



He Is Risen.

He is risen! from the belfries Sweetest harbingers of peace...

ETHEL'S EASTER.



ETHEL lived on the seashore—that part of the Alabama coast which the Mobilians call "Over the Bay"...

Some days before Easter she went with her governess into the city, and saw a woman attired in a black gown...

"OH! I WISH I WAS A SISTER OF MERCY!"

arm of her governess. "Who is that, Miss Mary? What makes her dress so?"

"That is a Sister of Mercy," answered Miss Mary. "Whose sister?" asked Ethel.

"Well, but I want to be a sure enough Sister of Mercy. Can't I have a mark so people will know it?"

While Uncle Ebby was eating, Ethel filled a basket with lilies and set it on the chimney shelf.

"Now, Uncle Ebby, listen to me," said Ethel. "when you are sick in bed you mustn't call Jake or Tidy or any of your grandchildren."

"Didn't you ring the bell? What is the matter?"

"Nuthin' tall," said Uncle Ebby, at last recognizing the little sister.

"What's that, Uncle Ebby? Look! Look!"

"DIDN'T YOU RING THE BELL?" Tom looked at his sister with admiring eyes, and Ethel still wears her badge.

such a natural look that the Fifth Avenue bee pauses to sip of their painted honey.

GIFT-GIVING AT EASTER.

The old habit of gift-giving at Easter is still alive and it is the correct thing that such gifts should be made by the hands of the donor.

Book and magazine covers made of water color paper or art linen are among the pretty and useful gifts.

Book marks are favorite Easter gifts and generally hand painted on water-color paper, celluloid or ribbon.



garter—must not be forgotten. In pairs for real use, singly, in yellow, for luck, the garter is perennial.

Aluminum is made up into all sorts of boxes, trays, cups, baskets, crosses, frames, etc., and these may be prettily hand painted.

"I give you my word some of them measured two by three feet. If size is what you are looking for, you will find it in the April extravaganza."

SCIENTIFIC TOPICS.

CURRENT NOTES OF DISCOVERY AND INVENTION.

Making Balloons—How Gold Beater's Skin Is Made Available for the Purpose—Testing Drinking Water—Learning to Run Motors.

How Balloons Are Made. The balloons are manufactured of gold-beater's skins, says the Pall Mall Magazine, which, though small toy ones had been made of it, could not be produced in sufficient quantities for the large balloons until Colonel Temple invented and perfected the process, which is briefly as follows:

The goldbeater's skin is made up of quantities of a certain thin animal membrane, (30,000 of these are required for a balloon of 10,000 cubic feet capacity), which is first freed from all fatty substance and then soaked in a solution of glycerine and water.

Power in Lifting the Eyelid.

In twelve months the average man lifts his eyelids about 94,000,000 times. Each time he lifts them he exerts a



certain amount of power, which, if it could be concentrated, would enable him to raise fifty pounds.

Learning to Run Motors.

Visitors to Paris, who are in the habit of traveling by the electric vehicles now generally in use there, are learning to visit the school where the expert motorman learns to steer his machine so dexterously through the busy traffic of the Parisian streets.

Testing Drinking Water.

It is an excellent plan to test the family supply of drinking water at least once during the season. Water that is at one time pure and wholesome may finally for some reason become too impure to be fit for use.

A simple test for drinking water is Heisch sewage test. Fill a clean pint bottle three-quarters full of water to be tested, and dissolve in it a half a teaspoonful of pure granulated sugar.

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

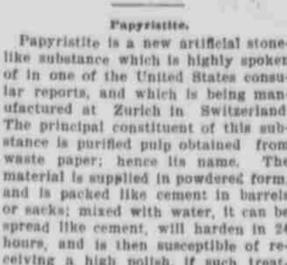
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Confused.

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I know you're young an' growin' an' it does seem kind o' hard, But yo's gott'er shun society an' stick to de back yard.

Why She Resigned.



Mistress to newly-engaged housemaid—"Our bulldog has a frightfully dusty coat! Take the carpet-beater and give him a good dusting!"

A Catamaran.

Having read to her pupils a description of the sinking of the Merrimac the teacher some days later asked her pupils what the word "catamaran" then used meant.

The catamaran is a mountain lion. The catamaran is a savage officer in the Philippine Islands. A catamaran carries clubs in a golf game.

Tiresome Caller.

"Oh, Miss Matilde, I greet you once again. You find me as constant as a planet, do you not?"

"Yes, monsieur. That is, to some extent, you are not like all planets."

The Drummer's Lament.

Oh! times are hard indeed, of which I'm the sad recorder; No business doing everywhere I roam.

Less and Less Pretense.

"Sire," said the Pretender's secretary, "I am afraid we are losing ground."

Don Carlos frowned and then asked: "What! Has Spain gone and relinquished another batch of islands?"

Pot and Kettle.

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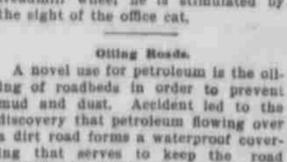
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