

**EASTER AND EGGS
LONG ASSOCIATED**

*For Centuries Have Been
Season's Symbols.*

The relation between eggs and Easter does not seem far-fetched when it is remembered that the Easter festival is a celebration of life and that the egg is, perhaps, the most striking symbol of life, with its wonderful possibilities of development. This symbolical conception of it can be traced back to ancient times. One of the Roman games was racing on an oval track for eggs as prizes, and this was in honor of Castor and Pollux, the twins who had come forth from an egg laid by the Swan Lena. In an expense account dating back to the time of Edward I of England is the item: "Eighteen pence for 400 eggs to be used for Easter gifts." Much farther back than that the egg was considered the emblem of the resurrection. The custom of coloring the shells was probably the grafting of the art instinct upon the Easter observance. It once found much more elaborate expression than now, when sentimental inscriptions and beautiful designs were etched into the colors.

Many customs and superstitions have grown up around the Easter observance. Suckling's verse:

*But, oh, she dances such a way
No sun upon an Easter day
Is half so fine a sight,*

borrowing meaning when we know that, according to an old belief, the sun in the heavens danced on Easter morning in joy for the resurrection. The Scotch tradition was still more specific, and claimed that the god of day whirled around like a cartwheel and gave three leaps, and these performances were solemnly argued about by wisecracks. Another belief was that as it shines or rains on Easter day so will it shine or rain a little every day in the year, and an old couplet ran:

*A good deal of rain on Easter day
Gives a good crop of grass, but little
good hay.*

If the wind on that day was in the east, one should draw Easter water (whatever that may be) and bathe in it to prevent ill effects from the east wind. An old English custom was to wear a new article of dress on Easter Sunday to insure good fortune in love affairs during the coming year. The Easter hat is probably a relic of that practice. Still another custom was to court good luck by putting out all fires on Easter eve and lighting them afresh.

Constantine, the Christian emperor of Rome, first invested the observance of Easter with pomp. The day was distinguished by the most elaborate ceremonies in the churches, and by night not only the churches but the city itself was illuminated by a multitude of gigantic candles or wax pillars in an attempt to outshine the day.

At the Empty Tomb



*"Ye seek Jesus, who was
Crucified . . . He is Not
Here: for He is Risen, as He
Said."*
—Matt. xxiii: 5-6.



Glad Message of Hope

In a world where there is much that is dreary and sad there is yet the message of Easter with its hope and good cheer. How hopeless the world would be if the life of the Master had closed with the crucifixion! How sublime it becomes when the life is crowned with the resurrection! We are living today in a world of subtle influence. We now realize more than ever the universality of truth. Even science has taught us the presence of laws whose workings are as invisible as the miracles of Biblical times.

Life's True Meaning

The present life gets its meaning from the life that is to come. Human life comes to beauty and dignity and power only as it is lived for eternal things.

AN EASTER GREETING!

THE lark at sunrise trills on high,
The greeting, Christ is risen!
And through the woods the blackbird pipes,
The greeting, Christ is risen!
From 'neath the eaves the swallows cry,
The greetings, Christ is risen!
Throughout the world man's heart proclaims
The greeting, Christ is risen!
And echo answers from the grave,
In truth, He is risen.
—Martha G. D. Balneht.

**SOUND PRINCIPLES
FOR ALLIED DEBTS**

**Payments to America Should Be
Guided by Dawes Plan,
Says C. E. Mitchell.**



The fundamental principles of the Dawes plan for settling the European war debt question are applicable to the problem of the Allied debts to the United States, Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City Bank of New York, declares in an article in the American Bankers Association Journal. Mr. Mitchell says:

"Debts between nations are always a source of international trouble, and I consider it of great importance that our own economic as well as political relations with such countries as France, Belgium and Italy may be improved by an early adjustment of their debts to our own national government.

Country Endorsed Dawes Plan
"I hope that we are gradually learning that such debts, if unduly forced, may result more calamitously to the commercial interests of our own country than to those of the debtor country. This talk of forcing payment of 'every dollar to the last penny,' is commercially unwise. I think we may assume that the Dawes plan has had the indorsement of the American people through their election of General Dawes to the Vice Presidency of the United States. That plan is one that establishes fundamental principles which may be applied in considering the debts of one nation to another resulting from war.

"The first principle, as I see it, is that the yoke of the war debt shall not be held as a burden upon the people beyond the generation that had to do with the war. This principle is clearly intimated in the fact that the industrial and railway debentures which form the principal security and means of payment of the debt carry 5 per cent interest with 1 per cent amortization, which means that such obligations are to be over a period of about thirty-six years.

An Invitation to Trouble
"Any attempt to force the carrying of such debt burdens to the second and third generations is but an engraved invitation to further trouble. "The second principle is that the debtor country shall be taxed to the limit while the debt remains, but in no event to a point where its economic structure collapses under the strain, and, further, that the nationals of the debtor country shall in no case have a lesser burden of taxation upon them than have the nationals of the creditor country—another principle the soundness of which cannot be questioned.

"The third principle is that with such taxes collected, payments therefrom shall be made to the creditor country to such an extent only as they can be made without disrupting international exchange and commerce. The soundness of this last is apparent on its face.

"These I regard as the fundamental principles of the Dawes plan, and all of the hundreds of pages of the so-called Dawes report are devoted to setting up the machinery by which these principles can be put into effect.

"If these principles are accepted as sound then they must also be sound principles by which the payment of the debts of allied countries to us shall be determined, and we would best apply such a yardstick as our measure, rather than attempt to make popular the slogan of 'every dollar to the last penny.' In the adjustment of our foreign relations, essential to the development of increased export and import trade, there can be no problem of greater importance than reaching a sound and final conclusion as to this irritating question of the debts of allied countries to ourselves."

**ADVERSITY A STIMULANT
TO GOOD FARMING**

An interesting experience is told by Dean Dodson of a Louisiana farmer who was just about breaking even in growing cotton. One day his wife fell seriously ill and was obliged to go to the hospital. A little later his daughter was also taken to the hospital. Before he was through with this experience he was confronted with a bill for \$2,200. What was he to do?

Like a good business man he began to figure how he might increase his income and cut down his expenses. He had a few cows that he kept for raising calves. He started to milk these and sell the product. He had some cull potatoes that were unsalable. He fed these to his cows and some pigs which he was able to buy right. Other waste products were utilized in the same manner. In the garden he had more turnips than he needed for his own use. These he sorted, selling the best and feeding the poor ones. He consulted with his merchants as to what garden crops he might profitably grow for the local market.

He figured that he had some idle land that he might use in growing grain and hay. He enlarged his flock of poultry and took better care of it. He was more careful in the use of his auto and saved a considerable sum that ordinarily went for gasoline. By taking advantage of the increased sources of income and by cutting out unnecessary expenses he was able by the end of the year to pay off his hospital bill, and in the meantime had discovered the secret of sound and successful farming.—*Banker-Farmer.*

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 - Song Male Quartette
 - Prayer Rev. Herrmann
 - Song Miss Betty Culver
 - A Missionary Pageant, "A Living Christ for All"
Presented by Evangelical Missionary Society
 - Prologue Mrs. Chas. Malmsten
 - Doorkeeper Mr. Sidney Malmsten
 - Christianity Mrs. Drakeford Smith
 - China Group Mrs. Shirley Hall, Speaker
Mrs. Vera Jones
 - Japan Group Mrs. Chris Nicar, Speaker
Mrs. C. L. Brock
Mrs. Judson Weed
 - Indian Group Mrs. Brindle, Speaker
Mrs. Aldrich
Mrs. Holtsinger
 - African Group Mrs. Albert Parker, Speaker
Mrs. J. R. Laramore
Mrs. Johns
 - Latin-American Group Mrs. Dave Marshall, Speaker
Mrs. Ed. Condit
Mrs. Gladys Smith
Mrs. Strong
 - Immigrant Group Mrs. Culbertson, Speaker
Mrs. Linquist
Mrs. Greener
Mrs. Enstrom
Mrs. Snyder
 - Indian Group Mrs. Willing
Mr. Willing, Speaker
Mrs. Sidney Malmsten
 - Church Mrs. Lee Hall
 - Volunteers Ray Mills, Burford Wilkerson,
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