

moon, it's as plain as the noonbuild up a dinosaur from a decayed tooth in another million years, and who mix up history with historical novels, a little time is required to

There's no doubt that the Easter proudly drawing a huge egg set up past.

and without him we wouldn't have hat.

O the learned men who go that you never sought a hare in a hen's grubbing in kitchen middens, nest? Ah! now you begin to underand who can tell without stand. And when you reflect how stopping to count, just how impossible it would be to find the sausages it takes to reach Easter eggs if the hare hid them in a deep hole, it's perfectly plain that the day sun why the hare is here at New York dealers in confectioners' Easter with a wheelbarrow full of eggs. supplies are propagating a mischiev-But for you and me, who couldn't ous error. Maybe it is a blow at the Belgian have trade. In these days of nest in search of eggs. Mannhardt international rivalry, who can tell?

Yet it is Belgium's neighbor, Gernovels, a little time is required to many, from which we have borrowed and that children are supposed to be disentangle the truth from the trais quite as important a figure in his way in the Fatherland as is St. Nicho. largely usurped this function, which hare has arrived. You have seen him has himself at Christmas. Where did in nearly all the confectioner's win- the Germans get the hare myth? To in view of the immense number of dows for some time past, either trund- determine that you would have to eags laid by the hare. - New York Herling a wheelbarrow full of eggs or make a pretty long excursion into the ald. And perhaps, in the end, it would be "up to" the Sphinx to an-Now, be sure not to pronounce that swer you, and you know very well how "aigs" and "aig." as they do in the crabbed that lady has become through South, for if you do, you will be fall- all the centuries, with no one to talk ing into the same unscientific error as to bu; impertment tourists. The truth the confectioners have made in representing the sacred hare as his humble "picked" eggs with his boy neighbors. American cousin, "Bre'r Rubbit," The That was long before the Gauls inrabbit is all well enough in his way, troduced the custom of the Easter

By MINNA IRVING

THERE is joy in

the heart of

the daffy.

down-dilly,

head that it can see all around. You never heard a hare make that old sneering excuse for carelessness:-You might think I had eyes in the oack of my head." To all intents and ourposes the hare has.

Well, then, to make it quite clear, un" is hare, or "open," and the moon is "the open eyed watcher of the skies at night." But that isn't all. The Egyptians being a people of few, pecause difficult, words, made "un" do luty for "period," too. Thus the hare, pelag never comma-tose, "became the type of period-icity, human and lunar, and as the opener became associated with the opening of the new year at Easter." Finally, it came to be connected in the popular mind with the eggs, broken to satisfy the opening of the year. "And there you are!" exclaims triumphantly the enthusiastic scientist to whom I am indebted for this information.

In Germany, if little Hans and Gretel are good, the white hare steals softly into the house on Easter eve, when everybody is sleeping, and leaves in the nooks and corners many brightly colored eggs for the "kinderkins." In the morning the children and their parents hunt for these eggs amid great excitement. So says Mr. William Waish, who is a composite of authoriics. To this may be added Meler's

explanation that in Swabia and Hesse children are actually sent to the hare's goes still further, saying that the hare is reputed to be a fire and soul bringer, and that children are supposed to be seem, however, that the stork has some persons will consider fortunate



Five thousand subdiers have been raised by the chiefs of the Clan Fraser for their sovereigns' service since 1757.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

Ceneral Trade Conditions. R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says :--

Irregularity in retail trade is due to weather conditions. At most points an early season stimulates business, but in other sections there has been interruption from excessive rains. More uniform activity is reported in wholesale trade, with a notably large movement of groceries, millinery, paper and builders' materials, while conditions are satislactory for the season in jewelry. Manufacturers of clothing, furniture, footwear and iron and steel are well engaged, ample supplies of fuel greatly facilitating operations, but extensive strikes threaten to render idle many New England textile mills.

As output of about 300,000 tons of coke in the whole Connellsville region for the last week indicates that fuel troubles are almost ended in the iron and steel industry.

Sharp competition for business in bar iron has caused a slightly lower level of prices, while plates and sheets are firmer, especially in galvanized lines. A prominent feature of activity is found in merchant steel for agricultural implement works and wagon factories, these orders running far into the fu-

ture.

No improvement has appeared in the dry goods market. The situation is peculiarly complicated as to cotton goods; stocks are light as a rule and labor troubles threaten to curtail out-put, yet jobbers are reluctant to under-Jobbers are placing large orders for fall delivery of shoes, readily paying the recent advance in prices, and manufacturers of heavy goods have booked more business than is customary at this

Failures this week numbered 214 in the United States against 205 last year and 26 in Canada, against 22 a year ago.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour—Spring clear, \$3.15@3.30; best Patent, \$4.70; choice Family, \$3.95. Wheat—New York No. 2, 7334; Phil-delphia No. 2, 7714@771/2 c; Baltimore

No. 2, 78c. Corn-New York, No. 2, 5tc; Philalelphia No. 4, 48/44814c; Baltimore Oats—New York No. 2, 42c; Phila-delphia No. 2, 43c; Baltimore No. 2,

Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$19.50@20.00; lo. 2 timothy, \$18.50@19.00; N. 3 tim-

othy \$15.00@17.00. Fruits and Vegetables-Cabbage Danish, large, per ton \$6.00@7.50; do. small, per ton \$5.00@5.50; Polatoes-Maryland and Pennsylvania, per bu 65 @68; do, Eastern per bu 65@68. Egggoos; do, Lastern per bu 05/208. Egg-plants—Florida, per orange box \$1.50 a 2.25. Onions—Yellow, per bu 30/a/35c, do, red, per bu 20/a/25. Celery, per do-zen 60/a/55c. Apples—Eastern good to choice, per brl \$1.50/a/3.00; do, Western, good to choice, per brl \$1.40/a/2.00; do, No. 2, all kinds, 90/a/\$1.15. Sweet po-\$2.50 do, North Carolina, yellow, \$2.25 (a2.50; do, North Carolina, yellow, \$2.25 (a2.50; do, Eastern Shore, yellow, \$2.20 (a2.5); Yams—Yellow, \$1.50 (a1.75); Tomatoes—Florida, per carrier \$1.50 (a2.75). Asparagus—Charleston, per hunch and are

bunch 20@30c. Butter—Separator, 29@30c; Gathered

Butter—Separator, 29/2/30c; Gathered cream, 27/2/28c; prints, 1-lb, 29/2/30; Rolls, 2-lb, 29/2/30c; Dairy pts. Md. Pa., Va., 28/2/29c.
Eggs—Choice Maryland and Pennsylvania 14c; Virginia and Western 14: Western Virginia 14; Southern 13/2; dack eggs 24/2/25. Jobbing prices ½ to the higher.

ic higher. Cheese-Large, 60-lbs, 1434@141/c ilo, 36-lbs, 1452@1455; 23-lbs, 1452@

1414. Live Poultry—Tarkeys, hens, choice, -@16c; do young toms, choice, -@14: do old do, 12@13. Chickens, hens, heavy to medium. -@14c; do old roosters, each, 39@35; do young, good

to choice, 14/2/10; do do, rough and staggy, 13/2/14; do spring, 28/2/32; do winter, 18/2/2. Ducks, fancy large winter, 18@22. Ducks, fancy large, 15@16; do do, small, 13@14; do muscovey and mongrels, 14@15. Geese, Western, each, 40@60. Guinea fowl, each Provisions and Hog Products-Bulk clear rib sides, 11c; bulk clear sides.

1134; bulk shoulders, 10; bulk fat backs, 18 lbs. and under, 10; bulk bellies, 11; bulk ham butts, 10; bacon clear rit sides, 11%; clear sides, 12; bacon shoul ders, 101/2; sugar-cured breasts, small. 12; sugar-cured shoulders, blade cuts. 101/2; sugar-cured shoulders, narrow 101/4; sugar-cured shoulders, extra broad, 111/4; sugar-cured California hams, 10¼, canvased and uncanvased, 12 lbs and over, 13¼; hams, canvased and uncanvased, 15 lbs and over, 13; hams, skinned, 14; refined lard, secondhand tubs, 1034; refined lard, half-barrels and new tubs, 1014; tierces lard.

Hides—Heavy steers, association and salters, late kill, 60-lbs and up, close selections, 10@105/e; cows and light steers, 8@81/2.

Live Stock.

Chicago—Cattle—Good to prime steers \$5.00@5.50; poor to medium \$3.75 @4.75; stockers and feeders \$2.73@4.85; cows \$1.50@4.60; heifers \$2.50@4.75; canners \$1.50@2.75; bulls \$2.25@ 4.50; calves \$3.00@6.75; Texas steers \$ 00@4.50. Hogs-Mixed and butch-\$'00(4.50. Hogs—Mixed and butchers' \$7.25(27.50; good to choice, heavy, \$7.45(27.70; rough, heavy \$7.15(27.40; light \$6.20(27.30; bulk of sales \$7.25(2) 7.50. Sheep—Good to choice wethers \$5.50(20.50; fair to choice mixed \$4.50 (25.50; native lambs \$5.50(27.50. East Liberty—Cattle—Choice \$5.40(2) 7.50.

5.50; prime \$5.20@5.30; good \$4.75@5.50. Hogs active; prime heavies \$7.70@7.80; mediums \$7.75@7.80; heavy Yorkers \$7.65@7.70; light do \$7.60; pigs \$7.50@7.65; roughs \$5.00@7.25. Sheep—best wethers \$6.00@6.25; culls and common \$2.25@4.50; choice lambs \$7.50 @7.65; veal calves \$6.50@7.00.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

The best ipecac is that from Brazil. Steel rusts seven times as rapidly as Germany has now 32,000 miles of

steam railway. New York City now has twelve reguar school nurses. Petroleum is the fuel of all the loco

motives in Asia.

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Each year about too sea vessels are ost without record.
One death in every 112 in the United States is murder.

The world's crop of beet sugar is double that of cane sugar.
The total population of Canada equals that of the State of Ohio.

North Carolina and Mississippi have State schools for the study of textile tabeles.

More than half the external business of Costa Rica is with the United States. During the last year California produced twice as much gold as Alaska and Colorado produced more than three times as much.

HOW A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN ESCAPED SPRING CATARRH BY USE OF PE-RU-NA.

Nothing Robs One of Strength Like Spring Catarrh---Spring Fever is Spring Catarra.



Miss Helen Whitman, 3081/2 Grand Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis., writes: "There is nothing like Peruna for that tired feeling, which gives you

no ambitton for work or play. After a prolonged illness about a year ago, I felt unable to regain my health, but four bottles of Peruna made a wonderful change and restored me to perfect health. As long as you keep your blood in good condition you are all right, and Peruna seems to fill the veins with pure healthful blood. I thoroughly endorse it." -MISS HELEN WHITMAN.

Have you got nerves? Well, you ought to be strong nerves. But they ought to be strong nerves, good nerves. Does your hand tremble? You are living too fast. Does your heart flutter at times? You had better call a halt. Americans live too fast. They crowd too much into a single day. They have too little leisure. The hospitals and insane asylums are filling up. The quiet, pastoral scenes of yore are becoming fare. It's time that we quit this sort of business.

How to Get Strong Nerves.

First, repair the injury already done to your nerves. The way to do this is to do exactly as did Mattie B. Curtis, Secretary of Legion of Loyal Women, Hotel Salema. Boston, Mass. She said in a recent letter:

"I suffered for over a year with general weakness and deslity manifested in severe headache and backache. I took four better took for the dies."

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitari m, Columbus. O.

Nervous Prostration.

Thousands of cases might be quoted in which Peruna has been used to rescue people from the perdition of deranged nerves, and put them on the good, solid foundation of health. The County Auditor of Eric County, New York, Hon. John W. Neff, in a recent letter written at Buffalo, New York, stated: "I was persuaded by a friend to try a bottle of your great nerve tonic, Peruna, and the results were so gratifying that I am more than pleased to recommend it."

A Spring Tonic.

Almost everybody needs a tonic in the spring. Something to brace the nerves, invigorate the brain and cleanse the blood. That Peruna will do this is beyond all question. Every one who has tried it has had the same experience as Mrs. D. W. Timberlake, of Lynchburg. Va., who, in a recent letter, made use of the following words: "I always take a dose of Peruna after business hours, as it is a great thing for the nerves. There is no better spring tonic, and I have used about all of them."

Catarrh in Spring.

The spring is the best time to treat catarrh. Nature renews herself every spring. The system is rejuvenated by spring weather. This renders medicines more effective. A short course of Peruna, assisted by the balmy air of spring, will cure old, stubborn cases of catarrh that have resisted treatment for years. Everybody should have a copy of Dr. Hartman's latest book on catarrh. Address The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

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nerves grew stronger, my rest was no longer fitful, and to-day I consider myself in perfect health and strength. My recovery was slow but sure, but I persevered and was rewarded by perfect health."—Mrs. Lulu Larmer.

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USE TAYLOR'S Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein nature a Great Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe all Throat and Lung Troubles. Thoroughly tested to 50 years. All Druggists, 25c, 50c and 51.00.

To Pennsylvania belongs the distinction of being the first State which has provided by law for the conformity in organization and discipline of its National Guard to the organization and discipline of the regular army as required by the new Federal militia law. There was not much occasion for change, the three-battalion and twelvecompany formation having already been adopted by our infantry regi-ments. No batteries of artillery are included in the new organization, it being the opinion of the best informed military authorities that the artillery branch of the service requires such an amount of technical knowledge and expertness as only professional soldiers have time and opportunity to acquire. On the other hand, there is to be a whole regiment of State cavalry, which will necessitate the increase in number of this arm to twelve troops. The method of reorganization, as well as the celerity with which the Federal law was complied with, reflect credit on mili-

tary authorities of the State. Mining enterprises and limited companies are now taxed 2 per cent, of heir net profit in Bolivia.

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Old Time Remedies.

In the family Bible of a Roxborough man there are a number of medical rules, written over seventy years ago by the great-grandmother of the Biare the following:"A stick of brimstone worn in the

pocket is good for them as has cramps.
"A loadstoan put in the place ware the pane is, is beautiful for the Rheumatiz.

"A basin of water gruel, with haff a quart of old rum in it, with lots of brown sugar, is good for Cold in Hed. "If you have hiccups, pinch one of your wrists wile you count sixty, or get somebody to skare you and make you jumpe. "The earache—Put onion in ear after

it is well roasted. The consumption-Eat as many peanuts as possible before going to

Not Wasting Any Time.

"You write your first name very well, indeed, Miss Pinkie," criticised the writing teacher, "but you make a sad botch of the 'Johnson' part of it."

"What is the difference, Mr. Spencer?" asked the pretty girl, "I expect to change the Johnson part of it some day."

"Yes," her hostess replied. "I didn't want so many of them around, but there don't seem to be no way to cure Josiah of his Cupidity."

No Argument. A clergyman passing through a village street saw a number of boys sur-

rounding a dog, says the Buffalo Couble's present owner. Among the rules rier. Thinking that some cruel deed was in progress, the clergyman hastened towards the boys and asked what they were doing. One of the lads replied that they were telling lies, and the boy who told the biggest lie would get the dog. The clergyman was shocked at such depravity and began to lecture them on the sin of lying, and concluded his remarks by saying,—
"Why, when I was a little boy I never told lies."
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The boys were silent for a second, when one of them said sadly,—

"Hand him the dog."

Almost a Disease With Him.

said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that your husband seems to have a tender spot for Cupid. There are three pic-tures of the little fellow in the library.

Josiah of his Cupidity.

Delicately formed and gently reared, women will find, in all the seasons of their lives, as maidens, wives, or mothers, that the one simple, wholesome remedy which acts gently and pleasantly and naturally, and which may be used with truly beneficial effects, under any conditions, when the system needs a laxative, is-Syrup of Figs. It is well known to be a simple combination of the laxative and carminative principles of plants with pleasant, aromatic liquids, which are agreeable and refreshing to the taste and acceptable to the system when its gentle cleansing is desired. Many of the ills from which women suffer are of a transient nature and do not come from any organic trouble and it is pleasant to know that they yield so promptly to the beneficial effects of Syrup of Figs, but when anything more than a laxative is needed it is best to consult the family physician and to avoid the old-time cathartics and loudly advertised nostrums of the present day. When one needs only to remove the strain, the torpor, the congestion, or similar ills, which attend upon a constipated condition of the system, use the true and gentle remedy-Syrup of Figs—and enjoy freedom from the depression, the aches and pains, coids and headaches, which are due to inactivity of the bowels. Only those who buy the genuine Syrup of Figs can hope to get its beneficial effects and as a guarantee of the excellence of the remedy the full name of the company— California Fig Syrup Co.—is printed on the front of every package and without it any preparation offered as Syrup of Figs is fraudulent and should be declined. To those, who know the quality of this excellent laxative, the ofler of any substitute, when Syrup of Figs is called for, is always resented by a transfer of patronage to some first-class drug establishment, where they do not recommend, nor sell false brands, nor imitation dies. The genuine article may be bought of all reliable druggists everywhere at 50 cents per bottle.

Though its bed in the garden is barren and chilly: The throat of the red-breasted robin is swelling In a rapture of love by his wind-cradled dwelling: His cell in the clapboards the bee has forsaken: The violets under the mosses awaken. The gold in the bud of the crocus is show. And the sacrament wine in the tulip is The Lord has arisen! O soul that is weary with tears and repining. Look up, for the glory of Easter is shining: The organ is rolling, the carols are ringing The lily its censer of every swinging Behold where the butterfly leaves us a token In the little brown coffin from which he has broken: It tells us the grave-stone is only a portal Through which we must pass to a country immortal: The Lord has the Jord is risen

"Uncle Remus," perhaps, and a lot of people would have to take out acci- later on the scene, affected the lily at deat insurance instead of prowling this season of the year, it was probaround graveyards in the dark of the ably the tiger lily; but you may be But the rabbit is not a hare, and he

has nothing to do with Easter. Un-For it is a fact, even if it is a fable, fortunately, there are no hares in the East and South, and out on the Alkali plains, where they insult the tame American have by calling him a jack or jackass rabbit, they are behaving and have been since the time when pretty well when they remember that it's Sunday at all, much less Easter This distinction between the hare



habitation. Are you so keen-witted eyes are so situated on the sides of its | bit."-Puck.

If Cleopatra, who came somewhat sure she knew all about the hare and its relations with the moon, and consequently with Easter Itself.

too, that the moon and the hare and Enster-likewise the Easter egg-are all dependent the one upon the other. Easter, the Saxon goddess of the East, gave her name to our Christian festival. Now, you may think, with your limited knowledge of Egyptology, that the Egyptians had no language other than the queer signs you may see today on the obelisk in Central Park; but you are mistaken. Those hieroglyptics were, perhaps, merely stenographic notes dictated by Osiris to Iris, and afterward transcribed in the

cunciform tablets. With the lapse of ages some of then have grown so "cold" that the best handwriting experts of to-day cannot lecipher them. But in the everyday anguage of the Nile region the equivalent of hare is "un," which, in English is "open," "to open," "the opener." Also, the bare has been from remote limes a symbol for the moon, and for several reasons. Two of them are that the bare is a nocturnal animal, and that the hare and the moon have both been credited with the power of changing their sex. Again, the young and the undersized rabbit is really important, and chiefly because the rabbit burrows in the ground, while the ditional "hare's sleep." As a matter hare makes forms of grass for his of fact, rather than of fable, the hare's

Bester Offerings. A fancy box of rare perfume in cut glass bottles or a dozen envelopes or "sachets" of one's favorite odor are always dainty and acceptable as an

Handsomely bound prayer books and writing deak sets mounted in dark green leather are also selected to go with Easter cards.

How It Bappened.

First Rabbit-"Bunny heard that tots of rabbits have Easter eggs, so he determined to get one."

Second Bablit-"But those are eaudy rabbitat' First Rabbut—' Well, he wouldn't let himself be outdone by any candy rab-