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In the waters of the Jordan the pilgrim believes he will find sure ablution for all his sins. Therefore, after witnessing on Holy Saturday the descent of the sacred fire in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, to the Jordan he wends his way. The distance from Jerusalem is about seven and a half hours' riding-as distances are measured in the orient. Most of the pilgrims walk, but some

ride on donkeys and horses and some on camels. The aged have to be held on to the backs of their beasts, and the women in many cases are suspended in baskets. The strange spectacle of these pilgrims marching to the Jordan for this baptismal ceremony is certainly unique, thousands of pilgrims of all ages and description traveling in a mighty band during the night through the narrow defiles of the mountains and across the dreary plains, illuminating the wild scenery with the glare of countless torches and startling the intense stillness of the desert air with penitential chants and harmonious melodies, like a living picture of the Israelites taking their departure from Egypt on just such a night and in just such a manner. The view from this plain to the Jordan is beautiful.

The procession reaches the Jordan be fore early daybreak. Immediately every one prepares to enter the sacred river. As the sun rises over the tops of Monb the river bank of the Jordan presents one of the most remarkable cenes in the world. The pilgrims, disrobing in great

IOHN GRAV BY MUP. W. P. BYNDE, 14 inste and rushing down the banks, plunge into the river in an undistinguishable mass. The garments they wear are the white robes sanctified



AS THE SUN LISES OVER MOAB A STRANGE SPECTACLE APPRABS.

by the holy fire and which will eventually be their burial shrouds. Here are men of all sizes and seasons, from tottering octogenarians, aided by strong youths, to crawling bables, who are immersed by their parents. Some creep in cautiously, and others reflect before entering the muddy and treacherous stream. Others leap in almost wildly and swim like eels and then reappear upon the banks and repeat the performance three times. They all either dip or plunge in three times in commemoration of the Trinity. Many of the women enter upheld by three men, who duck them. Others only step in ankle deep and are baptized on the brink of the river. The men, with their dark hair of great length, present a strange appearance. Holding to the grass, they dip three times and then shake themselves like dogs.

The site on the banks of the Jordan. held by the Russians as consecrated because of Christ's baptism having taken place there, is the last point where the river displays any charm sefore it narrows and carries away its prownish hued waters to the Dead sea. A wooden cross marks the spot declared by the Greeks to be that of Christ's

The pilgrims are not satisfied with bathing in the Jordan, but dip in garwhich thereafter will be preserved as sacred, and even drink the turbld water not only out of their own hands, but also out of those of their fellow pilgrims. Then they fill their tin cans with the precious liquid to be taken back to Russia for baptismal

purposes. Witnessing this performence one recalls the Scriptural account of the multitude being haptized by John the Baptist in this very river, when "from Jerusalem and all Galilee the people

came confessing their sins." The religious ablution takes place oon after daybreak, After a short ceremony of consecration the pligrims hastily prepare to march onward, the hospice at Jericho being their next resting place.

Their countenances are radiantly happy. They have attained the summit of earthly bliss, and their ecstasy is indescribable. Many eyes overflow with tears of joy, for they now feel confident that they have won eternal

pardon by this climar to their pli-grimag. Henceforth they will travel with light hearts and giad faces, visiting holy sites on their way through the orth of Palestine on to Haifa, where they will re-embark on their own steamers and return to Russia with

newly consecrated lives and hearts full of peace and joy. The long procession presents a pie turesque appearance as it gradually passes into the distance, all its members being laden with long brane or with tufts of foliage gathered from the Jordan's banks, waving them above

their heads as joyful trophies, while singing glad strains of harmonious chants in melodious tones. The aged lean on their branches as on walking sticks, and the backs of their beasts

bear more of the precious verdure, Thus does this strange pageant disappear from the valley as rapidly as it approached, leaving behind it only the MONG the numerous pilgrims silence and the solitude of the wilder-who visit the Holy Land at ness. This immense crowd of devoted Easter time by far the great- human beings arriving in deep humilier number are Russians, who ty and leaving in gladness, shouting hope to win Divine favor by taking part songs of triumph, has come and gone. in the two great ceremonies of the But no trace of the visit is to be seen Greek church in Palestine-that of the except the strewn leaves and the footholy fire in Jerusalem and of baptism | prints on the clay banks .- Cincinnati Enquirer.

STANLEY'S EASTER TREE.

A Springtime Suggestion For the Lit-

tle Folks. Stanley Ober stood at the window looking across the mendow at the small evergreens"that skirted the wood be yond and wishing it were Christmas time again, for the tree had been such a delight, but it was nearly Easter, and there would be Easter eggs and Easter cards and a small party, when all the cousins would be there.

"Mamma!" he cried suddenly. "Well?" asked mamma.

Stanley went nearer and talked earnestly for several minutes. Then mainma's face wore a smile, and Stanley was beaming and mysterious.

The party came off on Easter Monday, and all the cousins were there. A merry time they had of it, with all sorts of Easter games, and then came tea, with pretty sandwiches and cakes and ices and fruit, and then a door was opened into another room where stood tree hung with the most charming of Easter tokens. Dainty baskets of flowers, one for each guest; painted eggs suspended by gay ribbons, beautiful cards and homemade trifles, and at the top of the tree were sprays of lovely Easter lilles that looked so pure and white against their background of dark green.

The Easter tree was a great success and the cousins voted Stanley's Easter party to be the most delightful they had ever known.-Youth's Companion.

Jack Horner Pies. Jack Horner pies of all sizes are fashioned for Easter entertainments. A huge one is handsomely trimmed and decorated and filled with the four and twenty, not blackbirds, but downy little yellow chickens, each holding a ribbon in its beak, to which is attached some Easter favor. These ples are rather expensive when purchased at a shop, but would not be difficult to arrange at home, as the chickens can be bought by the dozen at various places where cotillon favors are sold. Some hostesses will use a ple filled with Easter eggs arranged in duplicate colors as a means of sorting partners. When the pie is opened each lady picks out an egg, and afterward it is handed around to each man, who must find his companion for the evening in the lady who has chosen an egg of the same color as the one selected by him. -Pittsburg Dispatch.

Easter Kisses. fact all the Teufonic races, worshiped Easter and kept her feast day about the time of the spring equinox. Unbridled license was allowed on this occasion and jests of every kind played. Many of these survive, notably that practiced by the sturdy countrymen north of the Humber, who, during Easter, sally forth into the streets and claim a kiss or a silver sixpence from every woman they meet. Not long ago in the town of Bedlington, Northumberland, a coal miner was sued for kissing a woman on Easter. He pleaded the old custom and was immediately released.-Chicago Inter Ocean.

A Singular Egg Trick. With a large decapter and a hard bolled egg a novel trick can be per-The decanter, however, must formed. be quite dry, and the egg must be shell-First drop into the decanter a piece of lighted paper and as the flame dies out put one end of the egg into the neck of the decanter after the manner of a stopper. In a few minutes the air will cool in the decanter and contract in volume, when the superior pressure of the atmosphere will force the egg through the neck down into the decanter without breaking.

Throwing the Egg. (In some parts of Europe there is an Easter game which is lots of fun, though it is hard on eggs. The children stand toeing a line on a smooth place where the ground is soft, and then one by one they throw their eggs, each one aiming to see how far he or she can throw without breaking or cracking the egg. The skilled players aim to throw their eggs so that they shall skim along the ground and land finally on their smaller ends, which are the hardest Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Queer Old Easter Custom. It was the privilege long ago for men to beat their wives Easter day, but the latter repaid the compliment the next day. This ceremony, as far as can be learned, was not provocative of lawsuits or separations and was, no doubt, mere loving castigation.

History and the London Times. I fancy history would have been very tame if the Times newspaper had been going all the time. One can fancy the nn letters that would have apseared in it. "Sir-My attention has been called to the report that I helped to murder Julius Caesar in the capitol, a report which has no foundation in fact. I should have thought that the friendly relations which, I am proud to say, always subsisted between us would have rendered such a slander impossible. Yours, etc., Brutus."—0. K. Chesterton in Illustrated London

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AN EASTER LILY

Once, in a mossy garden old, The angel of the flowers Walked in the sliver mist of dawn And watered it with showers. he saw an Gaster Illy there. Coo beautiful do fade, And changed its fragrant love-

Into a little maid.



BEHOLD HER ROBED IN FILMY WHITE.

Behold her robed in filmy white Where in the church she stands, The long stemmed lilles in her

The Pealter in her hande. Der face is lifted to the morn : Its glory round her lies, And all the brightness of the day Le mirrored in her eyes.

On every altar in the land The lilles bud and blow The air to beavy with perfume from chalices of enow;
H demy garland round the world The blossoms stretch away But she is still the sweetest

Chat blooms on Gaster day. -Minna Irving in Leslie's Weekly

Egg Rolling at the White Ho The egg rolling of Easter Monday at Washington is the most interesting of American Easter practices. The fete is held on the White House grounds, as is well known. Thousands of children are admitted to the broad green sloping lawn to induige in competitive egg rolling, egg knocking and other games a scene unrivaled in picturesque and happy interest. This Easter Monday celebration has been emulated in other places in America. In Atlanta, Ga., recently the park commissioners at their own expense procured 10,000 eggs, had them prottily decorated and hid them in one of the city parks, concenling them just sufficiently to give zest to a bunt, to which all the children in the city were invited.

Easter Clothes.

The idea of having new articles of dress for Easter seems to be the one custom which through the ages has been most lastingly preserved, and it is not very probable that all of the many young ladies who could not go to church on Easter without new bonnets or of the young gentlemen who so conscientiously visit their tailors a few weeks before Easter know of the old superstition that new apparel worn on Easter would bring good fertune in love affairs during the ensuing year.

If they did, the crush at the tailors and the demands on the dressmakers would probably be something enormous.—Washington Star.

Easter at Christ Church School. In London there is an old and felic-itous custom on Easter Monday, when the boys of the famous Christ hospital school repair to the Mansion House to receive from the lord mayor what are known as "Easter bobs." Each "Grecian" receives a sopreign, and the others, according to their relative standing, are given coins of lesser value. Refreshments of lemonade and buns are served, after which the mayor and the civic authorities conduct the boys to Christ church, Newgate, where they henr a sermon.

FUN WITH EGGSHELLS.

All Borts of Things May Se Made With Debris of Easter Breakfast. There is a rollicking lot of fun to be had out of eggshells and scraps of egg;

You may use whole eggs for the bodles of animals. If these should prove to be too heavy for that purpose, bore a small hole in each end with a sharp peaknife and blow out the contents. Eggshells emptied in this manner will serve admirably in a number of in-

Bits of twigs, matches or toothpicks make excellent legs and arms. The legs of a knight's horse may be made of pieces of twigs, and so may the legs and arms of the knight himself. In one animal, "Coco," a bit of a root was used for a tail, and a ridiculously fun- the first company of an infantry ny tail it made too. Two pieces of timothy were used for antennae. Appropriately enough, chicken feathers are a great feature in this fun. They may be used for ears or wings or plumes or tails. In conclusion, use any and every material that he at hand. The more absurd it is the better. Small scraps of shell fastened to the

ends of the arms and legs make excellent hands and feet. Make all fas tenings with sealing wax and paint features on your animals with ink.

The half shells may be fastened to

gether in various ways some slipped inside of the other and some fastened together so as to make a whole shell. Woman's Home Companion.

A QUAINT OLD CUSTOM.

that of "heaving," practiced on Easter Monday and Tuesday. Men would henve or lift women scated in chairs above their heads, and women would heave men in similar fashion. Those

who refused to be heaved or to heave hid to pay a fine. Sometimes men and women would hide away to escape the orden and the fine, and at times the result was disastrous—as, for instance, in the case referred to by Taylor in "15:80. This yere & the tuesday

ered under the hiding themselves from mayds the bill falls upon them." There may have been many others who suffered more from evading the heaving, but history is silent about

THE BURNING OF JUDAS.

them.-New York Press.

A Strange Easter Coremony Still Practiced in Mexico.

Of the many ceremonies of Easter week the one which most excites the interest of the stranger in Mexico is that of the "Sabado de Gloria," . the Saturday before Easter. On that day the arch traiter Judas

is held up to public execration by being burned in the shape of effigies stuffed with fireworks. These effigies ars usually misshapen monsters and are hawked about the streets on the days preceding the "Saturday of glory," The artificers give free play to their fancy, and some of the results are, to say the least, astonishing. Most of the figures have borns, claws and other

on Saturday morning the largest Ju-dases are suspended on wires stretched across the streets and are burned amid the wild excitement of the crowds which gather to conduct and to witness ceremony. - New York Evening

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In Our Columns

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These Hustling Americans.

At a recent gathering in Baltimore two men from different sections of the country were discussing the capabilities of "nervous, restless Americans" for being most slow and deliberate. The Marylander claimed the palm for slowners for the inhabitants of the Eastern Shore of his state.

"It is a saying hereabouts," said "that if oysters had been created with legs the people of the Eastern Shore would all have starved to death."

"The folks around Mount Monad-

nock have a saying that beats yours," remarked a Vermont man. "Of one man up there it used to be observed that if you were to give Hiram Higgins forty yards start stock still would catch him!"—Harper's Weekly.

A Verbal Puzzle. "Lieutenant colonel' is probably the worst verbal puzzle that con-fronts the child," says a writer. "Our pronunciation is a heritage from the sixteenth century spelling 'coronel.' / which represented the Spanish form, wherein the change of T to 'r' was linguistically natural, though popular etymology wrongly connected the word with corona, a crown. It is really from the Italian 'colonna,' a column, the 'empagnia colonella' having been regiment, the little column which the 'colonel' led. In the seventeenth century 'colonel' had three syllables, as in Milton's line 'captain or colonel, or knight in arms, but in Johnson's time the common pro-nunciation was 'col'nel.'"

Boys' Four Seasons.

"Spring, summer, autumn and winter, these are the four seasons as the man sees them," said a schoolteacher a few days ago. "The boy has another way of dividing the year, however, and when he does not watch the seasons of his year on a calendar above his desk he never forgets them. His division is marbles, ball, shinney and skating. Mar-A very peculiar English custom whose origin it is difficult to trace is a group of boys at play just as well as by an almanac."—Kansas City Star.

"To Die In the Last Ditch." The earliest use of the expression "To die in the last ditch" was made by William of Orange, the stadt-holder of the Dutch republic. While he was carrying on his apparently hopeless struggle against Louis XIV., Buckingham, who was urging him to yield, asked him whether he after Ester hollyders two yonge men him to yield, asked him whether he of Salop whose names were Edmonde Reynolds & Robart Clarke were smoth country that was impending. country that was impending. "There is one certain means," re-

plied William, "by which I can be ure never to see my country's ruin
—I will die in the last ditch!"

An Irich Enster Game. In Ireland children play a game call-ed "bunching eggs." This is played with a pan filled with sand or sawdust, which is set on a table, around which the children stand, each supplied with eggs. The eggs of each player are all of one color and 'are unlike those of the other players. The object of the game is for each player to so place the eggs stauding upright in the sand as to bring five in a row ing each other. In turn each player pulls down an egg, sometimes filling out a row for herself, at others cutting off the line of an opponent. The one who first succeeds in obtaining the desired row calls out:

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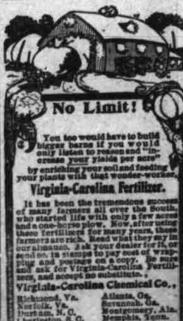
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