

QUAINT EASTER CUSTOMS

Wonderfully Impressive Experiences Within Prison Walls.

OBSERVANCES IN THE OLD WORLD

Scenes at Sacred Shrines in Jerusalem—Trees of Ancient Lineage—Love Feasts, Miracles and Superstitions.

There are two Easters in my life, said Mrs. Ballington Booth, the "Little Mother" of the state convicts...

Another rhyming superstition of Easter weather is so obscure that it is really disappointing, but as an unique gem of choice poetry it is well worth repeating here:

In all the world there is not a more superstitious people than the peasants of Transylvania. According to their ideas the greatest luck that could befall a mortal is to be born on Easter Sunday...

In certain parts of Germany the smaller children are told on Easter morning that the wild rabbits lay the colored Easter eggs...

Hot cross buns have been a church superstition of Good Friday ever since the day was first celebrated by the church. Every one knows the old rhyme:

At Easter let your clothes be new Or else be sure you will fit true. Superstition believes that ill will befall you unless one or more of your garments at Easter are new.

In Scotland to gather the eggs of wild fowl to be eaten at the Easter breakfast is considered to be very lucky.

In Guatemala it is particularly unlucky to tell a lie or to strike any one on Easter day or Holy Thursday.

Historical Easter Miracle. It was in the year 1799 when the armies of the great Napoleon were passing over the continent of Europe and conquering all that came in their way.

serene as was the morning, with no thought of fear in his brave Christian heart. "It is Easter day," he said. "We have been reckoning on our own strength and it is our weakness. Let us sing the bells and have service as usual. We will leave our troubles in the hands of the Higher Power."

Every day of the year, although with it the superstitions and folklore of the common people. Thus Easter has its own superstitions, with a bit of weatherlore, also, wholly its own.

Another rhyming superstition of Easter weather is so obscure that it is really disappointing, but as an unique gem of choice poetry it is well worth repeating here:

In all the world there is not a more superstitious people than the peasants of Transylvania. According to their ideas the greatest luck that could befall a mortal is to be born on Easter Sunday...

In certain parts of Germany the smaller children are told on Easter morning that the wild rabbits lay the colored Easter eggs...

Hot cross buns have been a church superstition of Good Friday ever since the day was first celebrated by the church. Every one knows the old rhyme:

At Easter let your clothes be new Or else be sure you will fit true. Superstition believes that ill will befall you unless one or more of your garments at Easter are new.

In Scotland to gather the eggs of wild fowl to be eaten at the Easter breakfast is considered to be very lucky.

In Guatemala it is particularly unlucky to tell a lie or to strike any one on Easter day or Holy Thursday.

Historical Easter Miracle. It was in the year 1799 when the armies of the great Napoleon were passing over the continent of Europe and conquering all that came in their way.

varly is visited by the Christian population of the town and the members of the various religious orders inhabiting it and flowers are strewn upon the spot where the cross is supposed to have stood. The atmosphere under which tradition tells us Christ walked upon his way to the spot of crucifixion are standing just as they stood fully 2,000 years ago. Every Easter the little children of many of Jerusalem's families are taken to this place of the cross and told what the various objects signify about the events which transpired there.

Although nearly nineteen centuries have elapsed since Christ passed from among men, the city of Jerusalem does not exhibit notable changes from its appearance, as judged from history, at the beginning of the Christian era. It is still the terraced pilgrimage. The same queerly gowned and strangely hooded figures are seen upon its streets now that were familiar to those who lived when Pontius Pilate was a disciple of justice, so called. The famous "Locusts Garden" which has formed the terminus of the pilgrimages. The same queerly gowned and strangely hooded figures are seen upon its streets now that were familiar to those who lived when Pontius Pilate was a disciple of justice, so called.

The Garden of Gethsemane, where the children love to spend much of the time on Easter, is a small enclosure, 100 feet long and 150 feet wide. It is cared for by a colony of Franciscan monks, who spend much time beautifying it. The bible says: "In the midst of the garden was the sepulchre, and the students of biblical events generally acknowledge that it is the true site where Christ was buried. The place is beautifully adorned with hedges kept in exquisite order by the monks. There are innumerable beds of pink and roses and visitors are given a honeyey by the monk in attendance. The tower to the north of the garden is the tower of Jerusalem as evidenced by the number of little ones seen about the streets on Easter day wearing flowers such as are only to be secured from the monks.

Hot cross buns, hot cross buns. One a penny, two a penny. Give them to your boys. Give them to your boys.

It is said that hot cross buns recall the offerings made at the doors of the temple at Jerusalem. Here is one of the most interesting superstitions: "If you ever see a hot cross bun on Good Friday your house will be protected from fire during the ensuing year."

At Easter let your clothes be new Or else be sure you will fit true. Superstition believes that ill will befall you unless one or more of your garments at Easter are new.

In Scotland to gather the eggs of wild fowl to be eaten at the Easter breakfast is considered to be very lucky.

In Guatemala it is particularly unlucky to tell a lie or to strike any one on Easter day or Holy Thursday.

Historical Easter Miracle. It was in the year 1799 when the armies of the great Napoleon were passing over the continent of Europe and conquering all that came in their way.

HANNA IN GREAT DEMAND

The Junior Ohio Senator the Most Called On Man in Washington.

HOW HE RECEIVES HIS MANY VISITORS

Daily Routine of a Busy Man—His Mode of Life in Public and at Home—Loves Whist and the Theater.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The most overworked piece of mechanism in all Washington is Senator Hanna's door bell. Scarcely a day passes that it is not set ringing at least 150 times, and often and again, between breakfast and bedtime, it announces the arrival of the top caller. No man in Washington, except the president, receives as many callers.

Senator Hanna's abiding place in Washington is the Arlington hotel, and his rooms are on the ground floor of an annex which was once a private home. A colored man in the livery of the hotel is appointed to guard the street door, and of the ten score callers whose cards he receives every day not more than fifty or seventy-five succeed in obtaining an audience. Many call, but few are chosen. He gives heed to the speech of even fifty persons, but one day, however, is no small thing. Only a man trained as Senator Hanna has been from boyhood in business methods and endowed with a remarkable executive ability could accomplish it.

Senator Hanna is a business man, first, last and always. He is polite in business, business-like in politics. He expects business men to do with whom he has business in contact. With none of his callers does he waste either time or words. Nothing pleases him more than a direct, concise and to-the-point statement of a case, but his official, political face is the face of a sphinx. Not a word of his is unresponsive as a graven image.

Hanna Not Methodical. Although he accomplishes a great deal in a day, Senator Hanna is not a methodical man. He has no fixed plan of daily life. He is not an early riser. His breakfast is a and breakfast is to him the chief meal of the day. He says that he does not feel that the day is properly begun unless he has breakfasted well. His morning meal is a hearty one, and well-to-do people are an invariable item on his bill of fare. He has always been blessed with a fair appetite, and although by no means an epicure he is fond of good living. He likes sweets. Coffee he drinks sparingly, and in regard to alcoholic drinks he is exceedingly abstemious. He is very fond of a good cigar, but smokes only moderately.

Immediately after breakfast he returns to his reception room, and callers are admitted. Some of them are the characteristic office-seekers who call on him, some are of them come to him on matters connected with the national republican committee, of which he has been chairman since 1896. Some of them call because they fancy that to have the ear of the Ohio senator is to have the ear of the man in the White house, a long story of business with him which concerns some one of the almost innumerable commercial enterprises, shipbuilding, lake carrying, banking, rail-roading, mining and what not, in which he is interested. And some of them come to him for reasons which few who know Mr. Hanna only as a skillful and determined politician ever guess. His friends say that he is one of the most open-handed and charitable of men, and that he never turns a deaf ear to any honest appeal for suffering. He has been an active member of a number of charitable organizations, and his private charities are carried on without regard to society or creed.

At 12 o'clock he drives to the capitol. He enjoys thorough sport. On the day he spends there. He never makes speeches. Almost the only public address of his on record is the one he made in Chicago, during the last presidential campaign. It was brief, forceful and unadorned. Senator Hanna's work in the senate is done in the committee rooms, and not on the floor of the senate chamber. He makes other men do his talking for him. He prefers to be the power behind the throne. In comparison with senator orators, with Senator Wolcott, for example, Senator Hanna is a man-of-war. He is a senatorial captain on the bridge. He does not seek for applause, and he cares not a rap for criticism. He knows exactly what he wants, and as he never changes his mind, never loses his nerve and never gives up, he always gains his point in the end.

Fond of Operas. He reaches home after his day in the senate only in time to dine. After dinner he has usually some social engagements, but he is undignified fond of society. He is fond of the theater, and enjoys the lighter operas. In Cleveland he is owner of the opera house, which is a pet hobby of his. He gives it a great deal of attention, and all his bookings are subject to his approval. When he is in Cleveland, he never goes to appear at the theater, with Mrs. Hanna, every Monday evening.

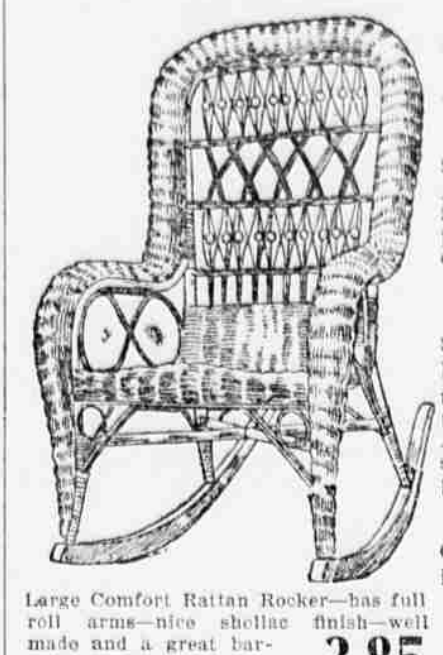
For books he has no great liking. In the days when he was not quite so busy, he used to read a great many light novels and a few of the more serious. He is fond of the newspapers, of which he owns a great many, and a few of the magazines. He is extremely fond of whist, and plays exceedingly well. For horses he does not care at all. He takes no interest in outdoor sports. He does not hunt, but he does not play golf, but does like yachting. There is a real relaxation to him, and the trip he made last year to the Yellowstone delighted him so much that he proposes to repeat it as soon as he can spare the time. He is a warm man in the Episcopal church, although he is not a member of any denomination. He says of himself that he is a Quaker, for his grandfathers were of that faith.

Hanna's One Hobby. Mrs. Hanna says that he has but one hobby and that is the entertaining of his friends. The Hanna home, Glenmere, is only four miles from Cleveland, on a high bluff overlooking the lake. The name is one the senator had a stare in choosing, for he said he wanted a name that meant something, and in the eight acres of his grounds there is a plot sufficient to justify the first half of the name. The Glenmere room seats twenty-four, and Mrs. Hanna says that her husband is never quite happy unless the table is full. He is a most genial host, and during the months he spends there Glenmere is never empty of guests. He likes to be always busy. He is extremely fond of his home. He is as loyal a friend as he is unrelenting an enemy. He is not sentimental. He is not eloquent. He is not a popular leader. He is a man of few words, and an endless tenacity. He is a business man whose occupation is politics.

QUANT FEATURES OF LIFE. The latest novelty in the line of funeral equipments has just been introduced into Portland, Ore. It is in the nature of a cassette-lowering device which does away with

Special April Furniture Sale.

On Monday morning—we commence a great April Special Sale of Furniture Goods of the better medium grade, with some character to style and finish, quality the best. The pieces shown here are but a few of the many rare bargains to be found at our Special April Selling:



Call and see the many money saving values we are offering—
Solid oak leather seat Rockers—April Sale price only..... 1.50



Solid mahogany top and shelf Parlor Table—pattern top—nicely polished—April sale price..... 95c



Couches made good and strong, 27 inches wide, 6 feet long, covered in good velvet—any color—fringed and button top, spring edged and end—April sale price..... \$5.25

ORCHARD & WILHELM CARPET CO.

1414-16-18 DOUGLAS STREET.



Shrewd Buyers

Are placing their orders with us. Think of the advantage! The cloth makers of the world know that we have nearly a half hundred stores to supply. They offer us the most flattering inducements to buy in large quantities, and we in turn offer them to you.

Regulating our prices on the lowest possible first cost, and then basing same on a large trade, spot cash and a moderate profit, makes it possible for us to offer such tempting prices for made-to-order garments.

In our windows this week you will see displayed a fascinating aggregation of all that's nobby and up-to-date in gentlemen's fabrics.

Trousers, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8. Suitings, \$20, \$25, \$28, \$30

You can't afford to wear poorly fitting or inferior made garments when such prices prevail. It's our aim to please the buyer of a \$15 suit as much as it is to satisfy the wearer of the highest priced garment. We're anxious to please both.

Every garment is carefully fitted and corrected by experienced fitters before being completed by the best skilled tailors of Omaha.

It's our aim to make the best garments for the least money.

209 and 211 So. 15th.

Karbach Block.

the pallbearers lowering the body into the grave. By this new invention the casket is brought from the hearse and placed on the device, which is automatic in its operation, and at the proper time the undertaker touches a spring and the casket is, by invisible means, lowered quietly into the grave. Thus does science smooth our passage to the cold and silent tomb.

Uncle James Slightman and wife, a good old-fashioned couple living over in Liberty township, Mason county, Mo., have done their cooking for the past fifty-five years in the old brick fireplace, the same method that was employed by the pioneers in the early part of the century. The other day their children surprised them by sending to the house a magnificent modern steel range, which was put up solid by the workmen. The old people stood it for two days, then had it removed to the smokehouse and went back to their old fireplace to do their cooking, because it was "more convenient and the meals seemed to taste better cooked by it."

BEER JUDGMENT. IT'S just as well to exercise judgment in the matter of beer drinking and GET THE BEST. LEADS FOR Quality and Flavor. VAL. BLATZ BREWING CO., MILWAUKEE, U.S.A. OMAHA BRANCH: 1412 DOUGLAS STREET. Telephone 1081.

Three doves perched on a cross above the grave while John A. Biemke's body was being buried last November in the cemetery of the Holy Sepulcher, Newark, N. J., and those who attended the funeral recalled the incident with awe when Anthony Biemke, a brother, died on the 18th inst. There were three of the doves, and three of the brothers had died within a year. Joseph Biemke, 19 years old, died May 27 last, in the family home, at Newark, N. J. His death followed November 18, and March 15 Anthony died of consumption. Relatives of the brothers see a supernatural connection between the three deaths and the appearance of the three doves.