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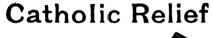
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## THE SPRING BONNET', and a new permoner resument the other

were new bonnets.

a habit that all follow who can, and

EASTER BONNET, 1794.

tion, and if any sacrifice is made in the

offering of a new suit of spring garments

and a beautiful and becoming Easter

bonnet the fair wearer will endure it

cepted as a necessary part of Easter,

a thing of beauty and joy forever to

EASTER MARBLES.

bles played only at Easter. The Easter

eggs are cut off squarely, perhaps one-

third of the distance from the broad

end. They are then set up, say, three or

four feet from the wall and in triangular

positions. Three or four may be set at

once. Sides are chosen if there are more

than two players. Then the children

roll their marbles with a deft thud

against the wall or baseboard. If in

to which the marble belongs. Then the

opposite side must "set up," and the

captured by one side. Candy animals

and cake people who are able to stand

alone are often victims in this war of

RIVALS IN BUSINESS.

boys met. There was no need of a ver-

bal challenge. No. 1 held his champion

egg, a poem of sky blue and crimson,

firmly. No. 2 waved back his answer

with his red, white and blue unbreaka-

The small ends of the gay eggs clicked

together. How much depended on the

But no crunch of weaker egg followed.

The two gladiators eyed one another.

And they parted, for though rivalry

is the life of commerce there is such

THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS.

"What's yourn?"

was quite a success.

one I ever had.

Mande-Yes. It is the most expensive

CURIOUS CUSTOMS IN LONDON.

Many quaint methods were devised by

the founders of old English charities for

promoting happiness among their bene-

ficiaries at Eastertide. Good Friday and

service at a church in Lombard street, in

the midst of the great banks, and after-

church in West Smithfield, and 21 wid-

ows each pick up a new sixpence from a

tomb in the churchyard, a custom that

AN UNWELCOME EASTER KISS.

Russia is not the only country in which

the early Christian custom of kissing all

comers at Easter survives. In North-

umberland, England, the men still claim

a kiss or a silver sixpence from every

woman they meet in the streets. In the

town of Bedlington last year at Easter a

coal miner was sued for kissing a wom

an and pleaded the old custom. He was

released b; the justices, who informed

the complainant that "if she did na'

waant Geordie's kiss she could ha' gien

ORIGIN OF EASTER.

tianity. The name by which we know

cient Saron goddess of spring, Eastre.

meaning to the observance of the day,

but it has retained its ancient name.

Easter is said to be older than Chris-

is said to be 500 years old.

him a siller saxpence."

ward receive each a bag of raisins, one

"Boxwood."

"Chiney. What's yourn?"

thing as ruinous competition.

On the street on Easter morning two

German children have a game of mar-

OLIVE HARPER.

WHY IT USUALLY BLOSSOMS FORTH ON EASTER SUNDAY.

Olive Harper Writes of the Origin and Evolution of the Easter Bonnet-Some Samples of the Hats Worn by Our Grandmothers.

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Probably nine persons out of ten, if asked how the habit of appearing in new garments, and particularly bonnets, on Easter Sunday originated, would speak ter, and then everything symbolizes the of it as one evolved from a desire to return of spring as well as the resurreccommemorate in a measure the rising of our Lord, and to be clothed outwardly anew as a symbol of refreshed and renewed faith and a sign of rejoicing. But it is not due to that, though probably that is the sentiment actuating the fain of today when they don their pretty new clothes, and, above all, their Easter bon-

To say Easter bonnet brings to the mind the undefined sense of early spring, blue skies, the scent of lilacs, and out of this dim and misty haze materializes the image of a lovely girl with tender eyes heavy with reverent tears, standing mute and sweet in church, with a vision of beauty in the form of a mixture of lace and flowers and glistening ribbons overshadowing her brow.

The beginning of the Easter bonnel pure and simple is lost, for the Christian church took its rise in countries where women do not and never did wear bonnets. When after many centuries women began to wear a settled head covering, no particular importance was at tached to Easter Sunday as requiring such an emblem, and it never has obtained in any countries but France, Eng. land and America, and of late years a very little in Italy. This, however, has been on account of the example foreign visitors have set.

In almost all of the foreign countries women wear fewer clothes than they wear here, and the habit has generally been to renew their wardrobes in the spring, and as settled weather was never-



expected until the latter part of April they did not wear their garments until then, and as Easter is a great holiday the women by a natural transition wore their new things on that day as we do on the Fourth of July. Little by little the habit spread, and France took it up. I find a proof of this in an old French book of fashions, "There may be dames who now refrain from wearing their new bonnets for the spring until Easter Sunday, as until then the weather is unset

And in that same book I find an illus tration of a bonnet of the most fearfu and wonderful shape, described in these words,"In this bonnet art makes wealth ashamed.

In this book, which is "Cabinet dea Modes," published in April, 1786, is first mentioned the Easter bonnet, as "a black chapeau a la Maltaise. It is bordered with a ribbon en diademe; the crown surrounded with a bunch of rose colored crape, forming several knots; aigre formed of black cock's plumes and one large tuft of white plumes." With this is worn a "large gauze fichu, trimmed with a scalloped ruffle. Bouquet of roses hair hanging behind a la conseillere with a curl on each shoulder."

The remarkable hats published here with are from the papers of the periodviz., 1785, 1786 and 1794—and with them are worn the robe en fourreau, the robe en chemise and the redingete ajustee and keen eyes can find many points of re

semblance to our present modes. I cannot leave the "Cabinet des Modes" of 1786 without making one delicious ex tract, which proves that the gushing fashion writer is not of modern growth "Our merchants of fashion make the past and will make the future centuries ashamed as they will necessarily degen erate, because that is always the fate of that which has reached perfection."



EASTER HAT, 1786.

In Pepys' "Diary," written in 1664, find several mentions of Easter Sunday and services at church, and the dear old gossip says next to nothing of Easter bonnets the nearest approach to it be ing where he says, "My wife dressed her self, it being Easter day," and speaks of her wearing "her new gown, which is in deed very fine with lace, and this morn ing her tailor brought home her other new laced silk gown, with a smaller lace

#### FASHION'S MIRROR. day-both very pretty." In another place

The new swallow tail directoire cost above he speaks of his own new suit for Easter the shortened, expanded dress skirt will be but never mentions bonnets. But women smartly worn this spring by slender women. having been women from the beginning. The skirt portions of all the new spring it is certain that with the new dresses jackets are much widened at the back and slightly on the sides to admit of their fall-The fashion of Easter bonnets is more

ing easily over the enlarged dress skirts. generally observed in this country than The shoulder seam having been so much any other and in large cities more than lengthened, it follows that sloping shoulders in smaller places: still it has come to be will once again assert their claims to recognition, for the second empire bodice is hard ly compatible with the square shouldered everywhere, if the weather is fine, new

The decorations are put up in the The new dress skirts measure from four to six yards in width around the bottom, churches at Christmas and left till Easand the woman who decides upon the skirt with the latter measurement must also consent to wear its inevitable accompaniment—the hoopskirt.

> The most popular chevoits this season have a very rough surface and show wide diagonals. The styles and colors are in great variety, and among them a soft and peculiarly beautiful shade of greenish gray s remarked; also a tan color of great delicacy of tint. Very pretty surahs, bengalines and mer-

veilleux satins, dotted with silk of a contrasting color, are made up into dressy toilets that have a rather full medium length skirt and low cut corselet, with guimpe and balloon sleeves of plain silk the color of the dot.

Oriental red is the name given to a new street shade of that color which appears in cloth vigogne bourette wools and silk and wool mixtures. It is a handsome dye between that of a deep crimson rose and a rich dahlia color. It is remarkably becoming to both fair and dark women.—New York Evening Post.

### SOME FAMOUS PHRASES.

and make no sign. From a bunch of "A thing of beauty is a joy forever" is flowers, through many phases, the Easfrom Keats. ter bonnet has passed until now it is ac-

Harel said, "Speech was given to man to disguise his thoughts." "Variety's the very spice of life that gives

it all its flavor' is Cowper's. "The pen is mightier than the sword" the saying of Bulwer Lytton.

"Rose like a rocket and fell like its stick" was said by Thomas Paine of Burke.

Mme. Cornuel was the original author of the phrase, "No man is a hero to his valet!" "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die" was the pretty saying of Campbell, and suffering of the crucifixion. The and his also is, "Coming events cast their

shadow before. "The heartothat has truly loved never forgets" belongs to Tom Moore; so does "The luxury of woe" and "The trail of the serpent is over them all."

the rebound a marble touches one of the Some of Burns' gems: "The best lai schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley. "But pleasures are like poppies spread; you seize the flower, its bloom is shed." "Man's game is only won when all the eggs are inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." "The rank is but the guinea stamp; a man's a man for a' that."

> Here are a few of Pope's: "Shoot folly as she flies." "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." "An honest man's the noblest work of god." "Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined." "Who shall decide when doctors disagree?" "A little learning is a dangerous thing." "To err is human; to forgive, divine." "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

### CROWN AND SCEPTER.

Princess Victoria is the most thoroughly English of all the children of Empress Frederick, both as regard tastes and appear-

by a Brussels house, which keeps models of That black sheep of the royal house of

The Prince of Wales, who is rarely un-

Bourbon, Prince Pascal, count de Bari Mrs. Mackay's daughter. So great is the popularity of Duke Carl Theodore of Bavaria, who practices as a

physician, that last year he attended over 5,000 patients and performed 200 operations for diseases of the eye. A peculiar feature of the madness of the ill fated ex-Empress Carlotta of Mexico is that she requires a fresh pair of pearl gray, 2-button kid gloves on rising every morn-

ing throughout the year. Queen Victoria's pink pearls, Empress Frederick's seven rows of pure white pearls and Grand Duchess Marie of Russia's superb necklace of the same gems rank among

the most valuable jewels in Europe.

The Empress Frederick of Germany has succeeded in bringing about a reconciliation between Emperor William and the Duchess of Sparta, the emperor's favorite sister. The estrangement was because of a religious dispute.

## FLOWER AND TREE.

The roots of cannas should be taken up

Clara-I thought your Easter gown after the tops have been killed by frost. The largest cork oak tree of California is growing at Campo Seco, Calaveras county. and measures 7 feet 11 inches in circum-

The Stanford vineyard at Vina, Tehama county, Cal., is the largest in the world, covering six square miles and numbering 3,500,000 vines.

If your pansies are allowed to perfect seed, they will be sure to "die out," as the Easter customs in this old country are plants exhaust themselves. If you want numerous and curious. For instance, in flowers, you must keep the seed pods cut London 60 of the youngest boys of off. Christ's Hospital school attend divine Vanilla is an orchid, which, in the West

Indies, creeps over trees and walls like ivy.

A substance called salep, somewhat resembling arrowroot or sago, is obtained from new penny and one bun at the old priory the tubers of a variety that grows in Tur-To rid your flowerpots of worms, dissolve half an ounce of corrosive sublimate in a quart of water; add a tablespoonful of this to a gallon of water, and water the plants not oftener than once a week, taking care not to pour it on the leaves. If there are any worms, they will scramble to the

## RAILWAY RUMBLES.

Compound engines are daily coming into more general use on the lines having heavy

The gross cost of all the railway lines in New Zealand, opened and unopened, up to the 31st of last March was £15,497,783. Superintendent McGuire, of the eastern division of the Erie, began railroading as a

road. The Pennsylvania is equipping the New York and Amboy division with a new sig nal system which is operated by electricity

water boy on the western division of that

the day is identical with that of the an-To avoid accidents the Delaware, Lack awanna and Western has placed men both The early missionaries gave a Christian night and day on the principal grade crossings between Hoboken and Hackettstown. DR. DOSSERT'S JUBILEE MASS.

On Easter Sunday He Directed the Choir

at St. Peter's In Rome. Easter Sunday, for the first time in the history of St. Peter's in Rome, a young American, Frank J. Dossert, organist of St. Stephen's church, New York, had the privilege of directing the great choir which sang the mass composed by himself in honor of the jubilee of our holy father, Leo XIII. The pope himself officiated at this mass, which was celebrated with all the magnificence of the papal

Dr. Dossert composed the mass a few months ago in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the pope's consecration, and last September he went to Rome to present his composition to him. Through the influence of Cardinal Hohenlohe, who examined the mass, Dr. Dossert was was beautifully written and bound in and leaves no unpleasant effects. the same color. On the back the coat of arms of the pope, was exquisitely and delicately painted.

A Valuable Book on Nervous Discourse of the pope, was exquisitely and delicately painted. cately painted.

It was presented in a box of yellow wood lined with silk. Our holy father received the young composer most graciously, thanking him for his tribute and the manner in which it was presented.

Dr. Dossert's mass aims at combining in harmonious union the grand devotional spirit of the great reformer of church music-Palestrina-with the juster and more harmless elements to be found in modern music. The "Kyrie," a double figure, is severe in character, the themes of which are nevertheless appealing and tender and are fully worked out. The "Gloria" is full of life, vigor and freshness, and contains many religious and beautiful effects, notably the andanta movement of the "Domine Fili" which follows the spirited opening allegro.

The "Credo," the longest number of the mass, contains an exquisite chorus for female voices on the words "Et incarnatus est," written in pure old Italian style, and an impressive male chorus-"Crucifixus"—which is followed by an orchestral episode depicting the anguish passages are said to be the most effective in the work. The "Sanctus" is majestic and grand and reaches a climax on the "Hosannas," which follow, and which form a most delightful figure of the most joyous character. The "Agnus Dei." which concludes the work, is quiet, devotional and suggestive of the peace which is so earnestly petitioned.—Exchange.

The Slanderer. Look at that man there in the dark backbiting and slandering. He has sharpened his tongue in a snake's sting. and his bite is the snake's venomous bite. A noble, unblemished reputation has been meanly belied, utterly ruined That man there in the dark did it, and he lifts up his head in society, and he is looked upon as an honorable man and soundly does he sleep! As for the slandered, ruined character, what a wretchedness is coming right down upon it! Behold the dark future looming yonder! That man with a reputation stained and gone is dead socially; society takes no notice of him any more. That womgloved when awake, has all his gloves made | an with a reputation stained and gone feels as if life be not worth living any more. Poor victim of slander! there is another life as surely as there is a just God. Just wait for God's own time: justice must and shall have its course.-Bishop of Natchitoches.

## Catholic Generosity.

Under Queen Mary the Irish Catholics had supreme power in Ireland, yet they gave an asylum to the Protestants who fled from the persecution in England. This is a fact that cannot be argued away by theories. It is idle to surg st that this was a factitious liberality founded on opposition to English policy-a perverse spirit of charity based on treason. They saw in the preceding reigns the great religious foundations-founded by the piety and munificence of their ancestors for the church and the poorgranted to grasping courtiers and nobles. In their persons and property they had experienced what persecution meant. They could have had no prophetic insight to inform them that in a short time there would be a Protestant reaction, and that it would be wise in time to make friends of the mammon of unrighteousness.-Catholic World.

## The Mendicant Orders.

In the compte rendu by The Moniteur de Rome of the pope's reply to the religious orders the reporter causes the holy father to place St. Benedict among the founders of the mendicant orders. The four ancient orders which at their institution renounced the possesson of wealth, and which are known as the "Quattro Mendicanti." are the Dominicans, Franciscans, Carmelites and Augustinians. However, in point of fact the Franciscans only should be called mendicants, because they are so by their rule itself, the others only by virtue of constitution added to their rule. Benedictines have never been numbered among the mendicant orders.

## To Erin.

Dear Erin, how sweetly I whispered thy name, As I worship at memory's shrine!

My heart's fondest love sheds the tenderest flame

When 'tis beating responsive to thine. Though sorrow envelops thy form in gloom I behold through the darkness a ray Of light that's foretelling dark tyranny's doom And the dawn of thy happier day.

Oh, breathes under heaven a child of thine own Who'll not weep to behold thee oppressed? Unworthy he'd be of a shelter or home In the lands where thy children are blest.

For me, 'tis the fondest request that my heart Can e'er wast to the throne of its God. That I'll witness the bonds of thy sorrow apart, Ere I'm sleeping at rest 'neath the sod.

Dear Erin, my love for thee ne'er shall grow And though others prove faithless to thee Twill still be the tenderest wish of my soul To behold thee uprisen and free, And, oh! that 'twere mine to remove from thy

The deep clouds of oppression's dark night and shed o'er the poor bleeding heart the bright rays Of fair liberty's beautiful night.



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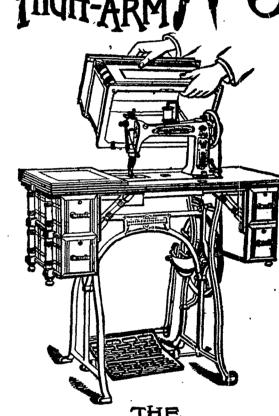


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