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THE ORIGIN OF EASTER

The lily is in the great nations of the world, being considered as important nowadays, an account of its symbolism, as the holy or the evergreen. Indeed, there seems to be little difference in the importance accorded to Christmas and that given to Easter. Each stands in its symbolism for a deep religious event, and each, in its place holds significance not to be filled by the other.

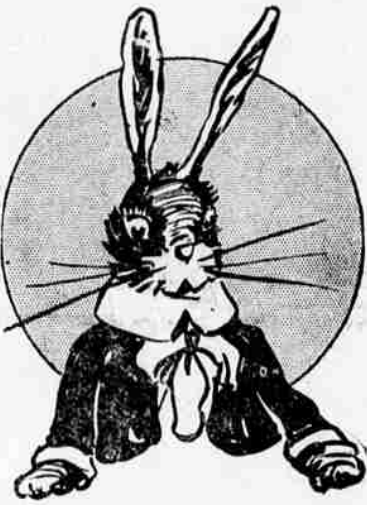
It is regretted by some people that an observation such as the Easter festival has its inauguration in a ceremony that was an outgrowth of a pagan festival. But to the broadminded the fact appears as an evidence of the lasting traits of man, occurring in different areas, and modified to suit the conditions of the times.

The twentieth century celebration is the modern evolution of heathen ideals influenced by those of the Christian religion. From time immemorial man has celebrated the birth of spring, the passing of the gloomy days of winter.

Easter, through the happy initiative of the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century, was celebrated not on the day of the Jewish Passover, but on the Sunday after. The variation of the date depends upon the fact that the vernal equinox, or the 21st day of March, is the point from which the first Sunday after the full moon is reckoned.

The first observance of Easter dates back as far as 68 A. D. From that time it has meant much to Christians, and in the joyous rebirth of Christ there is a general heartfelt resolution to merge into the springlike freshness of newer ideals and better things.

Children's Pleasure Column



Children, Attention!

Watch this department next week for an announcement of a contest that will begin next Sunday for children under fourteen years of age. It will be lots of fun.

Dear Mary Ann:
April showers bring May flowers and the tulips that come in spring.
And Easter comes in April bright, and laughs with all her might.
I like Easter because I always hunt Easter eggs on Easter hunts.
And April Fool is in April too.
April showers bring May flowers.
Lois Herman, age 8, grade 2A, Medford.

Dear Mary Ann: I am sending you a composition of my own.
Little Maid
Dear little maid, so sweet and fair,
With your laughing blue eyes
And your golden brown hair,
That about your angel face doth twine,
Always happy and always gay
When at work and at play;
You're like a flower, life sweetly shears,
And life's cup, that overflows
With your caresses and love,
Dear little maid so sweet and fair,
Violet Stueker.

Dear Mary Ann: Here is a story of my own composition:
How "Bum" Killed the Snake
"Bum" was an old collie that lived up in the hills of Montana. One day as he was tending the sheep, he noticed a big confusion over on the other side. He ran over there and found a huge rattlesnake. Just as it was about to spring upon a lamb, Bum jumped and caught it in his mouth. The rattler was taken by surprise and of course tried to get free. The dog bit its head and soon it was quite dead. He then took it to his master, and the master said, "Bum was a purty nice dog."
By Dean Plew, age 11, Medford.

Dear Mary Ann:
April Showers
April showers, bring April flowers.
April brings the happy Easter, not burdened with heavy disaster.
April brings the April fool; I'll duck you in the pool.
April showers, bring April flowers.
Miss Eva Hart, age 10, grade 5A, Vilas Ranch, E. F. D. No. 3.

Style Hints

the afternoon costumes there are big shade hats of leghorn tinted to match the frock.

"Fancy And Plain" Rule Reversed This Season
PARIS—(AP)—Fancy jackets and plain dresses are a form of spring fashion which reverses last year's dictum of fancy dresses and plain coats. Many dressmakers show short like jacket made of printed crepe de chine, with small, bright flower design and white and are meant for afternoon and evening wear. For black or plain color.



EASTER MORNING

By Douglas Malloch
The days are just like people,
Aren't they?
Some queer and gray,
And some with bright blue eyes,
With bright blue skies,
Like Easter Day.
There's Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
And the rest,
Then people dressed
In Sunday lace and tie,
The day we try
To look our best.
So tie my tie—the very
Nicest you
Can tie it too.
I want to look, you see,
Nice as can be.
Like people do,
It isn't only Sunday,
Mother dear;
Of all the year,
This special Sunday is
The one that's His—
For Easter's here.
And on our way to service
Birds will sing
Like everything,
Because the world today
Takes off the gray,
Puts on the spring.
We'll all forget the troubles
We have had,
The sick, the sad,
He'll see a world all new,
Yes, risen, too—
And He'll be glad.

Happiest Festival of Christian Church

"He is not here, but is risen."
Uttered from an empty tomb by angel lips this startling declaration forms the only satisfying answer to the query of the ages, "If the ages, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

As the tombs of ancient Egyptians are opened to the light of this modern day, the first thing that strikes the explorer is the elaborate preparations that had been made for ministering to the soul of the departed in the future life.

But where others have speculated and surmised and reasoned from nature, the Christian has been able to offer proof of his belief in immortality through the Resurrection of his Lord. To him, every indirect promise is overshadowed and made insignificant by the assurance that Christ on that first Easter morning "became the first fruits of them that sleep."

Easter day, throughout the Christian world the victory of the Lord over the grave is commemorated. It is a day symbolic of new life, and may be likened to the day of beginning again. In the Christian church it is the happiest of the festivals. In gratitude for the promise that the day recalls, the Christian world expresses itself in song, in prayers of praise, in brilliant pageantry, and in offerings of nature's choicest gifts, the flowers.

The materialist may read his fate in the processes of the natural world, and the rationalist may indulge his doubting that the Resurrection of Christ was an actual occurrence, but Easter is not the day for either of these to be heard. The chorus of rejoicing over what Christians down the ages have believed to be the supreme victory of all time, drowns out all discordant voices. The spirit of a Resurrected, Living Lord will be present in millions and millions of faithful hearts, giving double assurance that the tomb of Jesus of Nazareth is empty.

Children's Pleasure Column

Will you give me space again to answer the letter you printed last Sunday. But no one took time to answer my other letter, I noticed, after you promised to. Anyway, what I want to say this time is about the bad boys as I call 'em. Some like the word "delinquent" as being more educated. Anyway you call them they are here to stay, as I see it, so long as their mothers and fathers don't stay at home and look after them better.

Boys aren't born bad—but they bred bad. They get too much money and too little work. Parent-teachers nor nothing else can't make good children come out of bad homes, as I see it. Parents has just got to tend to their own business first and that business is raising up the children to be good citizens.

I do hold with you or good P. T. A. ladies in one thing anyway, you had ought to study and work with the authorities who have to take care of these bad boys after they go wrong but you should get in your licks first. Medford ain't so big but what you good ladies could watch out for the unfortunate children, their being so many of you and sort of mother along those in your own neighborhood and see that they have things to keep them self-respectful and happy as well as healthy.

There ain't anyone quite so handy and helpful as a good neighbor.

I ask your pardon for intruding again.

GRANDMA.
Grandma's letter is printed gladly. However, she is mistaken in one point—an answer was published to her first letter not long after it appeared. That goes to show that every one should read this column very week so nothing will be missed.

Parent-Teachers' Associations

Parent-Teacher Calendar for April
April 2nd—City Council Monday.
April 6th—Lincoln School—Friday.
April 7th—Jackson County Council—Saturday.
April 11th—Roosevelt School—Friday.
April 19th—High School—Thursday.
April 20th—Washington School—Friday.
April 26th—Junior High School—Thursday.
Note: High School P. T. A. meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19 at 3:15 for the election of officers.
Remember the date—Third Thursday.

To the Editor Parent-Teacher Column:
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Easter Message

The Lord is risen indeed.
Easter is the glory time of the year. It is in tune with life and love, vibrant with the springtime of hope and comfort and rich in the promise of immortality. It is the coronation day of the church, its anthem is the song of victory, its celebration is not only a memorial of the past but a prophecy of the future and our risen Lord is its glory.

On this day of days shall we not cry out from our hearts thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ and remember Paul's admonition at the close of his Easter chapter: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

A happy childhood is essential for moral development.

Hope Arose From Empty Tomb

Easter commemorates and incarnates the resurrection of Christ. It is the annual festival of eternal hope, inspired by that fact, "He is not here; for He is risen as He said. Come, see the place where the tomb was empty."

Christianity rose out of that empty tomb. Christian civilization with all of its physical, mental, moral and religious phenomena, rose out of it. Christianity is in architecture, sculpture, painting and music, comes from the same source. Philosophy and science follow a risen Lord. The uplifted moral and spiritual life of the individual and the world is a vital witness to this fact. Rain finds its radiant proof in blooming flowers. The resurrection of Christ finds similar proof in the growing life and institutions of Christianity. The human witness to the empty tomb is gone, but Christianity is a living witness giving incontrovertible proof of a risen Lord. Sin registered its verdict against Christ in the crucifixion, but the supreme court of the universe reversed this judgment in the resurrection.

God steps out of the shadow in the resurrection of Christ. The resurrection of Christ brought "immortality to light." The vague was darkened by doubt, was changed to the assurance of a dominant faith, and human despair was changed to radiant hope.

Let us try the pragmatic test. Does the theory of Christ's resurrection work? Emphatically, it does. Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker asserts, in the Houston Post. Put to the test of practical use, it accomplishes living results, and the truth of the theory is proved by the fact of Christianity, and the truth of Christianity is proved by the fact of Christ. The resurrection of Christ is rising into the heart of humanity, and one day the moral resurrection from the death of sin will be complete in a Christlike world. This is "the one far off divine event toward which the whole creation moves."

How rare your hyacinths this spring? Not so good? Maybe the soil isn't just right. They like a heavy but mellow spot—and it helps to put a little sand around the bulbs when planting them in the fall. Light, dry soil should have lots of well rotted manure worked into it deeply.

April is the best month to set out evergreens, and it's have a few. What's more cheerful in winter, with their cheerful green amid all the snow and cold. But keep off cedar which spreads disease to the orchard.

EASTER THIS SEASON OF LIGHT

A study of the word Easter yields a profitable harvest. The Anglo-Saxons had a goddess of light and spring whom they called Eostre, and from that came the word so dear to the Christian church.

It is related to the word East. The sun rises in the East and that is our daily source of light. It was natural that the goddess of light should be known as Eostre. But that only explains the light. This goddess has her honors in April and her day was celebrated in that month.

How easy to associate the germinating period with the resurrection. All foliage in those portions of earth recognized at the time of Christ, renews its life in the spring. During April the buds burst forth, the trees take on leaves and earth fructifies in every direction.

What one event ever gave more light to the darkened souls of man than the resurrection of the founder of Christianity? Christ arisen means both mental light and material regeneration and the word Easter is rich with significance.

It is a day of rejoicing because it signifies so much to the earth and its inhabitants, it is broader than doctrine, and appeals to awakened minds and bodies.

One can hardly conceive of an Easter in November, when vegetation dies and darkness begins its reign in latitudes where the prevailing faith had its origin.

Role of the Easter Egg

What a joy and relief it is again to use those delicious "many-egged" recipes without a twinge of conscience. Now that Easter and the fresh-egg season are here simultaneously, one may cook eggs in abundance without feeling extravagant.

I am giving below some of my own original egg recipes which add substantial and convincing variety to the daily spring menu:

Curried Eggs
Fry 2 onions, 2 small-sized sour apples and 2 tomatoes, all peeled and sliced, in 2 tablespoonsful of butter. Stir in 1/2 teaspoonful of curry powder, 2 tablespoonsful of flour, and salt and pepper to taste. Add 2 cupsful of boiling water, in which has been dissolved 1/2 teaspoonful of baking soda. Let simmer until vegetables are tender, then rub thru a sieve and return to the saucepan. Add 1 cupful of cream or evaporated milk. Cut 6 hard-cooked eggs into quarters and add to the sauce. Heat all together thoroughly, and serve with a border of rice, garnished with parsley. These quantities are sufficient for from four to six persons, depending upon their appetites.

Eggs in Ramekins
In the bottom of well-buttered ramekins put equal amounts of canned flaked fish (tuna fish or crab meat are excellent) and finely chopped canned or fresh mushrooms which have been sautéed in butter. Heat in the oven, then break a whole egg over each portion and return to oven, which should be very moderate. When eggs are set and firm, sprinkle each with salt and pepper, dot with small lumps of butter and garnish with pimiento strips. Serve in the ramekins with toast points on the side of each plate.

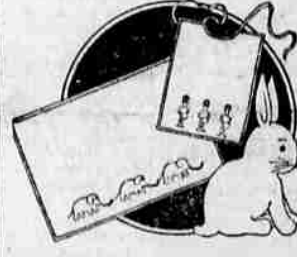
Baked Lima and Eggs
This unusual and delightful dish is prepared very simply. It requires 1 cupful of cooked baby lima beans; 1 cupful of lima stock (water in which limas were cooked); 1 cupful of evaporated milk; 2 tablespoonsful of butter; 2 tablespoonsful of flour or 1 of cornstarch; salt, pepper, and paprika to taste; 9 eggs.

Make a white sauce of the lima stock and milk thickened with the butter and flour rubbed to a paste. Season well. Add the limas, stir gently, and pour into a greased baking dish. Break the eggs whole into this sauce, and cover with buttered bread crumbs. Bake at 325 degrees until eggs are set. This dish may also be prepared in individual ramekins for a more formal occasion, such as a luncheon entrée. This recipe will serve nine.

Eggs au Gratin
Butter a casserole generously, and sprinkle the sides and bottom with grated Parmesan or American cheese. Into this break as many eggs as desired, seasoning well with salt, pepper, paprika and 1/2 teaspoonful of onion juice. A tablespoonful of kitchen bouquet or Worcestershire sauce may also be added if favored. Put into a slow oven until eggs begin to cook, remove and pour over them 1 can of vegetable soup, undiluted, and 1 cupful of evaporated milk thickened with 1 teaspoonful of cornstarch. Cover top liberally with grated cheese and minced parsley. Bake slowly in oven until a light brown on top, and serve with fried toast bits.

Once more in misted April
The world is growing green;
Along the winding river
The plume willows lean.
And in my sister's garden
Where little breezes run,
The golden daffodillies
Are blowing in the sun.
—Bliss Carmen.

ALL FOR BABY



Milk and mush take on quite an air of military authority when three wooden cross-stitch soldiers stand on guard to see that they are all eaten up, while not even the fussiest child can help eating a heavy meal with such an imposing array of elephants in front of him. This amusing bib and cloth to protect the baby cloth at the child's place are quickly and inexpensively made out of an empty flour bag. A single bag, measuring 36x42 inches, and to be bought for a few cents from almost any baker, will make three bibs, one cover and a small animal pillow, stuffed with cotton and worked in colors with an outline stitch. To remove the stamping, cover the inked spots with lard or soak them in kerosene overnight. Then wash the bag out in lukewarm water. The edges of the bibs and cover are button-holed or bound with colored bias tape. The beauty of these articles for the smallest members of the family is that they can be washed any number of times, or even boiled, and only grow softer and whiter with time.

EASTER HOPE

While the thought of death
fills our hearts with sorrow,
The Easter hope fills us with
joy and cheer, we come to
know that we shall live again
and renew the fellowship of
earth's loved ones. We read
that in ancient times when a
king wished to raise a man to
knighthood he struck him
lightly with a sword and
pronounced him noble. So,
death is but the soft sword
touch by which the Eternal
King elevates His faithful
servants to knight errantry of
Heaven.

Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons of men and angels say:
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.
Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won!
Lo! the Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal
Christ hath burst the gates of hell,
Death in vain forbids His rise!
Christ hath opened Paradise!
Lives again our glorious King;
Where O Death, is now thy sting?
Once He died, our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O Grave?
—Charles Wesley.

Wool, etamine, a basket-weave, rather open fabric of the long ago, has found favor in the sight of several makers of sports clothes.