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Finally the Easter which we know was instituted in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the first Christians continuing to observe many of the old festivals though in a new spirit.

The date of the Christian Easter was at first identical with the Jewish Passover, but this was not pleasing to the early church, and so, after much disputation, another time was set by the Nicaean Council, and the time finally became recognized as the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox.

According to a regulation of Constantine, Easter was made the beginning of the year. In France this rule held until 1565, when by an ordinance of Charles IX. the first of January took its place.

The symbols clinging about Easter also point, though vaguely, to Pagan origin. For instance, the egg, now used as a symbol of resurrection, possessed a symbolic signification in many lands long before the Christian era. In the Veda of the Hindus old hymns still tell of a primeval water from which arose an "egg" that gave birth to Brahma.

The hare also figures in many mythologies, and from ancient times was considered as a symbol for the moon.

The custom of eating "hot-cross buns" on Good Friday is supposed to have descended from pagan worship of the Queen of Heaven, by the eating of cakes made to resemble the sacred heifer in Egypt.

Until the reign of James II. in England it was the custom for the Sovereign at Eastertide to wash the feet of as many of his subjects as he numbered years in age, and old records tell that in the thirty-ninth year of her age Queen Elizabeth washed the feet of thirty-nine of her subjects, the said feet having been previously "doubly washed and perfumed." At a later date the ceremony was deputed to the King's almoner, and finally gifts of money, or "maunds," were substituted for the ceremony.

In former days the lighting of the paschal candle was a great feature of the Easter rejoicing. The candle itself was then a very conspicuous object in the church, and at Durham Cathedral was placed in the center of the altar step. In this cathedral the central stem of the candlestick (which had also four branches spreading out towards the four cardinal points), was about 38 feet high. With the candle proper the total height reached was 70 feet, and the lighting was done from above.

At Lincoln Cathedral, in 1300, the candle weighed 3 stones of wax, while that at Westminster in 1558 weighed no less than 3 hundredweight. After Whitsuntide whatever wax remained was made into candles for the funerals of the poor.

The Ingle Nook.

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Dear Ingle Nook Friends,—Aren't you glad that the fashion of budding out in a new hat on Easter Sunday is a thing of the past? It seems so easy to see now why people of taste refuse to make this bit of show on this special day, and yet the time has not so very long gone since it was the custom "to do so," just custom, which so often manacles us and keeps us from even attempting to use our reason in regard to certain things.

I remember especially one Easter Sunday—or rather, be it to my shame—the hats of one Easter Sunday. My sister and I were then members of the choir in a large church in a Northern town. Black and yellow was the fashion. We were both very young, and I suppose very silly in some respects,—it would have seemed a dire calamity if we had not had new hats for Easter—so behold us, on that beautiful sunny morning, parading down street surmounted by big black creations ("confections," as some English people say—and no doubt we would have thought the term very ap-



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