

Contents of Eggs.

From the remotest ages the egg has been looked upon as the symbol of creation, or new birth. According to the Persians, the world was hatched from an egg at that season of the year which corresponds to the vernal equinox. Hence the Parsees still exchange gifts of colored eggs at the new year festival, which they celebrate at this date. Among the Jews the egg entered into all the mysterious ceremonies called apocalyptic and occupied a prominent position on the household table during the paschal season. Christianity invested the paschal egg with a new significance—namely, that of the resurrection of Christ, and it was colored red in allusion to his blood shed for sinners on the cross.

A curious custom in medieval churches, for priests and choristers to join in a game of ball at Eastertide, took its rise from the Easter egg, which was thrown from one to the other of the choristers in the nave of the church while an anthem was being sung. As a missed egg meant a smashed egg, the more durable handball was substituted.

But the smashing of eggs continued as a form of outdoor sport. Survivals are to be found among all Teutonic and Anglo-Saxon people. A popular game in England and Germany consists in hitting one egg against another, the egg that survives uncracked winning for its owner the weaker antagonist, until an entire basket of eggs may have changed ownership. Another game is to trundle eggs down a hill or slope, those which reach the bottom uncracked being similarly victorious over the others.

Tale of a Frugal Bishop.

"There used to be in a city in which I lived," said a Cleveland man, "a certain bishop who, while possessed of the highest principles and whose aims and ambitions in life were of the highest character, at the same time united with these a penuriousness in money matters that caused innumerable stories illustrative of this failing to be tacked upon him. One of these related to a certain church conference which the bishop and other dignitaries of the church at one time attended.

"At one of the meetings the bishop in endeavoring to open a letter neatly with his penknife was so unfortunate as to allow the latter to slip and to cut a finger severely. The injured member bled profusely, and a hasty search for court plaster ensued. There being none forthcoming, a clergyman standing by fished out his cardcase and, extracting from it a 5 cent stamp, the smallest priced stamp he had, offered it to the bishop to use as a substitute for the much needed court plaster.

"The bishop accepted it gratefully and in his turn took out his own cardcase. In it he placed the 5 cent stamp and then, producing a 1 cent specimen of his own, he pasted it over the still bleeding wound."

Barrymore and Modjeska.

Maurice Barrymore earned a reputation as a wit and really deserved it. His style could be less successfully transferred to the stage, as his efforts at comic writing showed, but in its spontaneous phases its effect always told. One of the stories told was about his experiences with Mme. Modjeska, with whom he acted for several years. He had been as careless as he often was on the stage, and Mme. Modjeska, with all the conscientiousness of a great artist, protested that he had no right to take his calling so lightly and that if he did not owe it to his reputation to do his best he at least owed it to her, because she had done so much in his behalf and had put him before the public in a dignified and serious line of parts.

"Why, madam," he said, "it is not you who brought me before the public and made me known. People had heard of me all over the United States when they thought that Modjeska was only the name of a tooth wash."

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A Scottish Echo.

The late Sims Reeves was fond of telling a story that related to an early engagement in Glasgow which was arranged through a metropolitan agency. One of the items on the programme was "Hail, Smiling Morn!" and of course Mr. Reeves was put down for the solo portion. The chorus consists of an echo, and the London agent assured the soloist that a satisfactory choir had been engaged.

The whole matter was settled hurriedly. Mr. Reeves was at first disinclined to accept, as other engagements prevented him from reaching Glasgow in time for a rehearsal with the choir.

"Don't worry about that, my dear sir," said the agent. "You will find the choir perfect."

The concert was a success, and in due course "Hail, Smiling Morn!" was called for. When the soloist came to the lines requiring an echo, he delivered them in his best manner—"At whose bright presence darkness flies away." Imagine his horror when the echo repeated his words in the broadest Scotch:

"Flees awa', flees awa'!"

Yet Sims Reeves averred that not a person in the audience smiled or appeared to see anything incongruous. When he talked over the matter with a baillie after the concert, the good man assured him:

"That's nothing at all. You were a little wrong in your pronunciation, and the echo was correct. You see, it was a Scottish echo."

An Authority on Weather.

"Never see sich April weather since the day I was born," said the rural citizen. "Beats my time," chimed in another. "Never nothin like it before," said a third.

"Nonsense," said the oldest citizen of the town. "Thar wuz a two foot April snow in 1836; a June frost in 1842; a July snow in 1850, an a whalin big August freeze in 1850, when the parson slipped down the meetin house steps an broke his left leg, an Deacon Jones run off with Mart Tompkins' widder. When you talk 'bout weather ajas be shore you know what you're talkin 'bout."—Atlanta Constitution.

This Year's Style.

"There's a new style of spring bonnet out, my dear," remarked Mr. Snaggs to his wife.

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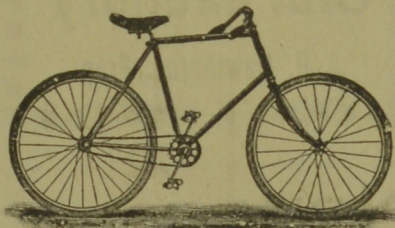
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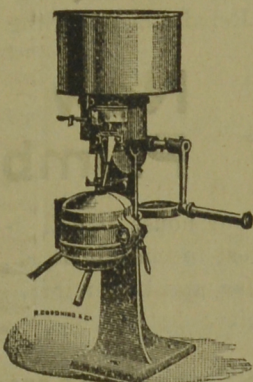
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