

# FASTER'S INFLUENCE IN THE PLANT WORLD



CHRISTMAS has its established regalia of holly and mistletoe and the Fourth of July its paraphernalia of national colors and fireworks, so Easter, too, always greets us in traditional costume. She has chosen to appear in the springtime burst of blossom, and without her radiant drapery we would hardly recognize her. Not only do the garden terraces bloom at her approach, but all unfilled nature smiles and adorns itself in manifold hues treasured from Iris' last kiss. The landscape is changed under the flood of new aspiration and man is enticed to go forth and become acquainted anew with 'our sisters, the flowers,' as dear old Francis of Assisi called them.

Out with the flowers, as we know and enjoy them, we think of them by individual names, for our minds seem to demand a specializing title for each thing we encounter, whether it be picture of song, story or natural object. When we consider the names of flowers in their historical development, we are brought face to face with the fact that Easter really changed the nomenclature of our floral world.

Before Christianity swept over Europe, the plants were named for the pagan deities. We have to-day a reminiscence of this entitling in Venus' Fly-trap and Jupiter's Beard. With the ascendancy of our faith, the vegetable kingdom had to be rechristened, just as the human converts were.

The Saviour Himself had few plants named for Him, perhaps from a feeling of reverence. We have, however, Christ's Thorn, which is supposed to have supplied the material for the Crown. His mother was much honored. All blossoms with "Virgin" prefixed, as Virgin's Bower, were named for her, and those, too, that have "Maiden," as Maiden's Hair, and any form of "Mary," as Marigold. Each flower that reaches us to-day with "Lady" in its title was originally "Our Lady," as "Our Lady's Slipper" and "Our Lady's Tresses." In those early days of Christianity many of the saints were paid respect in floral terms. As we have swerved to secularism, we have supplanted their claims and have retained only a few, as Saint John's Wort, Saint Peter's Wreath, Saint Andrew's Cross, Saint Joseph's Lily, and Veronica.

Our ancestors were as eager for explanations as we to-day, and not having our advance in science, they interpreted peculiarities of the flowers to suit their own ideas. From the interpretation of plants on the economic side grew the great Doctrine of Signatures that ruled the medical world down to the seventeenth century. This doctrine of signatures explained that "The mercy of God—maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains and the herbs for the use of man, and hath not only stamped upon them a distinct form, but also given them particular signatures, whereby a man may read even in legible characters the use of them." According to this theory, plants bearing red fruit were good for the blood; the barberry, because of its yellow bark, was a cure for jaundice; the trembling grass deterred attacks of ague; the oxalis, having cordate leaves, was a preventive of heart disease; Our Lady's Thistle, with its numerous prickles, mended a stitch in the side; the Solomon's Seal, by certain marks in its root, indicated that it would seal up all wounds, and this root, writes Gerard, the English surgeon of the sixteenth century, "taketh away in one night, or two at the most, any bruise, black or blue spots, gotten by falls or women's willfulness in stumbling upon their husbands' fists." Our English literature abounds in allusions to this doctrine of signatures, as when Milton in

"Then purged with euphrasy, no rue His visual orbs, for he had much to see," makes Gabriel clear Adam's vision with the little euphrasy, or eyebright, which because of a dark, pupil-like spot on its corolla, was considered a cure for we-k eyes.

While evolving the doctrine of signatures on the one hand, our forefathers developed on the other a spiritual lore



"A HOT CROSS BUN."—From Life.

of plants that connected the flowers with the foundation of their religion. Our Lady's Thistle merited its name from a legend of the flight of the holy family from Bethlehem. As Mary nursed the Infant by the roadside, a few drops of milk fell on a plant at her feet, and the leaves retain to this generation the vouchers for the story. Most of the Christian legends explain the plant's behavior during Passion Week. The veronica bears the imprint that Saint Veronica received on her handkerchief when she pressed from out the throng and wiped the perspiration from the Saviour's brow. The Fritillaria, or Checkered Lily, before the Sacrifice, was pure white with upturned cup. It stood proudly erect during the Suffering, until darkness enshrouded the earth and it saw that all nature but itself was sorrowing. Then it repeated, it drooped low its head, donned garments of mourning, and began to weep. Still it grieves, in sombre attire, with bowed head, and still each petal ever sheds a pearly tear.

pine, and the box; but Saint Chrysostom quotes from Isaiah ix:13: "The glory of Lebanon (cedar shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together to beautify the place of my sanctuary.") The Church fathers considered four woods necessary to the Cross to symbolize the four quarters of the globe over which its influence would spread. The traditions of the Cross go even back to the days

## AN EASTER GIFT.

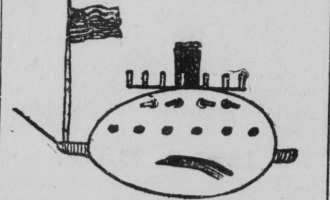


PILLOW DESIGN.

of Adam, and one declares that it was made from apple tree wood; the inference being obvious.

The old legends may seem to us now the relics of a superstitious age, and yet they indicate a stage in our own civilization. They represent the time

Fun For Easter With Decorated Eggs  
The torpedo boat that floats is sure to please. Blow out the contents of an egg by making a pinhole in both ends, and blowing steadily in one. Make a hole in the middle of the side of an



egg and pour in melted sealing wax and lead. Paint a row of portholes around the egg and glue on a bow and a stern cut from a cigar box or a shingle. The smokestack is of black cardboard and the railing of wooden toothpicks glued in a circle of cardboard which slips over the smokestack



## KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

### THREE ITALIANS DROWNED

Two Bodies Found When Skiff is Righted, but They Slip Into the Water Again.

Their boat overturned by the high waters of the Conemaugh river, three Italians were drowned near Saltsburg. The fourth member of the party, Tony Giska, was able to swim ashore. The drowned men were: Frank Satri, 26 years old; Guiseppe Canter, 25 years old; Domineck Cantar, 12 years old.

The men attempted to cross the raging stream in a boat, and it overturned. Later in the evening the boat was found near the shore at Edra. When the boat was righted the two older Italians were found in each other's embrace under the seat. The bodies fell into the current and were washed away.

The Pennsylvania State Association for the Abolition of the School Tax was perfected at Erie by the election of Austin Leonard, of Troy, president; Theodore L. Kenyon, of Columbia, vice president, and T. P. Rynder, of Erie, secretary. The object of the association is to have the State assume the entire cost of the common schools, thereby relieving farm and home owners from a heavy burden of taxation. The organization consists of the above-named officers, an executive committee and a general State committee, to be selected one from each county. The movement has been already endorsed by numerous clubs, granges and prominent persons and its work is well under way.

Four men met death and four were seriously hurt on the Buffalo & Allegheny Valley division of the Pennsylvania railroad. Two men were crushed to death under an overturned locomotive, which left the track while making a fast run with a work train to a wreck near Emlenton, where a number of laborers had been hurt, and two men were run down by a passenger train, while walking on the tracks near Kittanning. The dead: Robert Burkhardt, engineer, Pittsburg; F. C. Shuman, road supervisor, Oil City; John McDonald, of Goffrey; Milton Drummond, of Goffrey.

Mrs. Henry Berkey smashed the windows of two residences and a grocery store at Oakville, a suburb of Latrobe, before a constable placed her under arrest. A lunacy commission adjudged the woman insane and she was sent to the county infirmary. When asked why she broke the windows the woman said she "just liked to hear the glass crack." Mrs. Berkey said also that she had planned a window-smashing trip to Latrobe, but could not get the chance.

During a fight at Export, Herman Stevick, a Slav, shot and killed Thomas Williams, an American. Stevick attempted to get away but was captured by American miners and turned over to Constable R. L. Painter. Williams was 30 years old and married.

The LaBelle Coke company secured title in the Fayette county courts to about 20 acres of coal in Luzerne township, near Brownsville. It was held by Jeremiah Smith, colored, who claims it under mining rights bought by his ancestors. The court may reverse the verdict returned by the jury.

With an evident intention to stamp out the new miners' union in Windber, the Berwind-White Company, through Sheriff Lenhart and deputies of Cambria county, served five-day eviction notices to more than 100 men occupying company houses. Under the terms of the leases a five-days' notice only is required.

In Court Judge W. M. Lindsey sentenced Pietro Natro, Frank Gerardi and Antonio Fucci to be hanged on a date to be set by Gov. S. W. Pennypacker. The men were convicted of killing Raphael Farrieno at Tiona on February 11.

Thomas Arner, 60 years old, and William Barron, 28 years old, while walking on the Reading tracks near Tamaqua, were struck by a fast freight train, and both instantly killed. The greater part of Barron's body was ground to pieces.

Nitro Grifino, a Slav, was killed by a fall of slate in the Mt. Braddock mines of the Rainey company near Conowingo. He was 30 years old and married.

The rifle practice season for the National guard will open May 1 and close October 31. The State match will be shot August 20-24, when a State team will be selected to go to the National match at Sea Girt.

Margaret, the 13-year-old daughter of Grant Taylor, of Tyrone, while playing with matches in the yard, set fire to her clothing. She was so frightfully burned that she will die.

Judge Kooser issued an injunction restraining striking miners from interfering with operating Somerset county mines.

Four horses worth \$250 each, were burned in the sale stable of Joseph Knig, at York. Thirty-four mules escaped.

Philip, the 19-year-old son of Jacob Weitzel, a farmer living near Prospect, was kicked on the head by a horse and killed.

Seven men burglarized the Dickson city postoffice between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning, dynamiting the safe and getting away with \$190 worth of stamps and \$4 in cash. Edward Connelly, who lives over the postoffice, heard the men breaking in the front of the building and he stuck his head out of the window to inquire what was going on. He was covered with several revolvers and told to keep quiet.

Maj.-Gen. Charles Miller resigned as commander of National Guard and Gen. J. P. S. Gobin was appointed successor.

## A LIVING DEATH.

Vividly Described by a Citizen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Andrew Johnson, 411 West Twelfth St., Sioux Falls, S. D., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills saved my life. My doctor, from a careful analysis of the urine and a diagnosis of my case, had told me I could not live six weeks. I was struck down in the street with kidney trouble, and for a whole year could not leave the house. I lost flesh, my eyes failed me, I bloated at times, my back hurt and I suffered a living death. There seemed no hope until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. Then I began to improve. The pain left gradually, the swellings subsided, I gained appetite and weight, and I made a long story short, I got well!"

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Given Special Significance.  
The Railway Age, a journal devoted to the technical and commercial side of railroading, recently published an article in which the charge is plainly made with reference to the operation of railroads, "there are too many wrecks." It would have been worthy of attention coming from a publication covering general subjects but it is given special significance through its appearance in a periodical without the slightest taint of sensationalism; one, indeed, characterized by decided conservatism where its special field is involved.—Atlantic Constitution.

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## RUSH EXPECTED

Government Will Open the Shoshone Reservation to Settlers.

We are promised a rush this summer that will far eclipse that of Klondyke, or any other of recent years, when the Government opens up the Wind River or Shoshone Reservation in Wyoming, June 15, 1906. There is no imagination so vivid and fantastic as the gold hunter's, and for 20 years the Western prospectors have been filling each other with wonderful tales as to the richness of the Shoshone Reservation. The tales have even reached Australia and Europe, and hungry gold-seekers from there will be in the rush. The reservation lies very nearly in the center of Wyoming, and has an area of 2,283 square miles, and is bounded by the North Fork of Wind River, Big Horn River, Big Wind River and Owl Creek. It is undoubtedly rich in gold and copper, but equally without doubt it has only a small fraction of the wealth that the miners' tales endow it with.

## DOG'S MONUMENT MUST GO

Judge Prohibits the Burial of Animals in Cemetery.

In an opinion replete with reasons of purely sentimental nature, Judge A. S. Swartz of Norristown, denied the right of anyone in Pennsylvania to inter domestic animals in graveyards set apart for human beings, or to allow a monument to be erected in a cemetery. He granted an injunction to St. Peter's Evangelical church of North Wales, empowering the church to have Charles E. Bean remove a monument from his family lot in the church yard.

The subject has been in controversy here for several years. At the request of the church council, Bean removed the dog's body, but erected a stone, with the inscription, "Our Pet," over the spot where it had been buried.

## DECAYED STARCH.

A Food Problem.

An Asheville man tells how right food did that which medicines had failed to accomplish:

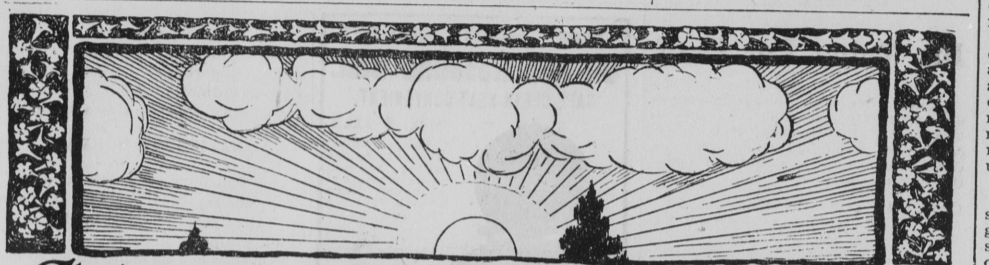
"For more than 15 years," he says, "I was afflicted with stomach trouble and intestinal indigestion, gas forming in stomach and bowels and giving me great distress. These conditions were undoubtedly due to the starchy food I ate, white bread, potatoes, etc., and didn't digest. I grew worse with time, till, 2 years ago, I had an attack which the doctor diagnosed as appendicitis. When the surgeon operated on me, however, it was found that my trouble was ulcer of the pancreas, instead of appendicitis.

"Since that time I have had several such attacks, suffering death, almost. The last attack was about 3 months ago, and I endured untold agonies.

"The doctor then said that I would have to eat less starchy stuff, so I began the use of Grape-Nuts food, for I knew it to be pre-digested, and have continued same with most gratifying results. It has built me up wonderfully. I gained 10 pounds in the first 8 weeks that I used Grape-Nuts, my general health is better than ever before, my brain is clearer and my nerves stronger.

"For breakfast and dinner, each, I take 4 teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts with cream, a small slice of dry toast, an egg soft boiled and a cup of Postum; and I make the evening meal on Grape-Nuts and cream alone—this gives me a good night's rest and I am well again." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason. Read the little book, 'The Road to Wellville,' in pkgs.



## Christ the Lord is Risen to-day

From night withdrawn, the Easter dawn  
Illumines land and sea,—  
All Earth is bright with quenchless light,  
And Heavenly harmony.  
True to His word, the risen Lord  
Walks in the new-born day,  
And from His tomb of sunless gloom  
The stone has rolled away.

Call lilies' rise' like votaries,—  
With love and joy imparted,—  
And perfumes meet in concord sweet  
Around the rescued world.  
Christ conquers Death, and radiant faith  
Comes like an irised dove,  
From heights where bloom, beyond the tomb,  
The lilies of His love.

The oxalis, or wood sorrel, was standing at the foot of the Cross and received some drops of the Precious Blood. These she bears even to this day. The Italians have this same legend about the oxalis, which they call "alleluia," to indicate that the little blossom is glorifying God for its great privilege. The scarlet anemone, too, is said to bear the stains of Christ's blood.

The poppy yet carries the memory of the Cross deeply graven in her heart. The banana, too, preserves the Cross in the centre of the fruit. For this reason, the people of the Canary Islands will never cut through a banana as we do; if they ever use a knife to it they slice off lengthwise pieces.

The aspen still shivers with remorse because, when Christ passed it on the way to Calvary, it boldly faced the heavens instead of paying homage as the other trees did. The willow was used for the scourges, and ever since it has bowed its branches in sorrow. The elder is commonly supposed to be the tree upon which Judas hanged himself. It is not to be used even for firewood. However, it is a safe refuge in time of storm, for not even lightning will deign to strike it. A fungus that grows on the elder end is now known as Jew's ear was originally called Judas' ear. The cedar, the pine, and the box are all connected with the Crucifixion. Different authorities vary in just what woods did form the Cross. Bebe says the cypress, the cedar, the

when man considered all things of earth made for him and his use. Their peculiar traits or formations must show some connection with his history or imagery. If we have risen to-day to the higher epoch, where we see that each created thing lives for its own development, and not to minister to our needs, it is because of the many more Easters we have experienced since our ancestors' days. Each new Easter, with its floodtide of energy, brings a fresh desire to advance and to consider less selfishly not only the lives of our fellowmen, but also the individuality of "the lilies of the field."  
—Agnes Comerford, in The Household.

The total stock of money, in gold, silver and uncovered paper in the whole world amounts, in round figures, to \$12,000,000,000.



Young Mrs. Bunny—"Don't recognize him, my son. His conceit has been quite insufferable since he posed for those candy rabbits."—Puck.

and is kept in place with a touch of glue. The American flag flies from a toothpick. If a needle is put into the bow the boat can be drawn through the water by a magnet.



A more peaceable toy is the duck. Weight the shell and paint it to represent a duck. Cut head and tail of pasteboard and after gluing firmly to the shell paint in colors. For the little girl's doll house an eggshell cradle can be made. If the maker is skilled it can be cut in one piece from the egg. Pasteboard rockers are glued on and the cradle can be fitted with tiny mattress, pillow and spread. A penny doll, clad in its nightgown, should repose beneath the covers.

A Chinese Belief.  
The Chinese believe that a man, a frog and a hare dwell in the moon, and the last named animal constantly appears in their art and in that of Japan, painted upon the disk of a lunar orb. Nearly all over the world the hare is associated with the moon mythologically, and it is on this account that the rabbit has so much to do with Easter.