

With the Joyous Easter Message



The Rabbit and the Easter Egg

How did the rabbit get into the nest of Easter eggs? Of all the curious legends the centuries have gathered about the Easter season none are more widely circulated than those having to do with the rabbit and the Easter eggs. Easter eggs are seen all over the Christian world on Easter Sunday, and wherever the eggs are there is the rabbit also.

Just where and how such a total abstainer from eggs, such a clearly non-producer of eggs as a rabbit, got mixed up in a nest of them, the legends of neither the hen nor the rabbit are able to say. But there he is, and there he persists in staying, however inconsequent, irrelevant and immaterial his presence may be.

Myths of the Easter egg are more easily accounted for. The Ancient Egyptians, Persians, Gauls, Greeks and Romans saw in the egg an emblem of immortality. In it life lay dormant. An insensate thing, a mere object, it had the power to become a living being.

To the early Christians the egg symbolized the resurrection. Because of this, and also because eggs were looked upon as meat, Roman Catholics of Italy, Spain and France were formerly forbidden to eat eggs during Lent. After the fasting was over, eggs were the first meat to be eaten. Every Easter table held eggs dyed red, to represent the blood of Christ, and piled in pyramids at various points of vantage along the table. Before the eggs were broken they were blessed by the priest.

A special blessing for the Easter eggs was given, out by Pope Paul V, who sat in the papal chair from 1621 to 1621. This blessing, which is still used by many Roman Catholics, is: "Bless, O Lord, we beseech thee, this thy gift of eggs, that it may become a wholesome sustenance of thy faithful servants, eating it in thankfulness to thee on the morn of the resurrection of our Lord."

Greek Catholics believe that eggs laid on Good Friday have within them their own blessing, and that he who eats them as his first food on Easter Sunday will be blessed throughout the year. They, too, hold that the egg is symbolical of the resurrection.

But all of these eggs are the fruit of the hen, she that cackles over her product, when every child believes that the rabbit is responsible for the Easter eggs.

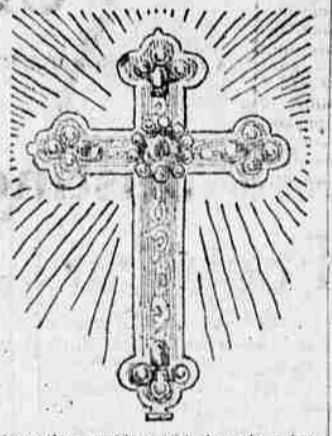
Germany for a long time claimed that she was the mother of the Easter rabbit. She said that it happened, one time, that the children of a very poor peasant had been told that they could have no eggs at Easter time because their parents had no home and were too poor to buy a hen. The children grieved over this at first, and then decided that they would stop grieving and pray. They prayed for

Why All Mankind Hails the Morn of the Resurrection

Easter morning—the most joyous of all the mornings of the year, the one great day of gladness, supreme above all others on the calendar, the Morn of the Resurrection.

And why is this the gladdest day of the year? It is the gladdest of all days because it typifies the hope that beyond the grave there is another life than this. It speaks the promise that we shall rise again from the dust of death, that we shall be reunited with those whom we have loved and lost, that we shall open our eyes in another world where there is no parting again, no sorrow, no loss, no pain.

Compare this hope with all other hopes that man can have, and they sink into insignificance. If the sons of men believed that this life were the only life they could ever know, if they believed that when they were laid away with the dust from which they came there would be no awakening, not only would the dearest



hope they could possibly have been taken from them, but the world would then become a place unfit for habitation.

Without the hope of resurrection from the grave man would surely sink in gloom to the low level of the beast. But that this is not his belief, and that man has, instead, a firm and a full hope to live again, is what makes Easter the one great joyous day of all days.

Easter eggs, prayed earnestly and fervently. On the night before Easter they made a nest for the eggs they so confidently believed the morning would bring. When they awoke the next morning they ran to the nest, and there, sure enough, lay three lovely eggs, and sitting back of them, very proud of himself, was a big white rabbit, the very rabbit that had laid the eggs.

But the Easter rabbit is far, far older than this tale, and the myths about the rabbit, many of them associating the rabbit in one way or another with eggs, are centuries older than the Easter festival.

The Moon festival in China comes in the springtime and corresponds with Easter. It's a great holiday. Nobody works. Everybody puts on his best clothes and goes out for a general jollification. The culmination of events comes on what is our Easter, which, as old-fashioned people will tell you, comes on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the 22nd of March. It is on this night that "the rabbit in the moon" is best seen. The Chi-

nese, in their Moon festival, pay homage to this rabbit. Their ancient religion, Taoism, taught them that this rabbit was the slave of a god who kept him everlastingly busy pounding herbs and drugs to make the elixir of life. He squats in a cassia tree to do the pounding, and if you will look at the moon any Easter Sunday evening when the sky is clear there you'll see Brer Rabbit pounding a w a y.



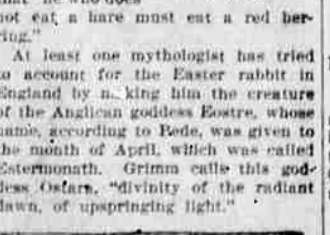
And when you see it, you will see a mixture of Taoist belief, East African mythology, southern negro folklore and early Christian legend. The Japanese have a legend, doubtless passed over to them from India, that the gospel of the resurrection was first sent to the earth by the moon god, who used a rabbit as his messenger. The message given to the rabbit was this: "Like as I die and rise to life again, so shall you die and rise to life again."

The rabbit, however, thinking it would be a good joke on the people of the earth, reversed this gospel: What he said to the people was: "Like as I die, and live no more, so shall ye all die and be no more alive." The people took this gospel very sorrowfully, which amused the rabbit, and he went back to the moon god and boasted of what he had done. The god was so infuriated with his messenger that he threw a hatchet at him and split his lip wide open, and that, if you would like to know, is why the rabbit's lip is slit.

In certain parts of England, particularly at Hallaton, there was an old custom of celebrating Easter Monday with a "hare pie scramble" and "bottle kicking." This celebration began with a procession leading to the house of the rector of the parish and consisting of two men abreast, carrying sacks with cut-up pies inside; three men abreast, two carrying wooden bottles filled with beer, and the third a large dummy bottle that was to be kicked about; one man, carrying a pole on which was fastened a hare in a sitting posture, and, last of all, a band of music. The band was followed by all the people of the parish who could walk. The dummy bottle was kicked into the neighboring parish, where it was burned, or "drowned," after which his of it were taken home as trophies by the people.

The custom fell into disuse about 1757. But other customs in which the hare figured were continued to a much later date, one having to do with the hunting of a hare on Good Friday, to be eaten on Easter day, the alternative being that "he who does not eat a hare must eat a red herring."

At least one mythologist has tried to account for the Easter rabbit in England by making him the creature of the Arabian goddess Eostre, whose name, according to Bede, was given to the month of April, which was called Estromonath. Grimm calls this goddess Ostara, "divinity of the radiant dawn, of upspringing light."



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THE PNEUMONIA MONTH.
March is a typical pneumonia month and usually gives a high rate of mortality for the disease. After a long and hard winter, the system loses much of its resistance and people grow careless. When every cold, no matter how slight, is given prompt and intelligent attention, there is much less danger of pneumonia. It should be borne in mind that pneumonia is a germ disease and breeds in the throat. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an expectorant and cleans out the germ laden mucus and not only cures a cold but prevents its resulting in pneumonia. It is pleasant to take. Children take it willingly—adv.

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The Annual Meeting of the members of the La Grande Country Club will be held at the City Hall, La Grande, Oregon, on Monday, April 1, 1921, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of electing eight directors and transacting such other business as may properly be presented.

N. W. FREES,
Secretary.
3-22-9.

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3-22-11.

ATTENTION, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
Eastern Oregon Commandery No. 6, K. T., will observe Easter by meeting at their asylum on Easter day at 1:30 p. m., where the lines will be formed and march to the First Methodist church, where the usual Easter services will be held, after which the lines will be reformed and march to the asylum. By order of E. C. L. H. RUSSELL, Recorder.
3-22-11.

MONY.
Easy payment of improved property. See
W. OLIVER.
2-18-301

ESTRAY—Came to my place about Oct. 1st, one black mare, star in forehead, no brands visible, weight about 1300 lbs. Owner may have same by paying pasture bill and for this ad. 2-16-54p

any other. It is excellent to allay a cough or break up a cold.—adv.

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MASONIC LODGE MEETING.
There will be a special meeting of La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., for work in Third Degree, Friday evening, March 25, at 7:30. By order of W. M. ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
3-24-21

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New Words.
New words appear now and then. The old-time real estate agent is now a "realtor" and the one-time undertaker is a "mortician." The other day I saw a man in a store and said he was a biologist. And so it goes—Boston Post.

Prehistoric Harp.
Other musical instruments have persisted through the ages like the harp. Prehistoric of origin, it was popular in the court of King Solomon. The Wise King had a harp before him and he was played before the Pharaohs of ancient Egypt.

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