

Easter Ehen

THE tempest over and gone, the calm begun.
Lo, "it is finished," and the strong Man sleeps.
All stars keep vigil watching for the sun.
The moon her vigil keeps.
A garden full of silence and of dew
Beside a virgin cave and entrance stone;
Surely a garden full of angels, too,
Wondering, on watch, alone.
They who cry "Holy, holy, holy!" still
Veiling their faces round God's throne above.
May well keep vigil on this heavenly hill
And cry their cry of love.
Adoring God in his new mystery
Of love more deep than hell,
More strong than death,
Until the day break and the shadows flee,
The shaking and the breath.

—Christina G. Rossett.

Good Reason Why Eggs Hold Place In Easter Feasts

FROM earliest times the egg has been the most significant feature of the Easter feasting. There were roasted eggs on the paschal table. "Pasch" eggs were sent to church to be blessed before being eaten at Easter.

The early Christian church forbade the eating of eggs during Lent, a custom which still obtains in Russia, where not only meat but all the products of the animal kingdom, such as eggs, milk, and cheese, are forbidden during the Lenten abstinence. Only



acid rye bread and sour "Kvass" are partaken of by rich and poor alike—the czar and his family took the lead in the long fast. But after the fast comes the feast, and such feasting! Russian Easter dinner parties excel in luxury any elsewhere.

In the old days, when the Easter feast was young, there was not so much knowledge of chemistry and physiology as now. Yet it was instinctively understood that a long fast must not be suddenly broken. In fasting, the body emaciates, and most of the secretions are greatly diminished; and following a fast the most nourishing and digestible foods are required. Instinct taught the ancients to turn at this time of feasting to eggs as a strong aid in replacing the waste of the human body. And it is a very interesting fact that eggs were regarded by the early Church as a blessed food after a fast.

"These blessed eggs have the virtue of sanctifying the entrails of the body, and are to be the first fat or fleshy nourishment they take after the abstinence of Lent."

This ancient ecclesiastical enjoiner apropos of the Easter feast is significant when compared with the modern physiological view of the food value of eggs.

GREATEST OF ALL FACTS

Proof of Escape From the Bondage of the Tomb Brings Joy to the Christian.

Those who remember their Bible will easily turn to any of the Gospels, Luke for instance, and find in Chap. 24 that upon the first day of the week (Sunday) the friends came to the sepulcher and found the stone which had been in front of the opening rolled away, and no body in the tomb, and that two angels standing there asked: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen."

This is the outstanding fact to all believing Christians, and never has it come home to them with such moving significance as now, when a short time ago all the world seemed to stand face to face with death and its eternal problem of Life Everlasting.

All Customs Emblematic. As commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Easter day is marked in all Christian countries by impressive religious ceremonies and joyous social customs. The latter are too varied to be described here, but all of them, including different forms of the Easter egg custom, are in a way emblematic of the event commemorated.

IMMENSE SILVER FOX



This immense silver fox was caught recently in western Canada and brought to Winnipeg. It is about 65 inches long and the pelt is worth about \$2,000.

SCIENTIST TELLS OF TRIUMPH

Professor Claims to Have Perfected System for Underground and Submarine Messages.

Speaking recently of his work for the navy, Prof. James R. Rogers, the inventor of a wireless system for underground and submarine transmission, stated: "Six or seven years ago, I began experiments with the transmission of electric impulses by the ground. They were renewed during the war with the audion bulb, which renders the receiving apparatus more sensitive. I first established contact with nearby points and before long received with perfect distinctness impulses sent from Europe. I placed my antennae in trenches radiating from a center and pointing by the compass toward the distant station from which I wished to receive. I demonstrated to the navy department that eight operators may receive at once from eight separate wires. My system was installed at New Orleans, the Great Lakes station, and Belmar, N. Y., and is now used at the principal wireless stations in the United States. I have found the best results with my wires buried six feet below the surface in damp ground. Some of my experiments were conducted in water 25 to 50 feet deep."—Scientific American.

Sees His Name on Memorial. Hagerstown, Md.—Private Leonard Highbarge of Sharpsburg, of Company H, 313th Infantry, who was seriously wounded in France in September and reported among the dead, read his name recently in golden letters on the memorial tablet erected at the courthouse here in memory of the Washington county boys who died for their country. The bureau of war risk insurance had notified the supposed beneficiary some time ago of his death.

INDIANS SEEK UPLIFT

Those Living in One Village Would Better Themselves.

Natives of Hoonah, an Indian village near Juneau, Alaska, have recently taken such radical steps toward an advancing trend of civilization that other native villages are wondering what they will try next.

First the Hoonah tribe abolished the elder business, an apparently harmless one, but one which was said to have caused much trouble among the natives. Next the Hoonah natives declined to attend an Indian feast at Swanson Harbor, thereby hoping to discourage the giving of feasts and continuing of ancient customs.

After electing a native council Hoonah built a jail and a hospital. Whether as a reward for these signs of progress or not, the forestry department has agreed to send an agent to survey Hoonah townsite, so that each native may receive title to a building lot.

Auto Knocks Out Street Car.

Street cars are no longer safe on the streets of Springfield, Ill., since an increased popularity of the watch-charm variety of automobiles has made its advent here. One of them recently bumped into a street car and actually knocked it sideways off the track into the street without materially damaging the automobile.

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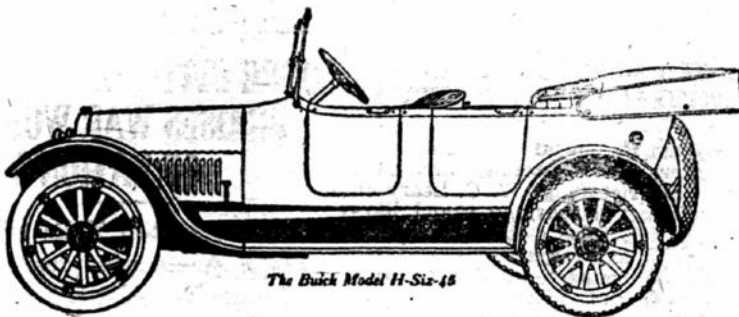
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