EASTER.

When Easter comes the violets lift Their shyly hooded faces, Where late the frozen snows adrift Heaped high the woodland spaces. When Easter comes the sunbeams dance On green leaves all aquiver, And grasses rally, spear and lance, By rippling brook and river.

When Easter comes the lilies haste What time the bells are ringing, To bring their perfumes, pure and chaste, From hallowed censers swinging. Shine dim church aisles on Easter day Beneath their serried whiteness, And happy children kneel and pray Amid the lilied brightness.

When Easter comes, a merry train, The robin, wren, and starling, With song and wing are here again, And many another darling. The bluebird and the oriole, The martin and the swallow, "Away," they chant, "with grief and dole, Here's spring, and summer 'll follow!"

When Easter comes, when Easter comes, Then winter's spell is over! Erelong we'll hear the elfin drums Where bees are deep in clover. After we catch the swaying lilt Of winds among the daisies, And see the rosecups' sweetness spilt Among the garden mazes.

When Easter comes, ah! happy day, E'en tears like dewdrops glisten, And songs climb up the heavenward way While angels bend to listen. For love and life and joy untold Are in the age-long story That spells itself on harps of gold, And thrills with endless glory. -Mrs. Sangster, in Harper's Young People.

## AN EASTER ROMANCE.

BY ALICE CHASEMORE.

HEN Aunt Hetty was only twentysix I came to live with her. There was only a difference of two years between us, but somehow she always seemed middle-aged to me, she was quiet and serious and so different from my rest-

less, excitable self. She was so sad at times that I could not help wondering if some time in her life she had not experienced some setious sorrow, for she had means and friends enough to make life worth living, and should have been happy.

One day I found her weeping quietly with a little book in her hand. I endeavored to calm her, to find out the reason for her sorrow, and then she told me this story:

"It happened when I was only eighteen. I was engaged to be married. My lover was four years older than myself; he was a mate of a ship, and a fine, dashing young fellow named Edward Blake. We had been engaged six months and were to be married a month later. The day was fixed, and Edward had arranged to give up the sea and take a situation on land. We were as happy as two young people could possibly be; but, unluckily, just a month before the time fixed for our wedding day, a pienic was gotten up by some of our friends, and Edward and I were of the party. There was a handsome young fellow there named Percy Sands, the son of a neighboring clergyman. He was fresh from college, and full of fun and frolic. I him again?" chanced to be placed next to him at perhaps, I ought to have done. Presently I caught sight of Edward's face, and saw that he was looking terribly directions. I naturally expected Ed- punished." ward to accompany me, but he rather rudely, as I thought. held aloof, and him since, dear auntie?" to punish him, I paired off with Mr. him any further.

in those days, Ruth, though I have Will you remember this, dear?" learned better since. I can remember, as if it were yesterday, the nook kissed her hand and she was content. in the woods where we stood, the sun- Two months ago, tired of our humshine glinting through the trees and drum country life, auntie and 1 relighting up Edward's flushed face and solved to visit foreign parts. Accordangry eyes. He reproached me bit- ingly, we went to Boulogne and took terly-more bitterly, I think, than I up our abode in a quiet boarding deserved. He called me a heartless house in the Rue des Vieillards. There coquette, and I called him little-mind- were a good many visitors staying in ridiculous by his unreasonable jeal- families or parties, and we did not and said: ousy. We got hotter and hotter, and mingle with them. Our vis-a-vis at finally he declared that if I did not table was a tail gentleman of soldierly admit that I had been wrong, and appearance, who was always spoken of promise to behave differently for the as the major. When he ventured to ried, but an unfortunate misunder-future, all must be over between us. address an order to the waiting maids standing separated us. We have lost I did not care a straw for Mr. Sands, in French, the difficulties he got into many happy years, but I hope some and would fifty times sconer have had were dreadful, and he always ended still remain to us. I trust we shall Edward with me, but I would have by getting angry with himself and have your good wishes?" died sooner than have told him so them. I ventured to help him out of then. So I gave him a bitter answer, a difficulty once or twice, and in this really are going to be married after and we both grew angrier still. His manner a slight acquaintance sprung all? Of course I wish you joy, and last words, uttered with all the in- up between us. It had, however, gone Major Blake, too, from the very bottensity of passion, ring still in my no farther than a friendly nod or a tom of my heart!" 'Hetty, if you let me go now, other visitors he fraternized even less. understand clearly, you will never see | So matters stood until the night of cigarette tree with every order. \_\_\_\_ be made good for many seasons to worth hundreds of dollars.

my face again.' I did not quite be- Easter Sunday came, when we went one faded leaf."

low hawthorne leaf.

more treasure."

val costume. It was a handsome face, for she made no sign. but stern and proud-looking, and I The congregation began to disperse, could very well believe that the orig- and we went out, but we were scarcely inal would have behaved as Aunt in the street when the major spoke to Hetty described.

lieve him. Perhaps if I had I should to the little English church in an adstill have let him go. At any joining street. We were ushered into rate, I was far too angry to give way one of the pews appropriated for then. 'Go, by all means, if you wish strangers, and a minute or two later it,' I said, and in another moment he the major was shown into the same was gone. I had been tearing to pew and sat down beside us. During pieces in my passion a little spray of the service the major, by an accidental hawthorne he had given me earlier in movement of his arm, threw down the day. I had pulled off the leaves auntie's little red prayer book. He one by one, and when he left me the picked it up, and was about to replace bare stem was left in my hand, with it, but as he held it in full view under one leaf only remaining. See, here it the gas, he started as though he had is, the last relic of my first and last seen a ghost. He laid the book down, love. God grant that in your whole but he glanced from it to Aunt Hetty, life, my Ruth, you may never weep as if trying to satisfy himself on some such tears as I have wept over that point. The sermon came to an end, and the benediction followed, but I She opened the little red prayer fear the major had no part in it. He book in her lap and showed me, hid- took advantage of the moment when den in a tissue paper pocket, the yel- all heads were bowed to do a very unmannerly thing. He slyly put up his "This little book," she said, "was eyeglasses and read the name inside Edward's gift to me, and this old dry auntie's book. It was quickly done, leaf is my only relic of the day when and might have escaped notice, but I we parted in the woods, never to meet | watched him closely. I could even again in this world. Stay, I have one read the name myself. It was in a bold, manly hand: "To Hester; June She drew from her bosom a quaint 28, 18-" I was aghast at such an old locket and put it in my hand. It act of impertinence, and glanced at was a miniature painting, representing auntie to see if she would resent it; a young man in an old-fashioned na- but she had probably not noticed it,

auntie:

AN EASTER VISION.

"But did you really part like that,

luncheon, and not knowing, as I after- picnic party, but joined an outward- me how you came by that red prayer ward discovered, that I was engaged, bound ship the next day, leaving a book you use?', he was specially attentive to me. I brief note for my mother, stating that I shall never forget auntie's quicklyonly bent on the enjoyment of the and had, therefore, by mutual con- how deeply she was moved. moment, and I did not check him as, sent, put an end to our engagement."

"I thought so ther. Perhaps it was a little; but afterward I blamed my- struggled for the mastery in the macross and angry. Foolishly, I thought | self far more than him. I had given | jor's face. He took off his hat and it rather good fun to make him jeal- the provocation; and I knew in my stood bare-headed, and that one little ous, and on purpose to tease him, I heart of hearts that one word of re- gesture told more plainly than the pretended to take all the more notice gret on my part would have made all most passionate protestations could of Mr. Sands. When we finished right between us. But I was too have done, that the old love had been luncheon the party scattered and proud to say it. I let him go with my kept a treasured and a sacred thing. strolled about the woods in various eyes opened, and I have been justly I think from the smile on her mouth

"But have you never heard from thought came to auntie.

"Once or twice, but only indirectly. you now," he said. Sands. When the party got together He had no relatives in our part of the again Edward looked so strange that country. I know that he gave up the Major Blake. I knew you from the I thought it better not to provoke sea and obtained a commission in first. some Indian regiment. When last I "I shook off Mr. Sands, and, walk- heard of him he was a captain; but go without a word?" ing away with Edward, began to scold | that is many years ago, and I do not him for his unreasonable jealously. know whether he is alive or dead. So would wish to be reminded of old Of course I did not think I myself was | ends my poor little romance. There | times?" in fault; nobody ever does. A loving is one thing I should like to ask, directly. Unfortunately he was white told you my story. You have seen couldn't with anger, and began to reproach me my relics. They have been my great-otherin a way that roused my temper, too, est treasure in life, and I should like for I was quick enough to take offence | them put in my coffin when I die.

I could not answer for tears, but I ears. I can tell you them word for remark across the dinner table. With

"Madam, I am going to ask you a auntie?" I said. "Did you never seen | very singular question, but let me assure you that I have a deep personal "Never. He did not go back to the interest in asking it. Will you tell

did not care for his attentions in the | we had fortunately found out in time | given answer, but I could tell by the least, but I was in high spirits and that we were unsuited to each other, faint flush on her usually pale face "You gave it to me yourself, Major

"But that was very cruel, auntie." Blake, eight years ago." Surprise, delight and incredulity as she looked at him, that the same

> "And you are Hetty! Yes, I know "You had forgotten the eight years,

"And would you really have let me

"Why not? How could I know you

"Reminded! I have never forgotword would have made me pentient Ruth, and that is partly why I have ten. I tried my hardest to forget and couldn't. Although you preferre 1 an-

"Another! What other?" "Didn't you marry young Sands?" "I have never seen him since."

At this stage of the conversation it struck me that I was de trop. Major Blake, side by side with auntie, was walking slowly homeward, and on reaching a convenient street corner, I went off for a stroll in an opposite di- ter's unprecedented cold has been rection. When I reached home I found auntie and the Major sitting in to game, but to all the upland the courtyard under the trees. The feathered species. Quails have been ed and told him he had made himself | the house, but they were mostly in | Major lifted his hat at my approach

"Miss Danvers, your auut and I were very old friends; indeed, many years ago we were engaged to be mar-

"You dear, darling auntie, then you

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

C., has married 172 couples during his present term of office, and feels like putting another "s" in his last name after saluting so many brides.

THE women of the West are rapidly removing the reproach of sentimental weakness from their sex. One preached her husband's funeral service a little while ago, and another, Mrs. S. J. Krufield, M. D., of Kansas City, assisted in a postmortem examination of her suddenly deceased husband's remains!

ful than the eye in telescopic work, and the phenomena of eclipses are increasing in importance. The possible discovery of a satellite to our moon has been agitated of late, and it would be no more surprising than to find that the familiar atmosphere caped observation until a few months about 7,000,000 inhabitants were inand improved photography will probago. The coming era of larger lenses ably render the moon an object of port as well as lake towns is over long, tied up into bundles and carremarkable interest.

Philadelphia Inquirer, "a suburban- \$1,500,000,000. ite, whose cellar is infested with rats. declares that he thinks that he will | California is being literally taken away the stumps are cut down soon be rid of them. His method is squeezed for gold just now. Not only to a few inches below the surface of one which he learned from Sing are the old diggings in Calaveras and the ground, and then covered up Sing, N. Y. He doesn't strap the a score of other counties worked over with mold. The upper part of the rodents in a chair to electrocute for the precious dust, but the very cane and the leaves are used to feed them, but has placed a number of shore along the ocean in sight of cattle. live electric wires in different parts San Francisco is being searched for When the bundles of sugar cane of the cellar and has baited the ends it. The black sand undoubtedly con- arrive at the mills the first thing is with cheese. He alleges that as tains particles of gold, but the prob- to crush them. A negro spreads soon as the rat takes a nibble it turns lem hitherto has been to hit on a them out in order and they over on its back without a sigh, and device that would separate or extract are then passed between two iron so successful has been his experi- the minute grains from the mass of rollers, which completely crush them ment that all the neighbors are sand. A new machine, which is as they go through. The juice thus adopting the method.'

Syndicates have been formed in various branches of business for speculation or to build up industrial enterprises, but such a thing as a syndicate to build warships to dispose of to the highest bidder could hardly have been expected. Yet such a syndicate has been formed in England for the construction of a powerful cruiser of 10,000 tons displacement and 22 knots speed, upon lines laid down by Sir Edward J. Reed, the well known naval architect. The vessel is to be built at Borrow-in-Furness, by the firm which has the contract to build and it is the intention of the syndicate to sell her to the highest bidder.

in olden times associated with pil- feet high. The sand is fed into a which the juice is a clear bright yelgrimages to places reputed sacred are hopper, in a revolving cylinder, with low color. of Notre Dame de la Garde, perched | \$500. on the summit of the highest rock overlooking the city and bay, and to which sailors and travelers on starting out or upon returning from sea

manners, and insists upon her chilknees, and whose waist measured when it goes spinning by in the early

THE destruction of bird life in the Southern States through this winenormous. Not only does this apply exceptionally affected even so far south as the borders of the Gulf of Mexico. In Louisiana and Florida birds of song were not only found dead in great numbers, but in addition many which survived were easily captured, having been rendered in-

come. Similar reports are received from North and South Carolina, Ten-JACOB KISER, J. P., of Gaston, N. In Europe the cold has been equally trying to will life.

the Pacific coast, the gulf of Mexico ever, the bays and rivers be added, New Zealand has invented a unique the total will be 90,929 miles. Much method for the prevention of intem- of this would not attract an enemy's Indies called Jamaica. perance It proposes to pass a law fleet, and taking simply the outer to the effect that any person convict- seaboard, exclusive of Alaska, and not plant, sometimes growing to the ed of being a habitual drunkard shall | considering the bays and rivers, we be photographed at his own expense have an actual coast of 5,558 miles round and is jointed, so that it looks and a copy be supplied to every sa- to be defended. The value of de- as if it were made of a number of loonkeeper in the district. The dealer structive property within the reach short pieces joined together. At the supplying liquor to such person is to of an enemy's guns will be found to top is a large, beautiful flower with be enormous. It has been estimated PHOTOGRAPHY is now more power- that in Portland, Boston, New York, Jersey City. Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans and San Francisco such property would aggregate about 16.000,000. Another important con. ried to the mills. sideration is that the United States | Care is taken to cut the cane as

> called the "amalgamator"-it is the pressed out flows into vessels called invention of a Boise miner-does clarifiers, placed beneath to receive this. Two camps are already using it. The canes are then passed the amalgamator within a few miles through two other rollers, placed of Sutro heights, and it is working closer together, and all the remaining so satisfactorily that all San Fran- juice squeezed out of the cane which cisco has caught the new gold fever, flows into the clarifiers. These are and it is said that the whole ocean large enough to contain some hunfront for miles up and down will soon dreds of gallons each. The juice is be dotted with mining 'outfits.' An thick, of a dull olive green color, and, expert reports that sand pays \$2.50 of course, very sweet to the taste.

## A Few of Our Song Writers.

been wont to ascend by the thou- writer just now, that is, the star in molasses drains off from it afterward. sands of steep steps, usually on their his particular magnitude, which is less than other magnitudes known to make one pound of sugar, and it the discriminating public. The mag- takes nearly twenty cart loads of THE fads of queens and prin- nitude of his royalties surpasses that cesses are usually rather amusing. of his genius. He has done the right Queen Victoria has fads which, as a thing for any line of success-he has couraged weekly with an income of Princess of Wales is devoted to a Ball." was a clerk in a piano ware- off than in the common sugar. large family of bisque dogs and cats. house in Milwaukee at \$8 a week. The empress of Austria's one fad is None of the publishers wanted his ing" was discovered. It happened an obstinate refusal to have her song, and he published it himself. one day that a fowl which had been picture taken. For thirty years no For a long time it hung fire, and he walking in the mud passed over one portrait of her has been made. "I was greatly discouraged, and about of the cooling vessels full of sugar wish to be remembered." she says. \$40 out of pocket. Suddenly the and it was noticed that where any "as the beauty nearly six feet tall. public took it up in the public's own clay from her feet stuck to the surwhose hair reached nearly to her patented, unaccountable way, and face the sugar was of a better color. Harris became rich almost before he so it was found that clay caused seventeen inches." Queen Margher- knew it. He made over \$150,000 out more of the molasses to run through ita, of Italy, has the wheeling mania. of that song, and has established a than anything else. and her golden bicycle, with pearl large music publishing house in Miland ivory handles and spokes enam-eled with garnets, is a treat for the the cellar a few tons of worthless of egg or bullock's blood, and by splendor loving citizens of Rome plates he will wish that his enemy submitting it to the claying a great had a publishing house. Frank How- many times. In some cases the reard is the sensible song writer of boiled sugar is filtered through powthem all. He made a fortune with dered charcoal to cleanse and whiten "Only a Pansy Biossom" and "When it. the Robins Nest Again," and is now a big farmer out in Iowa, having put most of his money in fertile soil.

## Lacquer Making in Japan.

capable of flight by the intense cold. tree, tapped as we tap maples. One spears. Most of the soldiers lugged The species that winter in northern coat of it is put over any article made bird cages, each of which contained latitudes have not been seriously of pine. Then thin cloth is stretched a tame bird, "to amuse them in their affected as during the season of 1893. upon it, and coat after coat of lac- hours of leisure in camp," a Chinese Virginia quails appear to have suf- quer laid upon it and polished to ex- officer explained. Not long before a fered in a larger degree. In this ceeding smoothness. The design is considerable part of the troops on State, where there are more gunners painted or traced on in gold, or duty at Pekin were noticed to be to the square mile than in any other. powdered gold flakes are made to armed with bows and arrows. the opinion appears to be unanimous mottle the surface. An article in A New York restaurant gives a that the losses of the winter will not which much gold is used will be In British Columbia farms are gir-

HOW SUGAR IS MADE.

nessee. Mississippi and Alabama. A Talk About the Lumps Which Sweeten Your Tea.

Everybody knows what sugar is An interesting estimate has re- and how sweet it tastes. It is a cently been made of the wealth and great traveler and comes to America population along the coast of the from other countries. Some of it is United States which it would be ne. made from beetroot in France, but cessary to defend in the event of war. the greater part is made from the The Atlantic coast line, exclusive of julce of a plant called the sugar cane. the gulf of Mexico, has alone the This plant cannot thrive in cold length of 2,732 miles. The online weather, and therefore it only grows coast line of the country, acluding in very warm countries. The places where it is most plentiful are the and Alaska, is 10,376 miles. If, how- West Indies and the southern part of the United States. A great deal of it grows on the island of the West

It is a very large and handsome height of fifteen feet. The stem is long, pointed leaves.

It is planted in the autumn, between the months of August and November, and it is generally ripe about the following March or April. \$3,836,000,000. It must be consid- It is easy to tell when it is ripe, for ered, however, that these ports com- the outer skin of the cane becomes prise only a part of those which re- hard, dry and smooth, almost like a quire defense. A list of seaport towns | walking stick. It is then cut down, made several years ago showed that the leaves stripped off, and a few of cluded in the principal seaport cities. away. The remaining portions are then cut up into pieces about a yard

"Our in Lansdowne." says the has a commerce amounting to nearly close to the ground as possible, the richest juice being found in the lower joints. After the canes are

a ton. One party of eight men with As soon as the clarifiers are filled an amalgamator extracted about with the juice a small quantity of \$400 worth of gold in as many days' lime is added. The vessels are placed labor, and another camp has done over a furnace, the fuel for which still better, having realized nowity consists of the crushed canes out of \$1,000 in two weeks. The amalgama- which the juice has all been pressed the Powerful for the British navy. tor with which such results are ot- This dry refuse of the canes is called tained is an odd looking contrivance trash. The juice is now boiled and a built of wood, seven or eight feet quantity of scum rises to the top; WHATEVER romance and poetry were long and scarcely more than three this is carefully skimmed off, after

rapidly being destroyed by the pro- a number of catch pockets attached The next thing is to remove it into saic spirit of this very progressive to it. Under the cylinder quicksilver a series of copper vessels, one after and matter of fact age. Thus those attracts the gold, and leading away another; in each it is boiled, and, who with pious intentions now visit from it are plates of silver, over as the water evaporates, the juice at the Holy Land are transported by which the water and pulp sand are last becomes a soft mass. Then it is rail from Jaffa to Jerusalem, where a carried. The "pulp" sand is the again removed into other vessels to funicular line conveys them to the detritus or that from which the gold cool, and while cooling it is stirred. summit of Mount Olives, while com- has been extracted. Only a small After this it is placed in large casks fortable hotels on the American plan force of men is required to set up an called hogsheads. There are holes are to be found at Bethlehem and on amalgamator camp, two to shovel at the bottom of these casks which the site of the Garden of Gethse- and wheel the sand, two to look after are placed over large cisterns, and mane. And now a hydraulic elevator the machine and one man to cook. here it remains for three or four has just been established at Mar- Water for washing the sand is pump- weeks, the last of the moisture drainseilles for the purpose of hoisting ed up from the sea by an electrical ing slowly away through the holes. pilgrims to the much visited shrine engine. The whole outfit costs about It is now called moscovado, or as we should say, brown sugar and the liquid part which is drained off is called molasses. The casks are now covered in and fastened and sent on board ship. The sugar, however, is Chauncey Olcott is the star song still rather moist, and a great deal of

About seven pounds of juice will canes to make a single hogshead of

The better kinds of sugar are rerule, take the form of violent likes "caught on," to use a slang phrase, fined in different ways. One plan is or dislikes. She clings to old time innocent and expressive. He is en- called "claying." The sugar is put into pointed earthen molds, called dren addressing her as "Mamma," \$60 from his ballads. Scanlan was "forms," the point (in which there is which, when they were children, was one of the most successful song a hole) being downward. A layer of only used by little royal people. She writers, his income from his ballads clay is placed on top and wetted with also desires every child to wear a reaching \$500 a month. Harris, the sash when presented to her. The composer and writer of "After the causes more of the molasses to drain

And now I will tell you how "clay-

Loaf, or white sugar, is made by

## The Chinese Soldiers' Weapons.

A private letter from China recently received in Boston represents many of the Chinese troops as still armed with antiquated weapons. The writer Lacquer making has been the of this letter met a body of Chinese characteristic Japanese art since the soldiers retreating from Corea, and beginning of the Christian era. noticed that while some of them car-Lacquer is the sap of the lacquer ried rifles the majority had only

en to those who will improve them.