

HAIL! EASTER MORN!

Earth's Lenten vigil, drear and frow, is past—her pain and penance sore, And now Easter glories gleam...

Today, beautiful flowers will hang in graceful garlands about solemn church chancels; stately altars will be bright with lilies and roses...

This is Easter morn, and the divine voice speaks through the bright sunshine, the beautiful flowers and the joyous notes of the birds...

The voiceless lips of flowers are living preachers; Each cup a pulpit, every leaf a book.

Origin of Easter. Hasten, O Son of Mary; 'tis thy resurrection day...

Easter day, as commemorating the central fact of the revealed religion of Christianity, has always been regarded as the greatest festival of the Christian year...

tical historian Socrates said that neither Christ nor his apostles enjoined the keeping of this, or any other, festival. He attributed the introduction of the festival of Easter into the church as a perpetuation of the old usage...



gratification in the public celebration of the events which are the foundation of the Christian faith. A Movable Feast. Easter is a movable feast. It comes on the Sunday following the 14th day of the calendar moon...

Christ the Lord is risen today. Sons of men and angels say: Raise your voices and triumph high, Sing, ye heavens; and earth reply.

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robed priest and sonorous Latin and swaying censors could make them doubt that the Christ who rose from the dead rose for them.

Many Curious Customs. Pure altars eloquent with bloom, Fountains crowned with garlands of perfumes...

Perhaps it is well that all the customs of glad Easter Day are not religious. It may be better for the happiness of humanity that some of them are of pagan origin.



Spring Brew of Beck Beer. In the Spring the purple lapwing takes unto himself a mate...

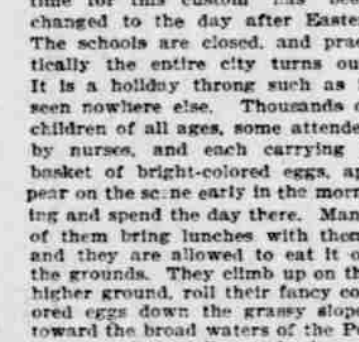


More people than would care to plead guilty look forward to Easter because, just at this season, the Spring brew of bock beer is announced...



ty, and are as dear to the hearts of children as the legends of Easter. Just how long the idea of gaily colored eggs and funny little rabbits has been associated with Easter, no one knows...

Egg-Rolling. In some cities of the United States the children have egg-rolling on Easter morning. At the capital city of the Nation, from almost time immemorial, the children have gathered at the White House...



Kids Crack Eggs. In many places—in fact, in all places—the children are not content to roll eggs down grassy inclines. They eat them, and go in for winning the other children's eggs.

This game is particularly well liked by the colored children of the Southern States, as it gives them

an opportunity to eat cold boiled eggs, and there is nothing they like better, not even excepting water-melons and baked possum.

Given Over to Revelry. In some parts of the East, and particularly in the South, among the lower classes, Easter is a day given over to revelry and Bacchanalian pursuits.

Among these same classes in some of the Southern States—in all of them where the climate will permit its adoption—Easter Sunday is the day set apart for the children to begin to go barefooted for the Summer, regardless of the conditions of the weather.

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It can be said that among the worldly things that are "given up" during the penitential Lenten season, the habit of taking a drink is one of them.



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