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Easter-tide.

Oh, rare as the splendor of lilies, And sweet as the violet's breath, Comes the jubilant morning of Easter, A triumph of life over death; For fresh from the earth's quickened bosom...

Who vanished afar in the night, Will return in the beauty of spring time To beam on our rapturous sight Sweet Easter-tide pledges their coming, Serene beyond trouble and toil, As the lily uprisings in its freshness From the warm, throbbing heart of the soul...

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"THE BLOT" ON THE AMERICAN "SCUTCHEON."

Wilmington Star. The most infamous transaction known to American history was the judicial murder of Mrs. Surratt immediately after the war. The judicial murders of the cruel and remorseless Jeffries in English history are less repellent, less horrible than the shameful and diabolical taking-off of Mrs. Surratt under the meanest man in American history, Judge Holt.

Edison. Bill Arp, in Home and Farm. Edison is a wonderful genius. A Cleveland man told me that he knew him in Cleveland years ago. He was a newsboy on the train before he was in his teens, and one day jumped from a train in rapid motion and at the peril of his life snatched a little child from being crushed by a locomotive on another track.

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Not a Fighting Regiment.

The number of original Harrison men in Washington now is only exceeded by the number of members of the Third Iowa Regiment, of which Secretary Noble was adjutant. Every man who was a member of that famous fighting regiment during the war, in quest of office, thinks that he has an especial claim upon the Secretary of the Interior. One day last week Secretary Bussey, Assistant Secretary Bussey, who was Colonel of the Third Iowa, and Col. Hassler, the Democratic Appointment Clerk of the Interior Dept., and a great warrior in the Secretary's office, when the door opened and a gentleman from the wild and woolly west entered the office. He was welcomed by Col. Bussey and Gen. Noble, and the former said: "Col. Hassler, let me make you acquainted with Maj. Pickersell, of Dakota, formerly of the Third Iowa."

Hasler and the Major shook hands, and the former with great gravity said: "Major, that regiment, I believe, took no part in the war." "Well, sir," replied the Major indignantly, "I should think it did. That regiment fought in some of the severest battles of the war." "Why Hasler," said the Secretary, "what made you ask such a question?" "Oh simply because so many of its members are alive," was Hasler's reply, and the Secretary, appreciating the sarcasm, almost fell from his chair in a paroxysm of laughter.

A Gun Fence.

It is common to hear about "a solid wall of bayonets" in war time, but at the barracks is a veritable wall of them now. When the late war was declared the Union government found itself in possession of a vast number of muskets, useless because there was nobody to be shot with them. They were stored up for awhile in various arsenals, until radical improvements made them utterly worthless. And when an old gun gets worthless it is the most intensely worthless thing extant. So these guns that cost millions were not worth paying rent for storing. At this place a fence was built with them. The gun barrels, with bayonets fixed, were stood up four inches apart for a quarter of a mile, and then secured by bars of iron, forged from old guns, with holes pierced to admit the old muskets. It is the most formidable fence I ever saw. The bayonets, which in many instances have given death wounds, are rusted now until they could not be removed from the barrels. The posts of this unique old fence are of old cannon.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

London's police force numbers 14,257 men. The cost of Paris exposition will be \$10,000,000. A million pound bank note is kept at the Bank of England. Onions are selling for a cent a bushel at Cavastota, N. Y. A canvass back duck is said to be able to fly eighty miles an hour. The lady man aims at nothing and generally hits it.—James Ellis. The town of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas has elected a woman for mayor. In New York there is not a profession in which women have not entered. The daughter of a Parisian millionaire is to marry Dr. Tanner, the faster. The cattle reporter of one of New York's leading morning papers is a woman. It is against the law of Mexico for any one to read a newspaper aloud. Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe is 79 years old but her mind is not gone as is reported. It is worth £1,000 a year to have the habit of looking on the bright side of things.—Dr. Johnson. A California woman gathered 502 cucumbers from a volunteer vine which grows in her garden. Up to the present date the hunt for the mysterious murderer Tascott has cost the Sheriff \$39,000. The fashion of carrying a muff dates 800 years back. Couturers were them in the time of George I. In digging among the ruins of Pompeii they have found a piece of brass made to fit the human cheek. A working man of Pittsburg has patented a new submarine ram that will pierce the side of the heaviest iron-clad. Sydney, Australia, is having an organ built in London which is said to be the largest in the world, costing \$75,000. It is hard to keep up with American newspaper coinage. The latest is "razzle-dazzle." It is another term for "boycott." In China people in easy circumstances buy their coffins long before they need them, and exhibit them as ornamental pieces of furniture. It has been found necessary to turn the city hall at Walla Walla, W. T., into a temporary house for immigrants, the rush into the territory is so great. The Custer monument in Montana has been so greatly defaced by Indians shooting at it that it has been found necessary to recast the names on it. There is a man in Los Angeles, Cal., whose business it is to travel east with corpses of people who go to southern California to find health, and who die instead. Guns are now being made so powerful that the objects which their missiles are intended to strike will be out of sight. Consequently the guns can only be directed by the map. The fees for ascending the Eiffel tower are five francs to the top, three francs to the second platform, and two francs to the first. The three platforms will hold 10,000 people. Despite the talk about Smith being such a common name, those of Green, White, Brown and Davis beat it in the United States by 15 per cent. Even "John" is not as common as "Joe." A giant ice making machine was shipped from Cincinnati to Denver, Col. It weighed about 300,000 pounds, and thirteen cars were required to carry it. It cost \$36,000. A farmer near Talbotton, Ga., who lives on an estate formerly owned by his father, says that there are good chestnut rails now in use on the farm that were split by the Indians when they owned the country. It is said that Fenimore Cooper became a novelist through his wife's challenge. One evening while reading a novel he threw it aside, saying, "I believe I could write a better book myself." "Let me see you do it," said his wife. In a few days he had written several chapters of "Precaution," which he had published at his own expense. It attracted but little attention, but he continued and wrote "The Spy," Hawthorne, too, it is said, was induced to write "The Scarlet Letter" by a remark of his wife.

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