

Easter Toys Bring Joy To Hearts of Children



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Hundreds of Novelties Help to Fill the Day With Almost Christ-maslike Gladness For the Little Ones—Rabbits and Eggs Still Predominate in Popularity.

THE old man and the boy stood silently contemplating the novelty and beauty of an Easter shop window. The display was intended to catch the eye of the child, but the old man stood peering through the glass and letting his thoughts run back through reminiscent years to when he was a boy. He did not see another old man a few years his junior perhaps stop behind him and gaze reflectively at the window's Easter delights.

"Easter is getting to be next of kin to Christmas," the newcomer remarked, with a chuckle. "When I was a boy Easter was all eggs. Now it's eggs and a lot of other things."

"Isn't it the very truth?" the old man responded, turning to impress a grin on the third member in the party of window gazers. "When we were boys, you remember," the old man went on, "we were tickled to death to have Easter eggs that were colored with the stain of grass or the bollings of a piece of dyed cloth."

How Things Have Changed.
"Now they have all kinds of fancy store dyes, and most of the mothers buy the eggs already dyed usually at some church bazaar or at the little store on the corner."

"We used to hunt the eggs in the barn or around the yard, and I never heard of an Easter rabbit until a German family moved next door to us. The old folk in this German family poured us children full of a lot of mythology about the rabbits laying the colored Easter eggs, and I thought it a beautiful thing. Now the Easter rab-

bit doesn't belong exclusively to the Germans. He's just as much an American rabbit as he's German. The boy and I were just in one of the novelty shops, and it looked like the week before Christmas. There were Easter toys of a hundred kinds, and I couldn't help thinking of how things had changed."

And the old man was right—things have changed. To ramble through an Easter novelty shop now almost develops the Christmas spirit in any grownup, not to mention the children. One of them has the ceiling hidden with artificial limbs and blossoms that give the full effect of spring. The counters and showcases are piled high with artificial rabbits, chickens, ducks and geese. There are countless forms of artificial Easter eggs, too, to lure the pennies and the nickels of both child and grownup. Extra salespeople are employed to care for the Easter trade, which, next to Christmas, is this store's busiest season. Easter, once a simple holiday, has become a day of giving and of elaborate show.

Fluffy Little Tango Duck.

The wise men who make dollars out of the celebration of Easter are as quick to catch the spirit of the times as any showman. For instance, now that the tango is at high tide, the Easter novelty makers have come forward with a tango duck. The duck is a fluffy little lady with web feet, and when, with the aid of a key, her mechanism is put into full play, Miss Duck will dance across the floor or the table with all the grace of a duck. It is an amusing little Easter toy and is sure to make a big hit in thousands of American households on Easter morning.

There are as many kinds of Easter rabbits as there are stars in the sky. They range from rag ones at a nickel each to a giant jack rabbits built of plaster. There are candy rabbits, too, that have come across from faroff Italy to tickle the sweet teeth of

American children. The candy rabbits are of pure chocolate and will prove big Easter joys for the youngsters to bite off a leg, then munch an ear and finally get Mr. Bunny stowed away so that, as youngsters say, "they ain't no more."

A new idea in Easter rabbits is a cloth bunny with a large bag sewed around his body. The bag is large enough to contain a half dozen Easter eggs. These are proving quite popular with Easter shoppers. The novelty of the thing appeals, and no doubt hundreds of American youngsters will receive their Easter eggs by way of bunny and his bag.

There is a multiplicity of Easter novelties in the shape of rabbits hitched to wagons, chariots and other vehicles. The vehicles are devised to carry Easter eggs. Most of the designs are not new, but they are selling as rapidly as some of the newer ideas because they are so practical as a novel way to deliver the eggs to the children.

Jumping Toy Rabbits.

The bounding rabbits are going to be the clowns of the Easter celebration this year. Smart toy-makers have contrived about a half dozen different ways to make toy rabbits jump and make a squeaking noise. These are great fun producers, as they are in reality mechanical clowns. They jump, tumble over and roll across the floor in a way to bring screams of delight from the children and a smiling interest from the grownups. You see, the toy-makers have been clever enough to know that the fathers and mothers of the household are still childish enough to enjoy a mechanical toy. It was Henry Ward Beecher who slipped over a great piece of wisdom when he said, "No man is really a man who has lost out of him all the boy." That applies to the women as well, for it is an entirely human thing to like to "monkey" with toys, it matters not how rapidly the years have counted against you.

Ruin of Poland Told by Author of "Quo Vadis?"

Berne, Switzerland.—Henryk Sienkiewicz, the famous Polish novelist, author of "Quo Vadis?" is, like tens of thousands of his compatriots, a refugee driven from home by the war.

He is now at Vevey with the members of the committee on relief for war victims in Poland, and here he is president, and Ignace Paderewski, the famous pianist, is vice president.

No more appalling picture of death, destruction and devastation has ever been drawn than that outlined by Sienkiewicz, who declares it is unique in history. He said:

"Poland has nothing to do with the war. Conquered and partitioned, she is not one of the belligerent nations, yet 1,500,000 of her sons are fighting fratricidal battles in the armies of three different warring states. Our

country is made a cockpit and is devastated from end to end.

"Think what this means when the order for a charge is given. Hordes of soldiers rush on each other, and when they get within striking distance commence cutting one another down. They find the language in which they are uttering imprecations is the common natal tongue.

"It frequently happens when the Red Cross forces go to collect the wounded they lift from the heap one man in a German uniform, another in the Austrian, a third in the Russian, all three Poles.

"The misery is really very great. In the kingdom of Poland alone there are 15,000 villages burned or damaged, 1,000 churches and chapels destroyed. "Homeless villagers have sought shelter in the forests, where women and

children are dying of cold and hunger by the thousands daily. In the whole 60,000 square miles of territory in possession of the armies not a grain of corn, a scrap of meat or a drop of milk has remained for the civil population.

"The material losses are estimated at \$500,000,000. Agriculture is ruined, industry destroyed, and 400,000 workers have lost the means of livelihood.

"The state of things in Galicia is just as dreadful. The Russians have commandeered 900,000 horses and 2,000,000 horned cattle and have seized all the corn. The rich country is a desert. Over 1,000,000 inhabitants have sought refuge in other parts of Austria in sheer destitution.

"I was at my home in Oblegorek, government of Kleck, during the early part of the war working on a new novel without even my papers. The last I heard of my home was that trenches were being dug around it, even in the garden."

The Sunday School Lesson

SENIOR BEREAN

Text of the Lesson, Matt. xxviii, 1-10.

Memory Verses, 5, 6—Golden Text, I Cor. xv, 20.

The Scripture is full of the sufferings of Christ, from Gen. iii, 15, 21, on to the end of the book, but it is also full of the resurrection, the kingdom and the glory. Willingly and of his own accord he humiliated himself unto Bethlehem and Nazareth and Golgotha that the Scripture might be fulfilled, but God raised him from the dead and gave him glory and all power in heaven and in earth that he might rid the earth of the devil and the curse and make it his own fair world, as in Gen. i. He is our "alive forevermore" king (Rev. i, 5, 18) waiting for an "alive forevermore" people to reign with him.

If we have seen ourselves as guilty, condemned sinners and have seen him bearing our sins in his own body and raised from the dead and ascended to the right hand of the Father and have honestly received him, putting all our trust in his finished work, then we may safely rest on Eph. i, 6, 7; John vi, 37, 47; Rom. iii, 24, and joyfully anticipate I Thess. iv, 16, 17; I John iii, 1, 2; Col. iii, 4. His enemies made his tomb as sure as they could by seal and a guard of soldiers (Matt. xxvii, 64-66), just about as secure as seals or soldiers can make things today, but all was unavailing. He makes us safe forever by his precious blood, sealing us by his holy spirit, and no power can break the bundle of life in which we are bound nor pluck us out of his hand (I Sam. xxv, 29; John x, 28).

In the great words of Acts i, 3, "He showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." It is all so grand and suggestive—himself, infallible proofs, forty days, the things of the kingdom. He had just as infallibly foretold by the prophets and more plainly by his own words that he would suffer and die and rise from the dead the third day, and if his disciples had only believed his

words how much sorrow they might have been spared and how much more joy they might have had! It is helpful to keep in mind the five appearances of the resurrection day, which were probably in this order—to Mary Magdalene, the other women, Simon Peter, the Emmaus walk, the ten in the evening. Recently in Judges we saw how God honored Deborah and other women. Now it is Mary and the other women, and, although Mary Magdalene saw him first, the other women are the first to touch him (verse 9). The reason is plainly given in John xx, 17, implying that between the two appearances he had ascended and returned.

What he did at his several appearances during those forty days gives us a sample of what we can do in our glorified bodies. What an inspiration it should be to us to consider it! These women who so loved him and were devoted to him, not expecting his resurrection, had bought spices with which to anoint his dead body when the Sabbath was past, but they never did. Believing his word will prevent us from spending money unwisely. Love is in some respects the greatest, but in the matter of service it must be faith working by love (I Cor. xiii, 13; Gal. v, 6). Note the ministry of angels at his birth, in the wilderness and in Gethsemane, as well as in our lesson, and take comfort from Heb. i, 14. Note the "Fear not" of the angel (verse 5; Luke ii, 10) and compare the Lord's "Peace be unto you" of Luke xxiv, 36, and hear his own voice to you in many similar sayings, for all his thoughts to his people, however unworthy we may be, are thoughts of peace (Jer. xxix, 11; Ps. xxxix, 11). Since Christ is risen our great commission is, "Go, tell!"—"Go teach all nations!" "Go into all the world!" (Verses 7, 10, 19; Mark xvi, 15). And if we are not obedient great will be our loss. It is ours to be obedient, to go quickly and tell. He will see to the results. There is no use talking about the power of his resurrection unless his love constrains us to make it known.

Topics of the Sport World

Baseball Commission Not Expensive.

From just where the report emanated that baseball men are thinking of dissolving the national commission, which is termed a needless luxury, would be interesting to learn. The expense of the supreme court of baseball is decidedly small when the amount of important business it transacts is taken into consideration. Since the establishment of the commission the game has prospered and the players as well as the club owners have been better satisfied than ever before.

It has been an ideal system for the control of the game, and there never was a sport successful which did not have control and protection from some source or another.

The present form of government is essential to baseball. Any effort to wipe out the national commission would meet with strenuous opposition by the ball players who have been protected by reason of the existence of this body.

Why Donovan Hired Farrell.

Appreciating that Duke Farrell did much to make him a successful pitcher, Bill Donovan believes the veteran catcher a most capable coach for young twirlers and hence has engaged him to



Photo by American Press Association. Bill Donovan, New Manager of the Yankees.

handle his youngsters during the coming season.

Donovan, when he broke in at Washington, had Farrell for a battery partner, and it was to the latter's good judgment that Donovan attributes his own success as a pitcher.

Manager Birmingham's Troubles.

Manager Birmingham of the Cleveland club admits that he is confronted by a lot of problems for the coming season. The departure of Lajoie from the lineup means a decided shift in the team's batting order, and Birmingham is none too familiar with many of the new men he will have to play.

For instance, there will be two candidates for first base, Wood and Shields. If neither makes good he may have to shift Barbara, a third baseman, to that corner. He also must decide between Elmer Smith and Leibold for center field. He has no alternative so far as Lajoie's old position at second is concerned, for Bill Rodgers is slated for that place, and there is no one else even to be given a chance there.

This Manager Speed Mad.

Talk about John McGraw as a bug for speed boys! Clyde Wares, former Brownie, upon arriving at Wichita to take charge of the Western league team there let it be known that he wouldn't consider an infielder who couldn't steal thirty bases and that he would not have an outfielder who stole less than fifty. Clyde doesn't ask much, does he?

Konetchy to Captain Pittsburgh Feds.

Ed Konetchy has been appointed field captain of the Pittsburgh Feds. It is hinted that this will be a stepping stone to the managership.

Is Welsh Stalling?

For a champion Freddie Welsh is figuring in a lot of draws. There has been nothing decisive about any of his victories since he came to this country, and it is but natural that the pugilistic loving public is beginning to doubt the Welshman's prowess. But there are those among his admirers who contend that he never goes at top speed unless he has to and that in order to keep up interest in his bouts he is satisfied to let his opponents get as good as an even break.

If this is true it proves Welsh to be one of the most scientific boxers in the history of the game, for a fighter who can stall well enough to fool a lot of experts and the public has a lot on the average fighter.

1915 Schedules Same as in 1913.

The schedules of the American and the National league for 1915 will be the same as for 1913 except in so far as changes in the calendar will affect it. The opening will be on April 14. The fans need only dig up the 1913 schedule to learn how the teams will play in 1915.

For the Farmer Who Thinks

CORN ENSILAGE MAKES AN ECONOMICAL FEED FOR COWS

Experiment Shows That It Is One of Best Buttermakers in the Market.

It does not need any special argument or showing of facts to convince Wisconsin dairymen of the great superiority of corn ensilage as an economic feed for cows, says Hoard's Dairyman. Those who have combined the silage with alfalfa hay get still greater results.

But we know that there are skeptics among our readers in other states. For their special benefit we give the following brief account of a trial carried on by the Minnesota College of Agriculture.

Two hundred and sixteen cows were fed on silage as compared with 239 cows fed on dry rations. The results showed that the silage fed cows produced fifty-nine pounds more of butter fat yearly per cow than the other cows. This amounted to \$18.60 per cow in favor of feeding silage.

The following year another trial was had, with a gain in favor of the silage fed cows of forty-seven pounds of butter fat. The silage fed cows consumed \$7.19 worth of feed more than the dry fed cows, but when this is subtracted they still show a decided gain over the others.

So far as the harvesting an acre of corn and putting it into the silo or harvesting it for the crib and binding the stalks the cost is about the same. But we have a decided loss in the feeding value of the dry stalks that we save in the silo.

DAIRY WISDOM.

The calf should always receive the colostrum or first milk of the cow. This starts the digestive organs into action.

Train the youngsters to lead. No heifer should reach her first birthday unbroken to the halter.

It is a great mistake to leave the separator a day or two without cleaning.

Be sure to keep good, clean bedding under the cows and absorbents in the gutters.

The greatest gains are made when the cows are warm and comfortable. The food they eat goes for production instead of fighting the elements.

The separator should be washed every day, even if it stands in a cool place.

Ration For Dairy Cows.

A very good ration can be made by letting each animal have daily about thirty pounds of corn silage and a liberal allowance of clover hay. A mixture consisting of 400 pounds corn and cob meal, 300 pounds bran and 100 pounds cottonseed meal will go very nicely with this roughage. Feed about a pound of this mixture for each 3 to 3.5 pounds of milk produced.

CHICKEN FEED.

Remember that the size of the next generation is influenced largely by the female and color and finish by the male.

Lime, grit and charcoal should be provided for turkeys during the winter months. By such provision blackhead is less likely to occur later on in the spring and summer.

Turkeys lay from fifteen to thirty eggs at a litter. Put the early eggs under hens and let the turkey set on the June eggs.

On bright, sunny days, when there is no snow on the ground, it is best to allow the fowls outdoors.

Something to sell the year around is the secret of success with poultry.

Heavy birds and high roosts are a bad combination. Large breeds especially need low roosts.

Feed and Care For Cow.

The effect of feed and care on the dairy cow was well brought out at the New Salem (N. D.) dairy school. The four-year-old record of twelve cows was given. The butter fat production averaged 116 pounds in the first year, 196 the second, 214 the third and in 1913 239 pounds. The production was more than doubled in the four years. The cows were three to six years old when the records were started. The milk was weighed from each milking and tested each month. This very emphatically brings out the fact that to secure good production the cow alone cannot do it—she must have the feed and the care.

Farm Notes.

Rhubarb gives the best results when forced if the roots are first frozen for a few days before they are planted. This serves as a rest period and causes a more vigorous growth of stem.

French endive (also known as witloof) is not very well known in our markets, but it is a most delicious salad plant and should be more largely grown. Roots may be purchased for trial this winter if you do not have your own.

Silage a Roughage.

Experiment shows that corn silage is a roughage and not a grain feed, says American Agriculturist. Many feeders have been led to believe, from the fact that the grain from the corn plant is put into the silo, that the silage produced therefrom is a grain feed. In fattening cattle the roughage in the ration produces its most marked influence during the early part of the fattening period. As the cattle become fatter the quantity of roughage eaten decreases and the grain consumption increases.

Pea Vine Silage.

Pea vine silage is a splendid feed. It is somewhat richer in protein than corn silage, but contains the same amount of digestible nutrients in a hundred pounds.