of the ranch on the north. As a crow flies, the northwest corner of the property lies exactly five miles from the city's center. The yellow cars, with a five-cent fare, touch this

The Cudahy ranch is the third great acreage holding to succumb to Health department officials liberated the advance of modern intensive dewenty-five dyed rodents for purposes velopment in the last two years, and lump considerations ever paid for real estate in this vicinity. The first of the deals mentioned was the transfer of the immense Van Nuys-Lankershim ranch in San Ferdinando Valley, where today 47,000 acres are being homeseekers. For this vast holding, within a little over four miles of the city limits, \$2,500,000 was paid over by a syndicate of five buyers incor-

the transfer about a year ago to anoth- opinion rendered here by Judge

ing over an iron gate six foot high to er local syndicate of close to 3,000 George S. Criswell in a suit over an acres of the old Dominguez Rancho, estate.

Tell Stories of Lefebvre "Certainly," responded the artist.

> The American paid. COUNTRY RICHEST IN DESERT Novel Document Admitted to Probate

> Topeka, Kan.-The richest county in the United States per capita, ac- at 5665 Blakemore street, written on a cording to figures compiled by Mark visiting card, was admitted to pro-Tully, state treasurer, is Clark county, Kan. The per capita weal a of Clark City hall. county, which is in what once was called the Great American desert, is \$2,878, in which she devises \$5 to \$3,272. Figured on the same basis, each of her brothers and directs the Kansas, the state treasurer says, is residue to be held in trust, from the

"And how much will it be?" Lefebvre reflected a moment, then said simply, "it will be 40,000 francs."

Greatest Per Capita Wealth Known in

United States Reported From Kansas.

One day, so the anecdote goes, an American of wealth called to see him. "I would like," the American said to the artist, "a full length portrait of myself. How much, if you please, "Twenty thousand francs" (about "Very well. But if I ask you to make two portraits instead of oneif not the richest

that is, one of my wife and one of the richest. A dozen or so counties nieces and nephews.

ita valuations in excess of \$2,000. The eastern counties, while the most populous, appear to have nearly

all of the poor people of the state, for there the assessed valuation per capita ranges from \$745 up.

by Register of Philadelphia. Pa.

Selena B. Filemyr, who died recently bate by the register of wills in the

one of the richest states in the Union, income of which \$25 a month is to be paid to a sister, Margaret Filemyr. It is the purely agricultural counties Upon the decease of the latter the in the center of the state that are principal is to be divided among

Child as Ancestor of Dad. Franklin, Pa.-Under the laws of Pennsylvania a child may become the ancestor of its parents. The words "ancestor" and "progenitor" are not synonymous, and a child may become and leaving them property. These in-

porated as the Los Angeles Suburban the ancestor of its parents by dying Of almost equal significance was teresting facts are contained in an

in that part of the state have per cap-

WILL IS ON VISITING CARD

Philadelphia, Pa.-Disposing of an estate valued at \$2,878, the will of

The testatrix left effects valued at