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Baster time is the flower growers harvest. The work of a whole year in some instances is directed toward pro ducing a large number of flowers which will be specially in demand a. this season. So universal has the use of flowers become at this great religi or nowers become at this great rengt ous festival and during the days which immediately follow that fabulous prices are paid and in some instances it is impossible to supply the demant in some of the large cities. A great number of plants and flowers are used in decorating the churches many are in decorating the churches, many art sent as presents to friends while the number of tlowering plants which are employed in home decorations is some thing beyond computation. The use of flowers in the observance of Easter has been increasing rapidly during recent years. It is not very long ago that florists noticed no great difference in their sales during the season. but now they prepare for it many weeks in advance. In any enumeration of flowers which

are most sought after at Easter perhaps the first place should be given to Easter display. Its immense clusters the Bermuda, or Easter lily. There is of light plak flowers often measure something about the pure white of this twelve inches in circumference and beflower and the gracefulness of the ing of a color which shows equally plant upon which it grows that makes it extremely popular. Bermuda is the home of the illy and it is claimed that nowhere else can they be grown so a very fine variety, baying beautiful so early, rapidly and successfully. By pursuing certain methods in their cultivation they can be made to bloom as early as December but the main crop comes in February and early spring. Then whole fields of blooming lilles may be seen, while the air is scented by them for long distances. Those who grow lilies in Bermuda regard them the same as they do potatoes or onions. They are not expert florists but plant their lilies with more care than they do common vegetables but owing to the peculiarities of the soil and climate they nearly always have a good crop. They can cultivate their fields any month of the year and there is never any frosts, only genial sunshine, which is just what the lilies want. The lilies which are sold at Easter time are, as a rule, grown from bulbs brought from Bermuda. No matter whether Easter is late or early the lilies are brought into bloom for use on the Sunday which commemorates the ascension of our Lord. The blooming of the flowers is bastened or retarded by regulating the temperature of the greenhouses where they are under cultivation. The Bermuda lily is a special favorite in church decorations and they remain in condition for some days, which adds to their popularity. The plants grow to a height of four feet and bear from plants are the favorite for this purpose four to seven snow white blossom. 42 and it is common sight at this season



Next to the Bermuda lily the azalea

is possibly the most popular plant at this season. It bears a profusion of bright flowers which will keep fresh and beautiful from four to six weeks. The principal colors are white, crimson and white and pink shaded. Ghent in Belgium is the true home of this plant. There it finds better conditions for growth than anywhere else in the world. Great quantities of the plant are sent to this country during October and are placed under cultivation in the greenhouses. Azaleas are sold at other seasons of the year, however, being being much sought after for weddings and for decorations at other festal occasions. A peculiarity of this plant is that the older it grows the more luxuriant are the blossoms until some of the largest plants are perfect marvels of bloom. No Easter celebration would be com-

plete without violets. The ladies wear them as corsage bouquets, the gentlemen wear them in their buttonholes and they are employed in table decorations and in a variety of other ways. The cultivation of this flower has increased greatly during recent years until it is as much of a favorite as the rose. A large part of the violet crop is grown by small gardeners who come to market daily, bringing their stock in baskets. It has been said of this flower that all humanity loves it. "In its lowly, unostentatious fragance, which tells you where the the blossom is hidden before your eyes rest upon it, it is like a gentle woman whose soul has in it the fragrance of good deeds whereof the right hand knows not what the left hand does, who is sent into this world sometimes to teach us what angels are." Three violets are known to us here-the great purple, the small

and the Jewish Passover seldom fall on the same day. The last time they did so was in 1825, on the 3d of April.

FLOWERS OF EASTER gray and the white. The great purple is not indigenous. It came originally from Cornics and is the flower of the Bons. partes. It brought to the head of that WHAT CAN BE DONE IF YOUR TOUCH family the first news of his coming IB ANTIST C. the dower he loved best and it was



incorporated into their coat of arms. The hydrangen also makes a fine well by daylight or gaslight the plant is much sought after for church and other decorations. Hydrangea rosea is rose colored blosso is. The cultivators have a way of changing the color of the flowers to a blue by mixing iron filings with the soil where the plants are grown during the summer, and when potted by watering them with ulum water.

Another popular flower for Easter decorations is the genista. The foliage is beautiful and it bears a canary col-ored blossom which remains fresh for a long time. The plant is excellent for placing in the parlor for the reason that it is not much affected by superheated dwellings which are the curse

of this age in large cities. The florists have a system by which flowers may be sent by telegraph or in other words a Brooklyn florist who belongs to the association who take telegraphic orders, will sell you an Easter conquet to be presented to a young lady, at a certain address in Boston. for instance. The florist telegraphs the order to a correspondent in Boston and the same day the bouquet is duly presented. A great deal of this kind of business is done at Easter time. Flowers have come so generally into use us Easter gifts that the makers of Baster cards have noticed a considerable decline in the demand for their wares. Bunches of roses and violets, axaela vindows of private ces beautifully decorated with potted plants of bouquets of flowers, Many are also sent to the hospitals or to sick beds, where they are doubly welcomed.

Easter Gifts:

One of the prettlest customs of the rear is the giving of Easter gifts. Unike Christmas, these presents at Easter are never supposed to be expensive. They are rather a little reminder of the happy Easter time, and a sign from the giver to the receiver that one is thinking of the other.

Of course there are many different kinds of gifts, and perhaps the most conspicuous are those prepared in the shape of eggs. These are not the only gifts that you can appropriately make for this time of the year. The presents described here are easily made, with almost no expense, and you will find that they will be very acceptable to those you decide to send them to, because they will be the result of your own labor and thought, and that is the best part of giving.

A handy trifle for the serving table:

is a simple flatiron. Gild the upper part but leave the face untouched. Wind the bandle with a woolen strip covered by a ribbon, or bias strips of fancy silk, in one end of the bowknot stitch a thimble-case, in the other end a place to hold blunt scissors. Choosen heavy iron and it will be always in use It will have sewing pinned to the handle for swift running and hemming, or else it will be engaged in pressing sea moss or flowers, or hording papers together. But very often it will have thimble, scissors and needles removed, and it will be heated to smooth out ugly wrinkles in cloth or to dry and press a sponged spot. It will absolutely renovate twisted whale-bones by dry-pressing the bodice or corsets on the wrong side. Use in tailor fashion—that is, bang down the fron firmly and bear upon it.

For stick-pins and hat-pins a cushion may be ornamented by a china doll fastened to a circular pasteboard. Around the "sitting-down doll" is a soft ring of curled hair, and this is

and they will concur again in 1903, on the 12th of April. Easter is, therefore, called a movable festival and on its date depends the time of keeping Lent, being forty days before, and also the ascension, forty days after Easter. Be dess of spring, survived, to a certain with simplicity but exceeding learning and customs of a pagan may dered by the urban American in these ture, which had become established in days, in the form of fine raiment and ture, which had become established in days, in the form of fine raiment and ture, which had become established in days, in the form of fine raiment and observance which in heathen times observance which in heathen times call art as a dazzing creature day ascension, forty days after Easter. Be dess of spring, survived, to a certain with simplicity but exceeding learning the content of the proposed the proposed to the proposed to the proposed by the urban American in these days, in the form of fine raiment and days, in the form of fine properties.

### EGG DECORATING.

Some Quality Island Which Are Easlly Carried Into Largutten-Mow Good Trate and Humor May Be Increasurely De-played By Skillfel Bands

Should egg shell work ever become popular it must be introduced at this sesson when eggs are so cheal that it costs but little to experiment with them; A foreign paper declars that this form of fancy work is becoming fashionable and that it lends used to artistic designs, which at first might

seem incredible.
Toe materials for making a school master consist of an empire egg shell a frill of white tissue paper, a little cardboard and enough black stilk to cover the cap. These, with some very strong clear gunt or glue are the stock in trade, with a little black paper to cover the white enviloant of the tiny stand. This latter is made from a small square of cardboard one inch and a half square and on it is gived a round of cardboard one lach high and two inches and a half in length before it is joined together for a collar. The fall of white tissue paper is three quarters of an inch high and the size of the treucher board across is two inches and a half. There is a tassel, of course, made of strands of black allk and this



allk, with which the cap is covered, ninst be of a dull description of size it will bear no resemblance to the origi-nal cloth. Of course, the egg itself is the head, the features being drawn

with black ink.
The gray bat is a clever and original design, composed of black paper such an eggshell, also stained black, India ink or a very good black ink being used. The egg forms the body of the hat. The measure eigh inches from



tip to tip: The paper has a fold in it which forms the feet of the part finis is strongly gived to the back of the org. shell and a string is also fastened for it to hang by. Two thay pointed please of paper are stuck on as ears, and a touch of Chinese white is given for the eyes, nose and mouth.

Another novelty is the embroidered

egg. It is soaked in vinegar to make it



a little soft before working and the work is done with the finest needles procurable. The small unevennesses in the surface of the egg are the salest places in which to plant a stitch.

For those who like work that care be done quickly and who enjoy a joke the artist presents some ideas which require only a few strokes of pens or pencil and some simple paper cutting.

Around the "sitting-down doll" is a soft ring of curled hair, and this is placed in the center of soft gay-colored silk. The silk is then drawn up tightly and gathered like a Loie Fuller gown around hiss Dolly's breast.—Harper's boild because though they spen to discount from the entities of Bastor the strength of the property of th Easter Morning.

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