

Select Poetry.

For the Democratic Advocate. THE FUNERAL. See the silent coffin bearers. Moving solemnly and slow; See the train of mourning wearers. Glad in sable signs of woe.

Our Ohio.

EASTER CUSTOMS. The origin of the custom of using eggs at Easter is ancient and obvious. Hutchinson, in his "History of Northumberland," in speaking of the pasche or pasche eggs, says: "Eggs were held by the Egyptians as a red emblem of the resurrection."

prescribed to be taken after the abstinence of Lent. As soon as they are blessed, every one carries his portion home, and setting a large table, spread with the finest linen belonging to the family, in the best room in the house, this table is strewn with flowers, has placed on it a dozen savory dishes of meat, and the great basin of eggs in the center.

According to Dr. Chandler, who gives account in his "Travels in Asia Minor," Easter is celebrated by placing a small mirror in the churches, prettily ornamented with orange and citron buds, jasmine flowers, and other fragrant flowers.

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THE TELEPHONE.

In the wonderful progress of science the time has come when, by the aid of a telegraph wire stretched upon poles in the usual way, individuals may converse with each other in audible tones, although separated by hundreds of miles of space. A man in Boston may talk to his clerk in State street, and converse with his pastor or friend in Wall street, New York, with as much ease and facility as if they were sitting side by side. This is indeed a stupendous achievement, and affords evidence that the hidden powers of Nature are competent, when understood, to bring all the nations of the earth into instantaneous verbal communication with each other.

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Historical.

History and Laws of England.

Cæsar alleged that he had assisted the Gauls, with whom he had been at war; but the Welsh chronicles relate that the British Prince Caswallawn had landed in Gaul, and put 6000 Romans to death, in recovering a princess, named Flor, from Cæsar, to whom he was betrothed. Claudius, 100 years after, renewed the invasion, partly to avenge the turbulent Roman story, partly owing to the treachery of a British Prince, the son of Ludd, who invited and assisted the Romans.

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