

THE EASTER BUNNY.

He is only the Easter bunny. Big and soft and white. With little pink nose, so funny. And little stub tail upright.

KEEPERS GUARD

AIR LIGHTHOUSE.

"Lighthouse tenders," 120 miles from the sea, are the two young men at Numidia, Pa., who operate the only radio beacon between Bellefonte, Pa., and Hadley Field, N. J., which keeps the New York-Cleveland air mail on its course.

New York city is just an hour away from the beacon on the mail schedule and Bellefonte 35 minutes to the west. The radio beacon at Numidia marks a curve in the course and also the point where the plane's radio must be changed from the tuning that brings in Hadley field to the wave length that brings in Bellefonte.

On duty 24 hours a day, Malcolm Dale and Stanley Beaver alternate weeks in working the day and night shifts. They make weather observations and report the passing of planes over the mail route.

The radio beacon apparatus operates automatically from a huge battery, sending a signal of four dots. Through its use, pilots have flown blindly in the fog from Bellefonte to Hadley field, listening to the two stations and changing their tuning as they passed Numidia.

The Numidia station, rimmed by mountains that form one of the most treacherous stretches of country over which the mail passes, also has a beacon light. It was near there that Thomas P. Nelson leaped from a burning plane last November and landed safely, only to lose his life one month later in a crash in Ohio.

The Numidia radio beacon is known as a "marker" while those at Bellefonte and Hadley field are direction beacons.

Authorization has been made for the installation of three additional radio beacons in Pennsylvania. Two will be installed in the rugged eastern section at Slatington, east of Numidia.

KEEP OLD CUSTOM.

Of all annual festivals among Christian nations, Easter seems to have made the most serious impression, and the customs connected with its first celebrations to have lingered the longest. Europe, with its many nations, and, therefore, many peoples, has ever been the scene of various ceremonies distinctly belonging to the separate countries, with the Latin church always in the lead in the matter of picturesque symbols and processions.

The war last year and this will make a difference in some districts, but wherever there are a few gathered together in his name in the neighborhood of mighty cathedrals still standing, or tiny kirks in the heart of the woods or along the sea, there will be some feature of the story of the Atonement be told in symbols.

In Brittany, a southern province of France, which nestles close to the Pyrenees, and in consequence perhaps takes on something of the colorful atmosphere of its neighbors, the Spanish provinces, many interesting customs are observed. It is a land of legends.

On Easter morning at the Church of St. Cronley, in the village of Finistere, Brittany, every man, woman and child of the vicinity is in attendance. The women and children are in their best frocks and snowiest caps, and the men are leading the cattle to the door of this church, which would do credit to a city of size.

There the priest receives the men and animals, and while the women cluster around, gravely listening, the cattle are blessed and the care of St. Cronley invoked in their behalf. This saint is a great favorite all over Brittany; and, like so many traditions of the Bretons, his story is connected with many legends.

He was hunted by wild men until death seemed near, when suddenly every pursuer was turned into a stone, and so they stand today, one group forming a regular border along the road from Carnac to Kerlescant.

STATE COLLEGE WILL ADMIT 1225 FRESHMEN. One thousand men will be admitted to the Pennsylvania State College in the freshman class next fall, according to Registrar W. S. Hoffman, who said that the total freshman enrollment would probably be 1225.

LEADING ENGINEERS TO MEET AT STATE COLLEGE.

In calling the eleventh annual industrial conference at the Pennsylvania State College for May 15-17, Dean R. L. Sackett, of the School of Engineering stressed the growing need for technically trained men in industry. A number of men in the foreranks of American industrial life will attend, including C. E. Denzy, president of the Erie Railroad, who is a Penn State graduate.

Basque Peace Officers Kept Reasonably Busy

Unique is the miguelete. Everywhere in Spain, from the gates of the royal palace in Madrid out to the remotest, humblest hamlets, the civil guardsmen have the right of way—except in the Basque province of Guipuzcoa. The Basques have their own police, called migueletes, who wear a jaunty uniform of baggy red trousers, a blue tunic with a cape fixed to the shoulders and a red boina on their heads (a contrast to the civil guards' yellow trappings and gray or black uniforms and shiny cocked hats, triangular and of oilskin). Although a soldier, armed and trained as such, the miguelete, instead of parading about in idleness, has many civilian duties. He carries all the official mail in the province, conveys lunatics to the modern asylum, inspects the roads, teaches the illiterates to read and write, collects telephone tolls and also taxes. A Basque is always ready with a bet, which is the common way of ending a dispute about handball, tree felling, grass mowing, stone lifting, swimming, about what weight his pair of oxen will drag or the fighting powers of a ram from his herd. On every bet a percentage is due and is collected by the miguelete. It is the miguelete also who takes charge of the savings bank accounts, and so great is the confidence he inspires among the peasantry that old and young hand over their hard-earned reales and pesetas to this red-legged cop. What prestige! Indeed, it has been proposed that the League of Nations study the corps with a view to making it a world organization.

France First Country to Organize Zouaves

Zouave is the name of a tribe of Berbers in Algeria. In 1831 the French recruited two battalions of Berber soldiers, who were uniformed in their native costume. In about ten years they were converted into an infantry branch of the French army and the uniform retained. Before the World war there were four regiments of zouaves still in the French army. The first service that these troops saw outside Algeria was in the Crimean war. They attracted much attention because of their uniforms and their fighting qualities, and volunteer military organizations throughout the world adopted the uniform, or a modification of it, and the drills and tactics. There were several of these zouave companies in the Civil war, and they were taken into the army as organized.

Canadian Bituminous Sands

In what is known as the McMurray country in Canada, 300 miles north of Edmonton, are to be found extensive deposits of bituminous sand. The future commercial significance of these deposits is as yet not generally realized. It adds, although it is possible that eventually they may prove to be of real national importance.

It is thought the bituminous sand in Canada is in many respects similar to the oil shale in the United States and that the development of bituminous sand should be considered quite as seriously as that of the oil shales. Yield per ton from the latter will, in some instances, be higher than from bituminous sand, but, from the point of view of mining costs and certain other factors, the development of bituminous sands will probably have advantages over oil shales.

Put Health First

The views of students as to what makes life happy are revealed by a ballot competition conducted by the National Union of Students throughout the universities of England and Wales, says the London Observer. The following was the order of importance voted for the various attributes conducive to a happy life:

A sound constitution; a sense of humor; a congenial occupation; an assured future; a charming wife (or husband); a blameless reputation; £400 a year; a brilliant career; a thick skin; a good cook; a persuasive manner; a library and a poker face (equal); an artistic temperament; a schoolgirl complexion.

Tut-Tut!

All judicial humor, fortunately, is not retrospective. While some judges dig it up from the past, others are busy extracting it from the present. A little while ago it was stated before a well known judge that a company was to run a revue named "King Tut-Tut."

His honor rubbed his brow. "What does 'Tut-Tut' mean?" he inquired.

"It is an expression," replied counsel, "used on the golf links when a man misses his drive."

"You mean when the clergy are present," suggested the judge, amid laughter.—Birmingham (Eng.) Weekly Post.

Native of the Tropics

Avocados are available in a number of varieties from August and September on through to the first of the year, says Nature Magazine. The tree, clean and rather attractive, often growing to be from 30 to 50 feet high, is a native of Mexico, Central America and the mountains of Colombia. Thus, there are three main branches of the family, but the common, or West Indian avocado, extensively grown in south Florida, is the most tropical and bears the largest fruit. This fruit is covered with a leathery skin, which, when ripe, is green or, in some instances, a shade toward purple.

"Cover the Well Before the Child Falls In" —Old German Proverb



YAWNING wells in back yards where children play are practically extinct nowadays, but the old German proverb still holds good. Today few children are in danger of plunging headlong into uncovered wells through their parents' carelessness, but in other ways they need just as much protection as ever. Children have little sense of danger. The normal, sturdy boy does not fear the open well. Older and more experienced heads must protect him by such a device as placing a lid over the opening and keeping it there.

Many other dangers exist in childhood, not so obvious as the open well, but for which effective lids are at hand. For instance, no child needs to have diphtheria today. Smallpox is another equally preventable danger. Scientific investigation tells us that tuberculosis usually begins in childhood, lies quiet and unobserved for years and then flares up in adult life as the recognized disease fatal to many.

If we would cover the well as a protection against tuberculosis we must keep the child from becoming infected with tuberculosis germs; infection usually occurs from close contact with active cases. Even the ancients observed that "tuberculosis runs in families." They thought it was inherited, but we know this is not true. Whenever it "runs in families" it is because the seeds may be readily implanted in the young body when it lives in close contact with a tuberculous person. It may be a fond mother, a loving father, a dear old grandmother afflicted with what she

calls "chronic bronchitis," who neglects to cover the well. Another protective measure is to build up the child's resistance. In spite of all precautions, most persons sooner or later encounter the tubercle bacillus. But if the resistance of the body keeps the upper hand, the disease does not develop into its serious form. This resistance can be increased to a great extent. Modern science now makes it possible to protect children against many resistance-weakening diseases. Modern training methods help to rear children to be healthy and strong. They must have plenty of sleep, well-regulated work and play, sunshine and good food at proper intervals. They must be trained to form health habits.

Because the early stages of tuberculosis are usually without signs or symptoms, the condition remains undiscovered in many cases until it is too late. Therefore, it is well to have the child examined frequently by a doctor. The tuberculin test and the X-ray help to discover early signs before severe damage has been done. In a few places in the United States large groups of school children have been examined for the early form of tuberculosis. About one out of every fifty apparently well children were discovered to have it, and many more were classified as "suspectious." In all these cases steps were taken to prevent the further development of the disease—in other words, these communities are covering their wells.

So—cover your well before your child falls in.

Finds Throw Light on Tribe of Philistines

Reality and even individuality has been given to the Philistines, who for so many generations have been no more than a name, by some of Sir Flinders Petrie's observations on discoveries in Palestine.

It was while searching in the trenches made by Lord Allenby's troops in Palestine that the most curious revelations were made about missing epochs in Biblical history.

First the diggers found knives, hand grenades, spoons, and "spurious Egyptian antiquities" bought and brought there by English and Australian soldiers. Next the Roman occupation of Vespasian was unearthed, then a city of the Greeks, and then pilgrim bottles carried when Solomon was king.

Last came the periods of the Egyptian conquests and weapons of the almost legendary Philistines, together with objects, scarabs and jewels, which trace the journey of the Israelites to the Promised land.

Strangest of all, is that the soldiers who fought in the Armageddon of the Twentieth century, should by their work have enabled the archeologist to trace records of the people whose prophecies spoke of the Armageddon to come.

Great College Honor Nothing to Hotel Man

Where is the high-school student who has not at sometime thought of making Phi Beta Kappa at college? Where are the parents who have not hoped their son in college would make the national honorary scholarship fraternity? How—in the mind of the scholastic world—could greater honor be achieved? So much for that.

The other day in a large hotel a guest stepped up to the manager's desk and announced he desired to identify himself so that he might get a check cashed.

"Have you anything to identify you?" the manager asked.

"Why, yes," said the guest after some hesitation, "here's a Phi Beta Kappa key with my name on it." After looking at the key long and earnestly the manager looked up and exclaimed: "Sorry, sir, I'm afraid this won't do. Haven't you got a good Elks' card or something?"—New York Sun.

Luxury, It Would Seem, Depends on Viewpoint

Recently the Woman passed through one of the poor sections of New York at 3 o'clock, just when hundreds of school children were being released. Directly ahead of her three little girls strolled. One of them, a pale child who looked as if sunlight and vegetables were not part of her daily regime, was conducting a monologue. In a high pitched, excited voice she was describing a bedspread which had been sent as a gift to the child's mother.

"It's so beautiful, like sunshine. All smooth and golden. It's like that. Look here!"

The children with the Woman—just a step away—stopped before a dirty store. Its window displayed a bedspread, cheap, coarse, glaring yellow. "Isn't it lovely?" the little girl asked.

The woman had visions of a poor back apartment into which the sun never peeped. To its occupants that golden bedspread stood for every luxury of life. The woman looked from the happy face of the child to the spread. Perhaps it was not so glaring if you saw it from the right angle.—New York Sun.

Early Diving Suit

The diving suit is not so new as one might think. A patent was granted to John Stapleton on March 17, 1893, for "a new engine so by him contrived as to permit a person enclosed in it to walk under water, and to a new invented way to force air into any depth of water to supply the person in the said engine therewith and for continuing a lamp burning under water; also a way to deaerate and purify the air so as to make the same serviceable for respiration."

Ask Me

She had done everything wrong. She had disregarded the signal lights, then stalled in the middle of the street, and before starting had taken out her powder puff and started to apply it to her face. An irate traffic officer rushed up:

"Say, lady, do you know anything at all about traffic rules?" "Why, yes. What is it that you want to know?"—Chatham News.

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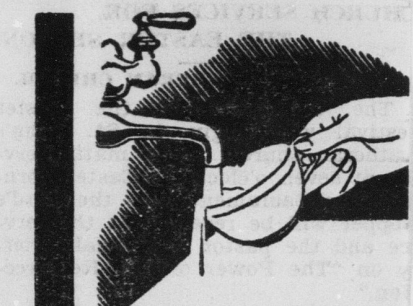
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