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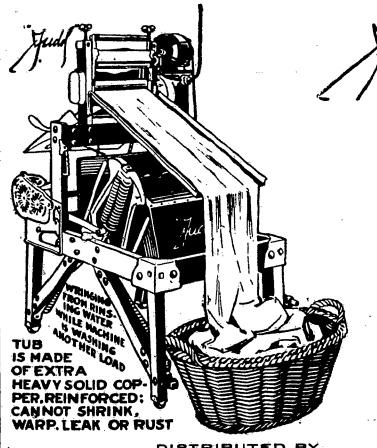
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"And the soldier took two of the children and he carried them five kilometers—and the sweat and the swelter that he went through carried him on that day very near to the Gates of God."

GLORIOUS LILIES OF EASTER

Beautiful Flowers Epitomize the Blossoming and Exquisite Beauty and Gladness of Spring.



Redolent and abounding lilles are seen everywhere. They are marching along the highways of hope; they are merged in the glory of the Easter morning; they are painted

tints of the stained glass that falls through the cathedral windows; hey are in the thought of all and inthe words of many, in the sentiments and traditions of the day. There they are in great banks and piles about the altar steps, and where the sacred desk stands before the congregation. Lilies stand forth in the wonderful alle-



of-the-valley, whose sheen is more dren accompany them and at night hands of a virgin, the lily of the resur-rection, with its star-flared petuls that they themselves Join in the chorus. heart of hope; the calla lily, with its fume, the very essence of the esthetic and is still a symbol of Easter in many stately presence and exquisite persentiments of the day; the lilium auratum, with its golden bands of faith, hope and of love; the tiger lily, that shows forth the passions of men held in check upon Easter day; the yellow garden lily that stands for the homely aspirations of nien on the day of the blossoming and exquisite beauty of spring opening and of heart glad-

Triumphant Christian Faith.

Easter marks the Resurrection day. To the man of deep faith it is the greatest day of all the year. The good clothes parade that crowds him out of

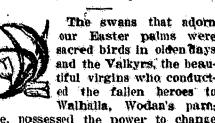
his usual seat has no appeal for him. He is concerned with worship. He comes to the sacred meeting to contemplate the greatest of earth's miracles. There is much about it reason cannot compass. Every failure to solve the mystery drives him back to the faith that has never failed to bring comfort when cold reason suggeste only perplexity. When tempted to doubt he remembers that a critical nation with antagonistic leaders tried to hush up the story when it was first reported. He remembers the dismal failure they made of it. Though contrary to all experience and knowledge great things have been brought to pass by faith in this miracle. Is it any wonder he sits in meditation and worships?

Awake to Spirit of Easter.

It is the tragedy of many a life that It weeps at an empty tomb. It thinks while the Chinese represent them in EMPIRE that there all its hopes are buried, all the meon as pounding rice in a more walking down to Emaus. Their hearts ing. were sad, their lives were hopeless because they had lost their Lord, and they had no faith in certain rumors of a resurrection which had come to their O Day more glorious than all days tha ears. Jesus joined them on the way, but their eyes were holden so they knew him not. May the Spirit open our hearts and eyes on Easter day to the glory and joy of the Risen Lord.—Ex-

SWAN LONG A SACRED BIRD

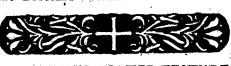
Ancient Belief That the Valkyra Had Power to Change Themselves into its Shape.



dise, possessed the power to change themselves into those white and grace ful birds. The orange was an apple originally, consecrated to Freya, the highest of the goddesses. The custom



of giving Easter eggs as a symbol of new awakening life is so ancient that we find it back as far as there is any written evidence and the merry Easter meadow reminds us of the Easter plays that were held to celebrate the arrival of spring amongst almost all the Teutonic nations.



EGG ALWAYS EASTER FEATURI

Highly Decorated or Simply Colored, it Has Figured in All Gelebrations of History.

Easter eggs highly colored and decorated with landscapes and elaborate inscriptions. While most of the old elab orate displays have fallen nto disuse, the egg in some form yet remains a feature of Easter in mod-

ern times.

The Tyrolese peasants retain a very pretty custom of celebrating Easter, in which the egg figures prominently. On Easter eve bands of musicians traverse every valley, singing holiday hymns. Their picturesque hats are geries that have been theirs—the lily-adorned with flowers. Crewds of chilwonderful than the glory of the great Solomon, the annunclation lily, with its folded petals like the clasped people come to the doors and put eggs. people come to the doors and put eggs

> The Paschal lamb as an emblem was much used in the early Christian era

In Africa they even worship it, and no altar decoration is considered finished without a circle of eggs, while each private family boasts at least one sacred egg.

The "hare" legend, strange to say, is connected with the moon. There were all sorts-of funcies with regard to the moon phases, from which time Easter is reckoned, and among some nations the hare is a type of the moon itself. The Hindu and Japan artists painted them across the moon's disk,



its possibilities of joy, all its future, tar. In many parts of the world to-How empty and joyless is the life that day children watch eagerly for the has not met the risen Christ! On the "bunny" who hides its eggs so care first Easter evening two disciples were fully for their finding on Easter morn-

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