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At Easter.

In mellow surges the organ notes
Ecstatic roll and range:
As though a thousand rhythmic throats
Raised raptures new and strange,
The music roars, and falls, and floats
In rhapsodies of change.
Resplendent through the pictured panes
An argent effluence streams,
And falls, like vivifying rains,
A blessing where it beams,
Until the soul walks, free from stain,
The land of heavenly dreams.
I take thy hand, O sainted heart,
The hand thou gav'st of yore—
My spirit lifted where thou art
Beyond the world's uproar—
And with thee, in a place apart,
I walk the jasper shore.

—Clinton Scollard.

An Easter Bonnet.

A little bit of pearly lace that droops
and crinkles gracefully,
With tiny sprays of crimson bloom a-
nodding everywhere:
Two dainty wings—celestial things!
Two twisted crimson velvet strings,
That start amid the flowers and steal
adown my lady's hair;
Some little silvery ornaments that shine
and sparkle saucily—
A Lilliputian bow or two, half shyly
hid away.
In size it might perhaps be right
To shield a humming bird from sight—
'Tis useless where my lady's curls in
bright profusion play.

—Mildred McNeal.

Easter.

It is interesting to note that people in general are inclining more and more to the celebration of church festivals which were formerly observed by one or two divisions of the Christian body. It is not so long ago that the celebration of Easter was looked upon somewhat askance by many denominations; and yet today these denominations give Easter and Easter services a prominent place in their church calendar. The movement is certainly in the right direction; laying aside all prejudices of denomination or creed, it is well that the whole Christian body can find common ground on certain days. It is well that they should celebrate not only spiritually, but outwardly, this great day in the Christian year. Even those who profess to be among the faithless may meet, too, on the same ground at this spring time festival, and observe and be thankful for the re-awakening of the year—the symbol of new life which one finds in all Nature. Whatever his belief or non-belief, no one should be unmoved or unresponsive to the new season, to the promise of life which he sees every year renewed and reiterated in Nature, as well as finds in the tenet of faith. The Easter-time should be a season of joy, of fresh hope, of new endeavor, of practical faith in humanity and in God.



April girl with April eyes,
Gleaming with a shy surprise,
We assert
When you pass us laughing by,
Since you smile and since you sigh,
You're a flirt!

Lady herald of the spring,
Buds and bees and birds you bring,
Promise, too,
Of the shining summer hours;
April girl of sun and showers,
Hail to you!

To our Readers.

What do you think of April Western Home Monthly? Pretty nice magazine, don't you think? It's not as easy a task to run a high class, clean magazine as some people imagine, but the task became a pleasant one indeed when nearly every letter that we receive, reads thus:—Dear Mr. Editor.—"I think the Western Home Monthly is the nicest and most interesting paper published, and I really don't know how I could get along without it. Papa reads it, Mamma reads it, my brothers and sisters read it and there seems to be something in it to interest everyone of us." Letters like that make the editorial staff and the management feel good. It encourages them to greater efforts in preparing the next month's number.

Thanks, thanks dear readers for your hearty appreciation. We want you one and all, both old and young, to love the Western Home Monthly because it is here to stay and intends to make its permanent home here among you in this glorious "last great West." It is growing in its influence for good as well as growing in circulation, and we want you to know that the affection that you lavish on our magazine is returned by us a thousand-fold. Nothing helps the magazine and nothing helps the men and women behind the magazine (that is the editors) so much as a mutual regard and kindly sympathetic feeling between you who read and we who supply your reading. We feel that your affection for the Western Home Monthly also extends to us who prepare it for you.

This feeling of mutual regard we want to cultivate and keep green, for once this mutual appreciation is established, the rest of our work is a pleasure and a delight, for we are dealing with friends who are friends indeed—friends tried and true.

There are many good things of interest in our April number and its hard to say which is the most attractive when all is so good.

A great many tastes have to be catered to in supplying the reading public, and we make an effort to satisfy everybody's peculiar ideas as to what ought to be presented in a publication of this kind. We know that we are pleasing our readers from the many kind letters we receive from our subscribers when remitting us their subscription renewal for another year. Now, dear reader, it takes money, and a lot of it, to furnish you with a magazine of as high class as the Western Home Monthly. We just mention this fact so that those of you who have inadvertently overlooked sending us your renewal, may do so at once. The address label on your magazine will tell you when you are paid up to. Subscription price, 50 cents a year. One dollar will pay your subscription for three years, or three subscriptions for one year. \$1.50 will pay for six years, or six subscriptions for one year.

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