EASTER POEM

could deny all he pleased. Miss Van the Lord of life forever won victors

she was to wear at church on Easter er time ensue. and the creation from Paris that was sone! She read the hateful lines:

Not from a moss grown garden, yet from a forest hilly, Net from flower stand, Not florist's hand Doth come my Easter tily, But fresh from the shop of the

And the ladies' tallor really.
In flources and ribbons and bilks, She comes, my Easter Hy

tained for Mr. Frankfort or he would life from death, as it were



sponsive rendings in the prayer book. festival

The sermon was unusually dry. Miss Van Brunt tried to amuse herself and keep from turning her head toward

He comes, my Easter Billie!

a short time afterward and read.

She is so radiant, fair and sweet, Yet she spurns me and is chilly Because of magazine verse Four months old or worse, Writ before I knew my Lille.

It is said to be a sin to steal a pin. home with Mr. Frankfort.





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Nhat They Symbolize in Various Countries-Blessed in Italy. There are many superstitions in con

188 Lillian Van Brunt has a custom of celebrating it peculiar had quite made up her mind to itself; but, while each varies, they statees, to speak to Mr. all units to observe the spirit of spring. William Frankfort time, and all Christians rejoice that Brunt knew
And when Miss And Brunt knew
anything there was nothing would
change her opinion. Miss Van Brunt
had seen the verses in the magazine
herself As she read them she realized
at once that Mr Frankfort had well.

at once that Mr. Frankfort had write by priests to strengthen the hopes of tien them. She remembered how she the people that the bleak, cold days of had talked to him of the new gown winter might soon cease and a bright-

The Persians believed that the earth to adorn her head. And then what a despicable thing Mr. Frankfort had was hatched from an immense egg on Easter morning. The Aryans also believed the sun to be a large golden joy to many a ship, and, glancing -are represented by monks. egg which was constantly rolling near er to the earth.

With the Jews, says the Delineator, the egg became a type of their rescue from the fand of bondage, and in their feast of the passover eggs occupied s conspicuous place in the services. was their connection with the latter Miss Van Brunt read the poem that finally caused them to be used by again and then tore it up and cried. Christians the world over in celebrat-The usher at St. Mark's did not know ing Easter- the egg of resurrection the feeling that Miss Van Brunt enter-into a new life-pringing a message of

The Tyrojese Easter eggs are similar to our valentines, for, besides being most beautifully tinted, they have in unique lettering mottoes representing appropriate wishes for the recipients.

The priests of Italy bless all eggs brought to service on Easter morning. and each person carries his back home, where they are placed on a kind of altar arranged for the purpose, surrounded by lighted candles and often flowers. Then the members of the family and any guests abiding with them est disease and danger. They are hard bolled before they are taken to the

PASSOVER AND EASTER.

Why It is That They Do Not Always Correspond. Since the events of holy week and

the resurrection took place during the Jewish passover it seems strange that month of the Christian calendar. Cor- the legends dear to childish hearts. certainly not conduct that gentleman rections are made, but instead of a While supplying plenty of cards dealpast a half dozen vacant seats to put day such as is added in leap year a ing with these themes, they now reach him beside Miss Van Brunt at the month is added, so that some Jewish out for motives that deal solely with Bester morning service. Mr. Frank. years consist of thirteen months. As the signs of awakening spring and fort seemed unaware himself of the Easter always falls on the first Sun-feeling which Miss Van Brunt had for day following the full moon next after these arouse even among those who do him and smiled and spoke softly to March 21, this additional month in not respond to the religious interpreher as he entered the pew and insisted certain years causes a variation be tation of the day

Easter In Old Chester, England.

Mr. Frankfort by scribbling on the much longer than anywhere else. The ployment, dainty maids rising out of front page of the hymnal. She wrote people retain some of the characteristic dowers or eggs and flower cards and Not with saintly grace, but grinning face, its that distinguish their homes. Est booklets in artistic coloring and with la clothes so loud and silly.

No plety, but a boutonniere. pecially was this true of the city of appropriate inscriptions in the greatest Chester up to a few years She was suddenly conscious what most from time immemorial the may she was doing and dropped the hymnal or, the corporation and members of by some during designers, and there down by her feet and stared intently the twenty ancient guilds of the city are little girls in old fashioned attire at the rector. Mr. Frankfort listlessly used to put aside their accustomed dig. leading choirs of rabbits, downy chick picked up the hymnal, and it opened of nity and devote themselves to football ens devoting themselves to music, th own accord at the first page. Mr. on Easter day, while their edified chubby bables struggling with band-Frankfort read, looked somewhat sur townsmen looked admiringly on. Aft boxes, while grotesque rabbits look on Photograph copyright by prised and then also inscribed some er the match was over the two sher in wonder. The postcards include ev lines in the hymnal. Miss Van Brunt iffs of the city marched out of the ery variety of motive—humorous, floral, Greek Patricked entering church of quite accidentally picked up the hymnal town to the field and competed with animal and religious. each other in the noble and skillful science of archery, the prize of which martial match was a dinner of calfs. The little flowers came up through the head and bacon! In 1640, however, such remuneration seeming unworthy of the mighty efforts they put forth and a much more belinous offense is it for its attainment, the two incumbents to carry away a church hymnal secure of that office refused to shoot for their ly tucked under one's jacket. Yet that what Miss Lilly Van Brunt did on bent was obtained to substitute a foot that Easter Sunday when she walked thee for the archery trial and a silver plate for the dinner-that is, instead of the dinner. After that they had to pay for all their meals on Easter.

> Easter Eggs In Turkey. On Holy Thursday in Turkey every Christian woman bolls a number of ggs with cochineal for the approach ing Easter festival and also bakes a quantity of cakes and sweet biscuit. At the hour when the Bible is read she takes as many eggs as there are members in the household and one over. places them in a nankin and carries them to church, where she leaves them

> The extra egg is placed before the "elkonostacion," or place of the holy pictures, and is afterward kept as a sovereign remedy against all kinds of

Many of these eggs have traced upon them in elegant characters texts of Scripture and other sacred words be-

Comic Sermons For Easter. In Roman Catholic countries it was an ancient custom, which lasted until some time in the middle of the seven teenth century, for the prencher to divert his congregation with what was termed a "fabula paschalis," which was becomingly received by the audience with "peals of Easter laughter." The comic sermon was supposed to be advisable, as the people often became sour and morose" with the deprivations of Lent and needed toning up stally as well as physically,

Thoughts for Easter

Because he lived this world begins to live today, and of its spiritual birth this day is the anniversary.--Edward Everett Hale.

the robin never left the sepulcher appear?

on the shore, ten thousand spires While the Copts, as Christian descendants of the ancient Egyptians are tian's exultation. It is the Lord's astery day and the annual day of resur-

There are great merits about the Franciscan Catholics tast. Easter as an annual least day. It Each has numerous chapels in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and says to us: "Put on your best each concentrates every effort toward and be as good and happy as you through centuries of occupation:
Yet over all these rules the Turk. It. can. The Lord of Christendom is he who holds the key to the sacred

is risen. The spring is coming door, exacting tribute from all who en-ter except at certain hours of the day. fields and parks and gardens. Let Moreover, never a festival is celeus be grateful to our Maker for life; brated that Moslem soldiers are not let us rejoice in the present all we these holy eggs as a safeguard against honestly can and take as hopeful a view of the future as common

CARDS FOR EASTER.

in "Times and Seasons."

They Vie With Christmas Messages In Popularity Newsdays.

The pretty custom of sending approthe celebration in the synagogues and priate cards at Easter time grows in in Christian churches should not al. favor with every year, and the makers ways be at the same time. Some years, of these dainty trifles are beginning to the times coincide, but they are often find almost as many calls upon their a week apart. The explanation is that ingenuity and their skill to meet the the Jewish calendar, which dates from Easter as to supply the Yuletide de the creation of the world, is regulated mand. They no longer hold exclusiveby the rabbis. Their system is based by to the religious character of the on the lunar month, which is often spring festival, as they did for a long nearly 'two' days shorter than the time, or to the pictured celebrations of

on finding the proper place for the-re-tween the passover and the Christian . Among this year a cards there are many quite elaborate and varied presentations of the rabbit and the egg motives. There are cut out bunnies of In old cities old customs are kept up ingenious construction and varied em-

A humorous note has been essayed

At Easter Time.

ground At Easter time, at Easter time. And every pretty bud did say.

"Good people, bless this holy day For Christ is risen, the angels say. E Richards in Good Housekeep

THE MEANING OF THE RESURRECTION.

By CARDINAL GIBBONS. The resurrection of Christ is the most signal and splendid evidence of his divinity. It is the keystone in the arch of faith, as it is the most brilliant luminary in the constellation of Christian feativals.

A certain religious enthusiast named Leberaux once submitted Talleyrand a project he entertained of founding a new re-ligion and asked the French statesman's views as to the 'You will certainly succeed," replied Talleyrand, "and name will go down with glory to posterity if you fulfill the con-ditions which I propose." "And what are they?" eagerly in-quired the visitor. "You must first suffer, be scounged and crucified and then rise on the third day. Do this and your success is assured." This reply extinguished the zeal of the would be reformer. The moral of the witty Frenchman's remark is tering the portals of the tomb. returned by his own power to fife he is without a rival. He alone has made good his claim te found a new religion and to

EASTER IN **JERUSALEM**

T Easter time, when throughout Christendom the suffering, death; burial and resurrection out Christendom the suffering, death; burial and resurrection of Christ are so vividly de-A legend of the Greek church scribed, the thoughts of many millions elle us that our Lord used to feed are concentrated upon Jerusalem. Aftthe robins round his mother's door or all these centuries many doubtless when he was a boy; moreover, that tomb of Christ. And now does it

till the resurrection and at the as- Although in a land ruled by Mohamcension joined in the angels song. medans, the boly sepulcher is never without its guard of Christians night Across the sea the light brought Catholic. Greek, Coptic and Armenian

flashed the glad illumination and termed, are not so numerous as the trembled to the rolling organ be-others, they have their chapels in the Church of the Holy Sepuicher, and neath that sounds forth the Christheir priests live in an adjoining mon-

rection.--Henry Ward Beecher. beginning at midnight. The Greeksofficiate first, the Armenians next and

clothes, think your best thoughts preserving intact the rights acquired



THE HOLY SEPULCHER.

stationed in the vestibule "to preserve order" in the church, as they view it. These guards never fall to make their

presence felt. In spite of the humiliation heaped upon them, however, the Christian guardians remain at their post of duty, never ceasing their vigilance, that the tomb of the Lord may be preserved.

The most impressive Christian procession in Jerusalem is seen when the Greek patriarch in all the splendor of the insignia of his church enters the holy sepulcher on Easter Sunday. As the procession arrives at the entrance to the sepulcher the bells stop ringing. a profound silence overtakes the multitude of pligrims, and then the patriarch says his first prayer, the Turkish sol diers present arms, and a few minutes later the procession enters the church

}44`44`44`44 ---- AN EASTER LILY. -

A baby girl with new thought bright Stands tiptoeing, in grave delight. To reach the stately lily's height, Sweet lily, passing fair.

With upturned face she laughs in glee:
"May I your Easter lily be—
Your Easter lily? Come, pick me.
Child lily, passing fair!

Soul flower from heaven's field of blue.
The dregs of love's cup hold but Thy life hath proven heaven true,

Pure lily, passing fair. For thou hast taught me, baby mine, Through parent love the love di-

Though but a little fragment mine,

My lily, passing fair. Child flower, may God's great wis-

Through all thy life till, ripe He plucks thee for his home above

fine feathers

An Caster Story of England In the Olden Days

N a pretty Elizabethan cottage surrounded by shade trees and a flower garden dwelt Miss Jessumine Sands and her fair young alece, Betty. The former was a noted housewife and tried her utmost to add this same good quality to Betty's lengthy list of accomplishments. The two ladies were considered helresses by the villagers, for the rentals from the elder's farms brought no mean amount each month. Betty's father

had left her several thousand pounds, Miss Jessamine, being the head of the house and extremely religious, used the greater part of her income dispensing charity to the needy. Little Betty never could understand why they were considered wealthy, for she was supplied with a new dress and a bonnet only once every two years.

Betty sat beside a window mending a rent in a muslin frock. Two rows of red geraniums in note of the same hue contributed a fascinating note of cheery brightness to the sitting room. Now and then she glanced from her work to the aristocratic profile of her

"What causes such unseemly restlessness this morning, child? Miss lessamine asked, buzily threading a needle.

Betty's lovely face became dred t match the flowerpots, and she stitch ed rapidly at the rent.

"I trust William has not asked you to drive again, for he has had you to Bradbury twice this week, which is quite often enough."

Judge Trimble and his family occu pled the home adjoining the Sands cottage, and William, their eldest son. had been Betty's playmate ever sinc the little girl first came to live with ber aunt.

"Aunt Jessamine, Phoebe Blahemore teased me about wearing the same Sabbath frock for two years and said it was a shame that I was not slowed to purchase a new one now and then since I am supposed to be an belrees."

"Phoebe is a gessip to talk to you et such things, and I disapprove of her frivolous ways. Your father left you well provided for, and I dare may you! always appear genteel and nest when you walk abroad, and that is all that is required of a maid.

"Aunt Jessamine, next Sabiath to Easter All the girls have new slik frocks and bonnets to match. I am past_seventeen, and mever have you given me a dress of silk. If I have means of my own I desire, above all things, to visit London and buy the loveliest flowered taffeta I can find Please say we will go."

"Since you are no longer content with the wardrobe selected by me I suppose we will have to purchase some London finery. Master William will one toggery than he would if you at tended church in your simple muslin

frock." The Easter morning chimes awaken ed Betty By the time the last bell' summoned the tardy worshipers to divine service she had donned her flow ered taffets trimmed with frills of lace and tied beneath her chin the broad ribbons of her poke bonnet. The vain little sinner gazed at her reflection in the mirror, and a smile of satisfaction radiated her countenance.

Aunt Jessamine could not conceau her astonishment and pride when the ly made my Betty lovely! Hasten were manumitted. child! Do not stop for posies.

William walked home with Betty from the church, while Aunt Jessa mine remained to invite the pastor to dinner.

When they entered the garden Wil liam boldly clasped her hand between his own, saying: "Betty, dearest, 1 want you to know that I love you. This morning when your song floated into my heart I knew you were the one. Can you love me?"

The dainty maiden's frank blue eyes gazed into the brown ones as she archly said, "Was it the bonnet, William, that made you care?"

"No," he answered; "It was the girl beneath the bonnet."-Jean Douglas in New York Press.

Easter in Russia. Throughout Russia the Easter cere

solemn details. Thus on the midnight preceding Easter the priests leave the church as if going out to seek the body of the dead Lord. The congregation wait in the sanctuary with bower heads, in silence and in darkness. Then the listening multitude is aroused by ponderous knockings on the door of the church The priests have return ed, and as the doors swing open great chorus of voices fills the air with the chant, "Christ is risen!" The priests file in with upturned faces and Photograph singing lips, each bearing a lighted taper. Fire is quickly communicated Goodby, sid shell, I'm geing! to the candles of the supplicating throng. In a twinkling the church is ablane with light and incense, where only darkness and silence had been be-

THE Manter walked where illies grew.
So fair, so pure, so white, lorious in Judah's land, lovely to the sight.

His eyes sew beauty in their form As, folded to his breast, He lingered o'er the sweet perfume The flowers he loyed best.



The lily bell in purest bloc. Is spotless as the snow,

emblem of a risen life And heavenly afterglow

Our Jasus died and ross to it Foretelling there shall be blessed resurrection day And immortality.

The risen Lord has conquered d We only die to live; We sow the seed, the flower gain, So-Christ new life shall give.

This boly Easter we will size

EASTER FESTIVITY.

"Something new" note of Kaster. ... Each guest must bring a

thing new It matters not what the a thing may be.

The originality and fertile brain of the guest decide the problem.

Each endeavors to secure something unknown to the rest of the party. One .msy...describe.s-new-im

vention; another tells about a new dish. New styles of hairdressing many be displayed; a new book may be

Some will choose to wear novel articles of dress; others will con-

coct new lokes. New games, new tricks, new

included in the program. The idea may be happily utilised by arranging that the "something new" shall be represented by each guest (by pantomime or otherwise, the others to russi what is the new thing that is

A Whole Week of Easter

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represented.

The Easter fetes of the ancient church lasted through Easter week. but after the eleventh century they were limited to three days and later fair vision descended the stairs still to two While they lasted the Well, well; fine feathers have certain courts of justice were closed and slaves



For loudly now the birds are singing; Smiling flewers today are grewing; Happy bolls are sweetly ringing. I must join all nature say