

EASTER

EACH cannot be that the festival of the resurrection falls together with the springing of the year and the rebirth of the earth. The strange fittingness of times and events only strikes us now and then when we stop to reflect; but this side of life, the beautiful, undulating order of the universe, is what gives man his sense of security; it is the root of all the gayety and the buoyancy with which we tread the appointed paths. What! shall the orbit of the star be mapped out, and the hip-joint of the locust's leg be set so that he can make music through the hot and sultry nights, and the blows that fall upon the yearning soul of man be meaningless and haphazard? Only when we are too tired to think do we feel the necessity of the existent order of the universe.

It is not to detract from the value of a symbol, therefore, to realize that it is in its essence of the intrinsic nature of the human heart, the result of that inevitable preoccupation of man, and that in all ages, all climes, he has reacted in some way or other against the numbing conclusion of a possible ending. In the lowest tribes and the farthest days some care was taken to provide the dead with solace on the long jour-



ney, dark and mysterious, upon which they were supposed to go. Who can look unmoved to-day upon this relic of a past age, in a negro cemetery, and see the toys laid about a little child's grave, the photographs and favorite possessions about those of the older human child, without being touched by this groping of the mind into the darkness beyond which it cannot yet see clear. In its own way this is a reaffirming of the unity of all life; it, too, is a realization that it is the same universal life, showing a new face. Man himself, myriad-minded, confused by feeling one thing at one time and a wholly new one at another, yet holds ever in some dark chamber of his thought, the conviction that all things are one, and that multifariousity is but a way of looking, by turns, at the parcelled kingdom of the universe. It is as in the child's song of a new poet:

"What does it take to make a rose,
Mother mine?"
"The God that died to make it, knows,
It takes the world's eternal wars,
It takes the moon and all the stars,
It takes the might of Heaven and Hell,
And the everlasting Love as well,
Little child."

No atom of dust, no star-burst nor trailing comet, must fail to the making of the whole perfection which is the thinking body of divinity. All the snows and the storms, the short, cold winter days, go to the making of the sweet and wasteful hours of the long twilights. It is just this faint taste and premonition in the air of what is to come which makes spring the season of deepest gladness; it is a foretaste of desultory wanderings through a warm-breathing earth when the unexpected visitations of the best thoughts fall, such thoughts as can only design to come in blessed idleness and renewal of all life, could recklessly hazard a doubt of lasting blight? How often, in looking upon Greek vases, we see the flowerlike wilted figure of Persephone falling lax in the arms of the fiery charioteer Aidooneus. And who can forget—who, at any rate, that has ever looked upon the keen-eyed pitiless sorrow of the wandering Demeter of Cnidus, in the British



THE ANNUNCIATION.
Museum, can forget the grief of the desolate mother and the resultant sterility of the earth, the sad news handed on by Hecate, who heard the ravished maiden's cry, and by Helios, who saw the theft. Then Zeus, taking pity upon the earth, sent Iris with a message to Hades ordering the redeliverance of Persphone to her mother, that the grief of death might not be devastating and overpowering. So it has always been in the mind of man, this strange anguish and despair at the glowing human life

which seemed to suffer sudden eclipse in death, and its reaction, till, from the annual reassuring himself that even as the seed falls into the earth and darkness, not only to come forth in due season in more glorified aspect, so the soul of man suffers momentary and partial eclipse to be born more gloriously; but alas! not within the scope of our vision.

The festivals of Demeter were held in the spring and autumn. The 7th of April was the day set apart for the games of Ceres. Demeter corresponds to Beltus in Bactria and to Armaiti in Zoroastrian mythology. Armaiti, too, wanders in sorrow from place to place. She caused all growth and pervaded the whole material world, even being said to dwell in the hearts of men, and fructify there into fair activities and noble pursuits.

How intimate and familiar, how strangely modern and near, seems the last great fact of resurrection, as we turn to it from the more ancient aspects. How spontaneous and living are the words of the medieval ritual:

Die nobis, Mater, quid vidisti in via?
And the detailed verification of the antiphonal chant:

Sepulchrum Christi viventis et gloriam videresurgentis.

To know One risen from the dead, to feel the life once reaching only a handful of folk on a strip of land by the Mediterranean, now filling the world and leading men everywhere, is to know that as surely as the spring follows winter, so surely does life follow death, and how little it matters what the forms of that life be, since at least we know that nothing is lost.—Harper's Weekly.



THE RISEN CHRIST. (Hofmann.)

EASTER PROMISES.
"There is no death!" the flowers say,
"In faith we hide our souls away,
While tempests desolate the earth,
And patient wait the promised birth."

The south wind chants, "There is no death,
I come and winter is a breath,
Against his falling walls I set
The snowdrop and the violet."

Glad prophets of the life to be,
A kindred spark abides in me,
That, like the wind, no tetter knows,
And yet is comrade to the rose.

Thus mother earth, thy gracious breast
Gives all thy tired children rest,
Where, sheltered from the storms, they
Hide
The coming of the Eastertide.
—From "Sword and Cross, and Other Poems," by Charles Eugene Banks.

A PROBLEM.
Which laid it?
—From Life.

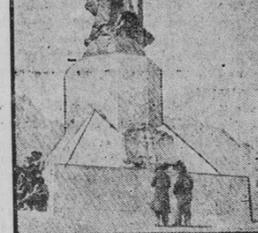
AN EASTER GREETING.
"Peace, My peace, be unto you!"
Hear, ye valleys! list, ye mountains!
God's breath on the streams and fountains,
As He maketh all things new.
In the tree tops, rustling, pendent,
Hear His garments move transcendent,
Bush and shrub are trembling, too.

THE CHRIST OF THE ANDES

(Colossal Statue on Boundary Line Between Chile and Argentina.)

See, where it stands in its beauty,
Where the earliest sunbeams shine;
Tall and stately and splendid;
The Christ of the Boundary Line!

Forbidden the evil impulse
That leadeth to pain and crime;
United the faith of nations,
A compact outlasting Time!
Telling the coming of Man,
Who is born in the Image Divine;
Like a grand, full, chord of music,
The Christ of the Boundary Line!



As we view this beautiful statue
From the mountain paths below,
As we see its Face supernal
In the sunbeams' latest glow;
Twixt erstwhile warring nations
Of a present peace the sign;
A psalm and a prayer in marble:
The Christ of the Boundary Line!



THE RISEN CHRIST. (Hofmann.)

EASTER'S REDEMPTION.
Let me arise freed from the bonds
Of foolish, fettering creeds,
Tuned to the holy truth that meets
The spirit's needs;



Roused from the torpor of a clod,
Remade into Thy image, God,
—Susie M. Best, in The Independent.

Belgium has over 200 boot and shoe factories giving employment to more than 200,000 hands.



EASTER LILY VASE.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE NEWS

REASON FOR NEW TRIAL.

Judge to Pass on Mass of Matter in Capitol Cases.
Harrisburg.—At least 100 pages of typewritten matter will be presented to Judge Kunkel when the reasons are filed for new trials for John H. Sanderson, ex-Auditor General William P. Snyder, ex-State Treasurer William L. Mathews and ex-Superintendent James M. Shumaker, convicted of conspiracy in the capitol furnishing contracts. These reasons are now being gone over finally by Attorneys Lyman D. Gilbert, Charles H. Bergner and William I. Schaffer, representing the three indicted officials. The reasons on behalf of Sanderson were received this morning from P. F. Roth-ermer, counsel for the contractor. The reasons will include specifications of error in many matters, particularly admission of evidence as to prices of articles not mentioned in the indictment; exceptions to the charge of the court and exceptions to the rulings of the court upon law points.

ATTEMPT TO KILL BOSS

Foreigners Use Knife and Gun on Prostrate Mine Official.
Washington.—Edward Miller, head fire boss at the Ardeth mine of the Meadow Lands Coal Company is dying from wounds received early this morning when two foreigners whom he had discharged attacked him while he was on his way to the mine. One stabbed Miller, who reached for his revolver. Before he could use it the other foreigner knocked him down. While Miller lay unconscious one of the foreigners discharged a shotgun at the prostrate man's head. One side of the face was torn away and the skull shattered. Miller was found later by railroad men and revived sufficiently to give a description of his assailants. Constable J. J. Miller of Canonsburg, arrested one of the accused men, but it is feared the other has escaped.

CHECK SYSTEM; NO LICENSE

New Construction on Law is Made by New Castle Alderman.
New Castle.—Under a check system liquor can be sold in this state without license, according to a decision Alderman Oliver Green rendered here in the case of Mike Praeder, charged by Mike Hartman with selling liquor without a license and to minors. Praeder, who keeps a boarding house, admitted having sold beer. He explained that a boarder pays him \$1 and orders him to secure beer. The dollar buys 16 pints, and 16 checks are given, which call for one bottle each upon demand. Praeder contended he kept the beer for his boarders only and made no profit. Green dismissed the case.

GLASS PLANTS BURNED

Clarion is Visited by \$50,000 Blaze. Two Large Factories Are Destroyed.
Clarion.—Clarion was visited by a \$50,000 fire in which the two large factories of the Pearl Glass Company were destroyed. The Pearl Glass Company is a new industry, factory No. 1 being two years old, while No. 2 plant was built last summer. It is thought the tank in the new factory can be repaired so as to resume operations in three weeks. The plant employed 300 skilled men and boys. The cause of the fire is a mystery.

Farnsworth a Candidate.

Harrisburg.—William C. Farnsworth former corporation clerk of the state department under Secretaries Reeder and Martin, announced himself as a candidate for the state senate on the Democratic, Prohibition and Local Option tickets. He has opposition only on the Democratic ticket, and both he and his opponent will have to resort to use of stickers.

Dog's Pitiful Plight.

Washington.—For six days without either food or drink, a collie dog belonging to William Ritchey of Blaine township, ran wild with a coffee pot forced over its head and held fast by a wire drawn about his neck. When finally found the dog was almost dead. Ritchey has offered a reward and is making an investigation.

Aged Woman Burns to Death.

Punxsutawney.—Mrs. Catherine Spencer, an aged resident of Carrollton Mills, was so badly burned that she died six hours later. While she was kindling fire with oil, her clothing ignited and was burned off. Neighbors helped save the house from destruction.

Divorce on the Increase.

Washington.—"The divorce business is on the increase and to an alarming extent in Washington county," said Judge J. P. Taylor in court. "It is a question with which students of social problems must concern themselves."

For Tubercular Sufferers.

Harrisburg.—The state department of health has opened two new tuberculosis dispensaries, making 60 in all. One is at Everett, Bedford county, in charge of Dr. W. Dela M. Hill.

Grangers Will Meet in Altoona.

Altoona.—The executive committee of the state grange at a meeting held here decided to hold the annual meeting in Altoona next December.

RIFLE PRACTICE MAY 1

State Guardsmen Must Use the U. S. Army Magazine Piece.
Harrisburg.—In an official order issued by the Adjutant General's Department the rifle practice season is fixed at from May 1 to October 31, and announcement is made that it must be with the United States Army magazine rifle. The new rifles will be issued to the organizations of the guard during the month of April with ammunition. The qualifications will be the same as in former years.

Compromise in Bank Case.

Washington.—Civil suits against the directors and former directors of the defunct Farmers and Drovers bank of Waynesburg will be obviated by a compromise with the treasury department. The directors agree to pay into the treasury \$213,000 less credits of about \$150,000. Every director and former director but one has signed the agreement with the government, and every effort is being made to secure his signature.

Oldest Engineer Dies.

Shamokin.—Gardiner Cobb, 80 years old, recently retired by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at age limit, and said to have been the oldest passenger locomotive engineer in the country, died at his home here. During the Civil war he was in charge of a number of ammunition and supply trains, and ran the locomotive which drew the funeral train of the martyred President Lincoln from Baltimore to Harrisburg.

Schooley Pleads Guilty.

Scranton.—George B. Schooley of Philadelphia, chief claimant for the fortune of James L. Crawford, his cousin, a millionaire coal operator of this city, who died three years ago in Florida, pleaded guilty in court here to the forgery of the so-called Schooley will, under which he was to inherit practically all of the Crawford fortune, cutting off the widow with only a few thousand dollars.

Discontinues Proceedings.

Harrisburg.—Judge McCarrell has made an order discontinuing the proceedings to close up the Pennsylvania Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia. The action was brought because of the issuance of 100,000 shares of stock to which the state insurance department objected. Since the filing of the suit the shares have been revoked.

Scalded to Death in Barrel.

Canonsburg.—Mary, 2-year-old daughter of John Slusak, a miner, was scalded to death. The child was playing about the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Company's engine house and fell into a barrel which received the hot exhaust water. She died soon after being rescued.

To Mobilize State Troops.

Harrisburg.—Arrangements are being made here for the mobilization of the entire National Guard of the State at Philadelphia during Founder's week. The militiamen will begin to move on Sunday, October 4. They will be transported and maintained at the expense of the city of Philadelphia.

Union Men Enjoined.

New Kensington.—Judge L. W. Doty of the Westmoreland county court granted an injunction to the Aluminum Company of America against 22 strikers, members of various unions. The Aluminum Company claimed the strikers interfered with non-union workmen. An answer to the injunction was filed today by the union men.

Calls for Entire Output.

Kittanning.—A contract which calls for the entire output of the Providence Coal and Coke Company mines at Kelley's station for the next year has been closed, and as soon as the company finishes reconstruction its sidings shipping will commence. The miners will be put on full time after being idle for months.

A Mean Trick.

Beaver Falls.—While George Marquis was calling on a young woman on College hill at night, some one cut the hitching strap of his horse standing outside, and the animal dashed over an embankment onto the Fort Wayne railroad tracks, where it was killed by a passing freight train.

Set Fire to Hereford.

York.—Mrs. Joseph Cough, aged 33, residing near Berlin Junction, Adams county, saturated her clothing with kerosene and set fire to herself. An alarm was raised and neighbors extinguished the fire. The woman was so badly burned that she died.

Negro Hanged.

Philadelphia.—Warwick Brooks, a negro, was hanged here for the murder of William T. Jones, also a negro, whom he shot during a quarrel. Brooks is the seventh murderer to be hanged here within the last eight weeks.

Washington.—

Washington.—One man owes his life to local option. While Hon. Frank Craven of California and Lew. Cornell were driving to a local option meeting a drunken man staggered across the road ahead and plunged over a bank into Pike run. Craven and Cornell rescued the man, who was completely under water and helpless.

Washington.—

Washington.—Without missing a single day of school in seven years, and being tardy but three times, Minnie Stewart, the 16-year-old daughter of S. P. Stewart of Cross Creek township, holds the record for Washington county. A challenge has been issued to county schools in Western Pennsylvania to beat it.

BORAX, NATURE'S DISINFECTANT, CLEANSER AND PURIFIER.

Everybody realizes the necessity of some method of purification of sinks, drains and utensils in which lurk the germ of a dreaded disease. Health is a question of cleanliness and prevention.

Most people are familiar with the use of disinfectants in their ordinary sense—all of which are unpleasantly associated with disagreeable odors, on which are depended to kill the contagion (which disinfectants must of necessity be of a more or less dangerous character) and must be used for this purpose and for no other, and in consequence kept from children and careless handling.

There is, however, within the reach of all our readers a simple, safe and economical article that will not only answer for every disinfecting purpose—but can also be used for a multitude of domestic cleaning and purifying purposes—Borax.

Borax is a pure, white harmless powder coming direct from Nature's laboratory; in fact Borax has often been called "Nature's Cleanser and Disinfectant."

Two tablespoonfuls of Borax in a pailful of hot-water poured down the grease-choked pipes of a sink, or flushed through a disease-laden drain, cleanses and purifies it, leaving it clean and sweet.

Bed clothing and clothes used in a sick room can be made hygienically clean and snowy-white, if washed in a hot solution of Borax water.

Kitchen and eating utensils, used during illness will be kept from all possibility of contagion if Borax is used when washing them. Pure as snow and harmless as salt, and because it can be used for almost every domestic and medical purpose, Borax must be considered the one great household necessity.

Candy Foully Slandered.

Cheering words for lovers of sweets were spoken by Dr. Charles A. Brackett in a recent lecture at the Harvard medical school. He said that the evil effect of candy eating on the teeth was much exaggerated, a reasonable amount of sugar being needed in the system for the production of heat, especially in cold weather and for hard working people. Dr. Brackett commended the scheme of a Philadelphia dentist who takes a contract to preserve the teeth of his patients, charging them a nominal sum to keep their teeth clean by a monthly scurbing with sand.

Austrian Ice Factory.

In Austria "ice sticks" are manufactured at a profit. A series of poles are arranged so that the water will fall slowly over each one in the series. Of course, the water in the winter time freezes, forming large icicles. When the icicles have attained the proper size the employees of the "ice plant" come around with carts, break them off the great sticks of ice and haul them away to a place where they are put in storage. Of course it is much easier to handle a large quantity of ice in this way than it is to cut it from some stream and then pack it away. There may, however, be a difference in quality between stick ice and lake or river ice.—The Pathfinder.

Plea for Porto Rico.

Becoming citizens of the United States, the inhabitants of Porto Rico should be earnest co-operators with us in the development of the great American influence in the West Indies. (The 200,000 citizens of Hawaii are citizens of the United States.) Why should not the million Porto Ricans be the same? The Porto Ricans, when under Spanish dominion, elected representatives to both houses of the Spanish cortes. They have, in other words, possessed the prime political privileges of an advanced civilization. It cannot be said that they are unprepared for American citizenship.—New York Globe.

LOST \$300

Buying Medicine when Right Food was Needed.

Money spent for "tonics" and "bracers" to relieve indigestion, while the poor old stomach is loaded with pastry and pork, is worse than losing a pocketbook containing the money.

If the money only is lost it's bad enough, but with lost health from wrong eating, it is hard to make the money back.

A Michigan young lady lost money on drugs but is thankful she found a way to get back her health by proper food. She writes:

"I had been a victim of nervous dyspepsia for six years and spent three hundred dollars for treatment in the attempt to get well. None of it did me any good.

"Finally I tried Grape-Nuts food, and the results were such that, if it cost a dollar a package, I would not be without it. My trouble had been caused by eating rich food such as pastry and pork.

"The most wonderful thing that ever happened to me, I am sure, was the change in my condition after I began to eat Grape-Nuts. I began to improve at once and the first week gained four pounds.

"I feel that I cannot express myself in terms that are worthy of the benefit Grape-Nuts has brought to me, and you are perfectly free to publish this letter if it will send some poor sufferer relief, such as has come to me."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."