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EASTER EGG CUSTOMS

SOME QUAINT OLD WORLD OBSER VANCES IN THIS CONNECTION.

Sirth-Egg-Throwing in Old England -A Welsh Custom, Eggs or Copper

From time immemorial the egg has been regarded as the symbol of creation, or new birth. The Perians believed that the world was hatched from an egg about the time of year of the spring equinox. The Parsees celebrate their New Year at The this time, exchanging gifts of colored eggs. In the mysterious ancient Jewish apocalyptic ceremonies, and in their household during their paschal season, the egg held a conspic ous position. With the rise of Christianity, however, the paschal egg took on an entirely new aspect, typifying the risen Saviour, and the red tint given it was in commemoration of His blood shed for sinners on the It is interesting, therefore, to know that our brilliant crimson Easter egg is not popular merely because it is a pleasing bright color, but is, also, a survival of this anient and significant practice.

Pasch, Pace and Pase, were ames for what is now universally called the Easter egg in all English speaking countries. At Eastertide, in medieval times, priests and choris At Eastertide, ters had an odd game of ball with the Pasch egg, throwing it from one to the other in the name of the church, an anthem being sung meantime. As necessarily the egg came to grief, if it was not caught every time, eventually the more substantial hand-ball was used instead. In France, in olden times, all the henroosts were ransacked for the largest eggs which were then presented the king.

Easter morning, immediately after the high mass in the Chapel of the Louvre, pyramids of gilded eggs, trimmed baskets, brought into the royal cabinet by men servants and by them given out to all those about the court in the

presence of the king.
/There is a survival of an old custom still extant in a few of more remote parts of France, where the priest goes around at the Faster season and blesses the homes of parishioners, who recompense him with gifts of eggs both plain and

An old practice formerly prevalent all over Wales, and in parts of England, and Scotland, still obtains in Anglesay, North Wales. There, from Monday until Saturday the week immediately preceding Easter, the children go from house to house soliciting eggs, if no eggs are forthcoming, they will take their equivalent in coppers. They announce their commeans of a large clapper that the door may be open for them. An old Northumberland custom geems as curious as any. There, whea a man asks a woman for an egg and she refuses it, he takes off her boots holding them until she pays the pen-alty, and when he refuses her the Pasch egg requested, she snatches off his cap and will not return it until he pays the forfeit. Her deed much easier of accomplishment his, and one wonders just how

ianages it if she objects. Perhaps, of all countries, Russia cseds all others in the attention . it pays to the Easter egg. Almost uniersally the people may be seen carrying a number of eggs with them wherever they go on Easter Day for wherever they go on Easter Day for presentation to their friends. In giving them, they say, "Christ is Risen," and receive the answer. "He is risen, indeed." After services in the risen, indeed." churches priests and laymen click eggs together, just as we do glasses when giving a toast, as an evidence of

kindly feeling.
Our practice of "pick you upper, is practiced in many parts of rural England and continental Europe, the same rule controlling, the weaker egg becoming the spoil of the stronger Another popular European Pasch egg contest is to trundle the eggs down a hill or slope, the ones reach-ing the bottom uncracked winning the weaker ones. An American practice of this custom is the famous White House egg trundling on Easter Monday. Here, since the beginning of the century children gather on the White House lawn on that day and trundle Easter eggs down the slope. Of late years, the original Easter eggs bave had a formidable rival in

the artificial eggs made of confection-ery, or of sugar and filigree, hollow containing bon bons or any other dainty offering. Many of these confectioner's eggs are very dainty and attractive, while others of mammoth size and cost are very elaborate, and are just for show.

old Friends the Best.

"Every year I am more convinced of the value of the good old stand-bys," says an amateur flower-grower. "It sometimes happens that the most disappointing thing in one's window garden is a novelty of some kind with a high-sounding name. This novelty may have cost ten times the price of some really beautiful plant which has been rejected because it is so 'common.' Some of the flowers 'as old as the hills' are far more beautiful than many of the loudlyadvertised novelties. It is a good thing to hold fast to that which is known to be good, in the floral world, as well as in other things. It is wise to retain a few 'old while experimenting with

A Weil-Fed Father.

The father of a family becoming an-noyed at the fault-finding of his children ever their food, exclaimed in a

rage one day at dinner:
"You children are intolerable; you "You children are intolerable; your turn up your noses at everything. When I was a boy, I was often glad enough to get dry bread to eat."
"Poor papa!" said Rose, the pet of the family. "I am so glad you are having such nice times now, living with mamma and us."

CURIOUS SALUTA IONS.

The custom of shaking hands is the most common form of salutation, among civilized peoples. It undoubte edly comes, says a writer, from re-mote barbarism, when two men mestedly co ing gave each other the weapon hands as a security against treachery or sudden attack, says the "Home Journal."

On the Continent it is usual for men who are intimate friends to kiss one another, but this custom prevails only among ladies in English-speaking countries. In the greater portion of Germany it is an act of politeness to kiss the hand of a lady, but this privflege is allowed in Italy to near relatives, while in Russia it is extended

to kissing the forehead. In the East the character of salutalion is quite different. The custom of throwing one's self on the ground and kissing the feet of the monarch prevails among the Persians. In China an inferior upon horseback, meeting a superior. dismounts and waits till the other has passed.

In Japan the inferior removes his sandals when meeting his superior, crosses his hands by placing the right hand in the left sleeve, and, with, a slow rocking motion of his body, cried "Augh! Augh!" ("Do not hurt out:

In Siam the inferior throws himself upon the ground before his superior, and the latter sends forward one of his servants to see whether the former has been eating or carries with him any smell of anything offensive. If he does, he is immediately kicked out without ceremony, but if not the attendant raises him .

In Ceylon the inferior, on meeting a superior, throws himself upon the ground, repeating the name and dignity of the latter, who appears to take little notice of the prostrate form as he passes it.

Among some tribes of American Indians the custom is to salute by rubbing noses together.

This form is also common in the Friendly and Society Islands, where it is re urned by each taking the hand of the other and rubbing it upon his nose and mouth. The Moors of Morocco ride at full

speed toward a stranger, as if they intended to ride him down, and, on arriving hear, suddenly stop and fire a pistol over his head. The Arabians shake hands six or

eight times, but if persons of distinction they embrace and kiss several times, also kissing their own hands. In Turkey it is the custom to place the hands upon the breast and bow to the person saluted.

BRILLIANTS.

It makes a great difference in the force of a sentence whether a man be behind it or no.-Emerson.

We may hold unceasing daily converse with our Father, he speaking to up by the descent of blessings, we to him by the ascent of thanksgiving .-Manning.

"A Hittle word in kindness spoken, A motion or a teat.
Has often healed the heart that's

broken. And made a friend sincere." How can the sense that the living God is near to our life, that he is interested in it and willing to help it, survive in us if our life be full of petty Absorption in trifles, attention only to the meaner aspects of life is killing more faith than is killed by aggressive unbelief.—Geo.ge Adam

Smith. Our only possibility of bearing any fruit worthy of our nature and of God's purpose concerning us is by vital union with Zesus Christ. If we have not that, there may be plenty of activity and mountains of work in our lives, but there will be no fruit .- Mc-Laren.

In these two invitations of divine love and directions of infinite wisdom namely, "Come unto me," and "Abide in me," are hidden all the riches of our salvation. Happy are they who come; most happy are they who abide; the first a blessing in time; the latter

in eternity.-Ford. Make a rule, and pray God to help you keep it, never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say: "I have made one human being. at least, a little wiser, a little happier or a little better this day." You will find it easier than you think, and pleasanter.—Charles Kingsley.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Virtue is like a rich stone, best plain set.-Bacon.

Like all o'her men, the Prince Wales is made of dust; but it looks as if his name would be mud before the reign shall come to him. Vanity keeps persons in favor with

themselves who are out of favor with all others .- Shakespeare. Disgusted contributor-"Can I send you anything that won't be rejected."

Editor-"Certainly. Send a year's subscription." He surely is most, in want of another's pa ience who has none of his own. -Lavateux.

Poet-"Have you read my 'Death Editor-"No; but I'd like to Agony?" Pride is increased by ignorance; those assume the most who know the

least.-Gay. "The girl who can't sing, but will sing." remarked a crusty New York-er "should be sent to Sing Sing."

PROVERBS BY THE CZAR.

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last Friday. BALDOON.

Charlie Mills takes a first place in the class, leading in the spring plow-ing, and we expect he will soon be

planting his potatoes.

Mrs. Jas. Jackson is another addition to the doctor's list of patients. Mrs. Thos. Stokes had an unfortunate fall a few days ago, and got con

siderably shaken up.

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hood during the week.

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