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Come out, Easter sunshine,  
From heavenly folds above  
And teach our hearts the joy, the  
peace  
Of heaven's enduring love.

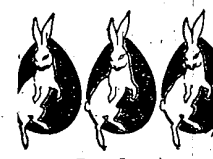
**Stream out, Easter sunshine.**  
And make the loved land bright  
And lead us from the shadows  
To hills of the light.

Frank L. Stanton.

**Happy Easter Time.**  
Once again the joyous Easter occasion finds us alive and blessed with health and strength. We should be thankful. Time is here for all agreeable life to begin to be refreshed, after the cold of the winter season. We should learn the lesson taught, and begin again to practice the good resolutions of the new year we may have broken.

How did Easter originate? For a moment let us think about the reason for keeping Easter. Nearly 2000 years ago Jesus was a man in the world. He died on the cross to free us from sin, and in three days arose from the dead and went back to His Father in heaven. As followers of Jesus we keep Easter Day as a remembrance of the resurrection of His resurrection from the dead. Easter then signified a new life, or is the time for vegetable life to begin—the time for us to remember the Savior who was resurrected from the dead, and to try to renew our faith in Him and shape our lives by His example.

Again, Easter time is even the season for us to change our mode of dress. It is the balancing point between cold and warm weather—hence new bonnets and dresses.



**Easter Souvenir.**  
Souvenirs for the dinner on Easter Sunday or for the functions during the week may be tiny rabbits or Easter eggs filled with salted nuts or with small candies.

An orchid in natural tints is used as an Easter egg, while various arrangements of the Easter flowers are turned to similar service.

Clusters of violets and jonquils on tall stems are among the blossoms utilized for the same purpose.

While floral decorations are more liked for the table decoration, some more grotesque features are also employed.

A charming salad almond or bonbon box is in the form of a tiny head of lettuce from which peeps out a brown rabbit. Blown egg shells are mounted on small boxes and grotesque faces are painted upon the shells, which are then fitted with appropriate headgear. An Easter greeting is pasted on the covers of these cases. The old fashioned Easter egg of plaster of paris and sugar, with the glass eye, through which one discovers scrap book pictures of rabbits and children, is still shown.

The newer Easter eggs have not entirely usurped in popularity. These eggs are pretty table favors, as are also small jardinières containing growing ferns or plants.

**The Lover on Easter.**  
In Hungary, in every cottage whose roof shelters a marriageable girl are to be seen on Easter morning bunches of pine decorated with bows of ribbon. They have been brought there over night by young men returning from the fields. The peasant lover, accompanied by several friends, enters the house carrying a pail, and the lady the owner. "I have heard that there is a flower in your garden, and I crave you permission to water it."

The father replies: "I thank you for the honor you have done me by visiting my roof. I have a flower, but it grows without being watered."

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**Flg. for Palm Sunday.**  
The Continental communities observe Palm Sunday at table by eating figs. In Wiltshire, England, there is a mound known as Silbury Hill, and on Palm Sunday all the people living around about climb to the top of it and there eat figs, washing them down with sugar and water. A church in Herefordshire, England, makes a specialty of giving every member of the congregation a bun and a horn of cider on this day.

**Pretty Spanish Easter Custom.**  
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# **PRANKY DAN CUPID CHASED AWAY FROM CHILD ELOPERS BY A WOMAN**



Grace Bowles and Alston Curtin, photographed on eloping journey.

Thoroughly displeased at the prospect of single life, Alston Curtin, sixteen, and Grace Bowles, fifteen, both of Washington, eloped to New York last week. Their happiness was short lived, for in the latter city Mrs. Helen J. Adams, an agent of the Travelers' Aid Society, espied them as soon as they got off the train and got them to tell her their story. As soon as she learned the facts she had them taken in hand by the Children's Society, which detained them until their parents arrived to take them home.

## **Glimpses of Married Life**

"Oh, mother," wrote Nell, the day after the stenographer had dined with them, "how I wish you were here to advise me. I feel that I am making mistakes, but I do not see how to avoid them. Dick asked me to invite Mrs. Rudolph to dinner and of course I did. If anyone ever honestly tried to like a girl, I am that person, but I failed. She is affected and in sincere and is forever striking attitudes, that she knows set off her charms. She is a good listener and hangs on Dick's words as if in their thim they were the wisdom of ages. I tried desperately to be gracious to her, for if any dislike is shown Dick will attribute it to her. She is pretty table favors, as are also small jardinières containing growing ferns or plants.

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# **PASSOVER CEREMONIES.**

**Many Obligations Entailed Upon Pious Israelites.**

Date Back to the Time When the Jews Ceased to Exist as a Nation  
—Fratricide for the Leavened Bread  
—Fratricide Offering Service.

**T**HERE are many ancient ceremonies still observed in celebrating the Passover festival. The ceremonies mentioned in connection with the bondage of the Israelites and their departure from Egypt, as narrated by ancient rites which date back to the dispersion of the Jews and to time when they ceased to have a national existence.

The observance of Passover festival entail many obligations upon the pious Israelites. Attendance at the synagogue service and the prayers said in the family circle are not the only acts of devotion required by the religious authorities. The worshiper is expected to follow many Biblical and rabbinical commands even in his preparation for the festival. On the evening preceding the eve of Passover an interesting ceremony is observed by the very pious, which is highly characteristic of the conscientious endeavor of the strict Hebrew to observe literally the commandment that there shall not be any bread or "hametz" in his house. A search is made by the master of the house for any leaven that may have been overlooked in the general cleaning. He examines every closet and every nook and corner thereof, gathering anything that he finds suspicious or decidedly leaven. This he burns the next morning and before the moon hour.

This ceremony is not as generally observed as the Hagaddah or "Seder," which is the principal and all important domestic service. It is an exceedingly interesting ceremony, full of pathetic and historical reminiscences, and is held on the first two nights of the Passover, and is a family and social prayer meeting.

When the family and guests have been seated around the festive table, which is profusely decorated with fruits, flowers and ornaments, the master of the house recites an introductory prayer in Hebrew and a welcome to the guests, but before he commences the recital of the narrative of the departure from Egypt the youngest child at table asks of the assembly:

"Why is this night observed differently from any other?" On this evening only unleavened bread is eaten, only bitter herbs are now spread before us, and we are all sitting differently from our usual custom, and are in reclining positions."

The inquiry of the youngest person at table concerning the reclining posture they taken is demanded because the reclining posture is a reclining posture of comfort and ease, and because the one who observe the custom with great precision lounge on pillows as a mark of grandeur and freedom. The Oriental mode of sitting while eating and drinking is true to the custom of Eastern nations, who always recline while at repeat and take their meals lazily and with great luxury.

These questions are asked to introduce the narrative and are answered by the master of the house in the service which follows. With each portion of the narrative recited by the master of the house, the most interesting episodes mentioned in the Bible are exhibited. The bone of a lamb which had previously been roasted over the fire and which is to all present to recall to the audience that the first born of the Hebrews were spared when those of the Egyptians were killed, for it will be remembered that the lamb is the dramatic episodes mentioned in the Bible was the killing of the lamb at the exodus of the Israelites and the sprinkling of its blood upon the door posts of their houses, and this ceremony is reminder thereof.

Another dish at table of which all partake is the "Haroset," a mixture of fruit, herbs and almonds made into a paste resembling apple sauce, and eaten in commemoration of the severity of the life in Egypt. The quotation from Exodus is recited, "That the Egyptians embittered the lives of the Israelites with mortar and brick, for all labor was inflicted upon them with rigor."

The reason for eating unleavened bread is explained to be in commemoration of the rapid departure from Egypt, when there was not sufficient time given for the dough to rise because they were thrust out of Egypt and were not allowed to take any leaven with them.

The Passover festival is not considered otherwise than a happy and glorious occasion among the Hebrews.

"Dear Child: You are making a great mistake in letting thoughts of suspicion and dislike fill your mind. If the girl is really as you paint her she needs your pity. Surely she has some likeable qualities; keep then up to the mark in your mind. If you harbor thoughts, they will develop suspicion and irritability; everything that will lessen your charm and your hold on your husband. You are laying a train of powder that may blow up all your happiness."

Nell dropped the letter in her lap and gazed off over the green fields. She realized that a fight was ahead of her, and she braced herself to meet it.

On the way home she stopped at Mrs. Parsons' and stayed for a cup of tea. Mrs. Parsons was very quiet. Finally she said: "Do you know Roger insists that I take the children out this summer, when the weather begins to be hot. He is afraid they will not keep well here. I shall send and see what kind of a summer we have. Occasionally there is one cool enough to be quite comfortable."

"I shall be with you if you go," said Nell. "You are my one real friend."

"Thank you, dear; I have enjoyed you immensely. Perhaps I can persuade Roger to let me stay; really, I miss him so terribly I can't enjoy the cool weather. I would not think of going if it were not for the children. Robert was quite ill two years ago; that is what frightened Roger."

Nell seemed very much depressed. "We will pray for cool weather," she said as she rose to go.

When Dr. Johnson was out, Dr. Johnson used to retire to a garret library over his chambers where he was when he wanted to study without interruption, rather than tell the servant to say he was not at home. "A servant's strict regard for truth," said Johnson, "must be weakened by such a practice. A philosopher may know that it is merely a form of denial; but few servants are such nice distinguishers. If I accustomed a servant to tell a lie for me, he would not reason to apprehend that he will tell many lies for himself?"

**Toy Automobile.**  
From the nursery demands automobile thrills. A French toy of recent design consists of an automobile, which, with chauffeur and mechanic, dashes along at a high rate of speed for a distance and then the thing suddenly collapses. The two men are thrown out and the machine turns over and piles up like a real wreck, to the delight of the children.

**Saw Bad Luck in Sneez.**  
In the olden days if a man sneezed while dressing he went back to bed again before completing his toilet, and the captain of a vessel would delay his voyage if one of his sailors sneezed while weighing anchor.

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