

# Buds AND Blossoms

By  
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### AT EASTERTIME

What does Easter mean to you?  
Stately church with cushioned  
pew,  
Where Lenten season, gone at last  
And days of self-denial past,  
Richly-clad, devoted throngs  
Of worshippers unite in songs  
Of promise in lily-scented air?  
Is this what makes your Easter  
fair?  
Sad is the world and cold and gray  
If this is all of Easter Day.

But if this blessed season brings  
A firmer faith in holy things;  
Assurance of a living Lord;  
A strengthening of the tender

cord  
Of love that binds us to the life  
to come  
Where loved ones wait us in the  
heavenly home,  
No pain or loss can e'er efface the  
bliss,  
Dear friend, of Easter, when it  
means all this.  
—Watchman-Examiner.  
"He died for all, that they which  
live should not henceforth live un-  
to themselves, but unto Him which  
died for them, and rose again."  
Cor 5:15.

"Consider the lilies how they  
grow: they toil not, they spin not;  
and yet I say unto you, that Solo-  
mon in all his glory was not ar-  
rayed like one of these. If then  
God so clothe the grass, which is  
today in the field, and tomorrow is  
cast into the oven; how much more  
will He clothe you, O ye of little  
faith?" Luke 12: 27-28.

Easter brings thoughts of  
churches and the beautiful Easter  
lily plants at the altar. The mean-  
ing of Easter is fully expressed in  
the Easter lily plant. All the paint-  
ings and carvings of the Madonna,  
annunciation, Resurrection and As-  
cension are made up with the  
Madonna lily. Since the 10th cen-  
tury all poets have sung of the  
purity and grace of the Madonna  
lily.

In the year 1618 a special papal  
edict laid down rules as to the pro-  
per treatment of certain sacred  
subject in art. Palms, roses and  
lilies were employed to be scatter-  
ed by angels. It is believed that  
the lily spoken of above is the  
anemomy which is of many colors.

There is a tendency of most  
modern translators that the flowers  
growing at the feet of Jesus were  
wild flowers in general—which  
really gives us the actual meaning  
of Jesus.

African violets are much loved  
by many people. They make nice  
gifts, and are easily grown. Soil  
taken from under the shrubs of  
garden or from woods is fine.

You may grow African violets  
anywhere in house but they do bet-  
ter with light or near a window.  
Always water them from the sauc-  
er. Use luke warm water to water  
them. They bloom better when the  
pot is filled with roots. Keep leaves  
dry and well dusted with brush.

Andrew Marvell was a great  
nature lover and wrote many  
poems on gardens. Here are some  
of the stanzas taken from "The  
Garden."

How vainly men themselves amaze  
To win the palm, the oak, or  
bays;  
And their incessant labors see  
Crowned from some single herb,  
or tree,  
Whose short and narrow-verged  
shade  
Does prudently their toils  
upbraid;  
While all flowers and all trees do  
close  
To weave the garlands of repose.

Fair quiet, have I found thee here,  
And innocence, thy sister dear?  
Mistaken long, I sought you then  
In busy companies of men.  
Only among the plants will grow;  
Society is all but rude  
To this delicious solitude.

Meanwhile, the mind, from  
pleasure less,  
Withdrawn into happiness:  
The mind, that ocean where each  
kind  
Does straight its own  
resemblance find;  
Yet it creates, transcending these,  
For other worlds, and other seas  
Annihilating all that is made  
To a green thought in a green  
shade.

Here at the fountain's sliding foot,  
Or at some fruit-trees' mossy  
root,  
Casting the body's vest aside.  
My soul into the boughs does  
glide:  
There like a bird it sits, and sings,  
Then whets and clasps its  
silver wings;  
And, till prepared for longer  
flights,  
Waves in its plumes the various  
lights.

How well the skillful gardener  
drew  
Of flowers and herbs, this dial  
new;  
Where from above, the milder sun  
Does through a fragrant Zodiac  
run;  
And as it works, the industrious  
bee  
Computes its time as well as we.  
How could such sweet and  
wholesome hours  
Be reckoned but with herbs and  
flowers!

Sympathy helps, but it never  
brings the underdog to the top.

Many a good argument is knock-  
ed down and run over by progress.



# TOT TALK

If you happen to be the parent  
of a three-year-old attending Sun-  
day school at Broad Street Chris-  
tian church, you in all likelihood  
know of the fine work being done  
by the Henry Browns.

Childless themselves, they have  
gone all out to have the finest pos-  
sible class for this age group. In  
the room where these tots meet,  
much time and effort was devoted  
to making surroundings appealing  
to the very young.

When a child misses Sunday  
school, Henry and his wife find  
out why. In fact, they keep constant  
check on the boys and girls, tak-  
ing the attitude that a Sunday  
school teacher's responsibility is-  
n't restricted to a single hour on  
the Sabbath.

What the Browns are doing at  
Broad Street Christian church, oth-  
er New Bernians are duplicating  
in other churches. We mention  
Henry and his wife because it is  
obvious that they have strived for  
the ultimate in the task they so  
gladly assumed.

It's that time again in our town  
—the time when moppets barge in-  
to stores and buy live biddies for  
Easter. Here, there and every-  
where, if you've been observant,  
you've seen kids toting the tiny  
chirpers home.

Despite the high mortality rate,  
we've learned of late that far more  
of the biddies survive than one  
would expect offhand. In every in-  
stance where they have the good  
fortune to grow up into a full-  
fledged rooster or hen, they live a  
charmed life.

Never, so far as we have been

able to ascertain, does a chicken  
that started out in life as an  
Easter biddy end up in a stew pot.  
That's more than you can say for  
other feathered creatures, most  
especially Thanksgiving turkeys.

Try to look pleasant—even if the  
smile is only skin deep.

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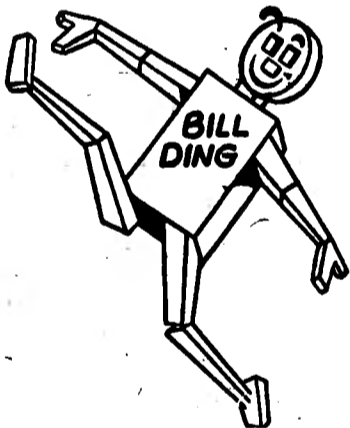
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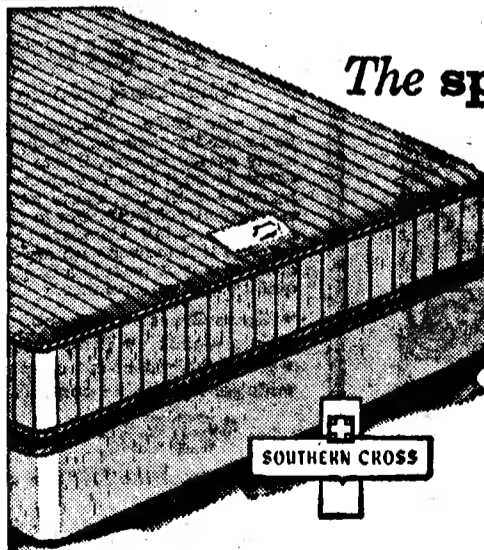
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