



He is risen, the God in Man, who strove
Through the long ages with his bestial past.
He is risen, and through the gates of love,
Hath entered to his heritage at last.
And Death, the shadow that his footsteps fled,
Is terror of the asphodel and tomb.
Is robbed of all his panoply of dread,
And garbed in glory of the lily's bloom.

The Origin of the Cross

The origin of the cross as a symbol is shrouded in the dim mists of almost prehistoric antiquity. Centuries before the Gallic and Celtic swarms over England, centuries before the Jewish Nazarene began promulgating his doctrines, centuries before the beginning of the Old Testament history, the cross was an important factor in the lives of men.

What became of the true cross is one of the greatest miracles of all time. It is true that there are in many Old and New World cathedrals bits of wood purporting to be part of the true cross. In some cases, notably that which concerns the fragment of the tablet placed over the cross by Pilate's order, and which is now in the ancient church of Santa Croce at Rome, their authenticity seems fairly well established; but so minute are the fragments that, according to one ancient writer, if all were collected and put together they would only make a block of wood about twenty inches long, eight inches wide and three inches thick.

It was three centuries after the crucifixion of Christ before the cross was found. Its discovery was due to the devout Helena, wife of the Emperor Constantine, who, according to tradition, was the first Christian empress and to whom the Christian religion owes the original adoption of the cross as a symbol. Over the spot where the cross was discovered a chapel was erected and the sacred wood was retained by Helena in Jerusalem and deposited under the great church of basilica erected by Constantine over the place of crucifixion and burial. For three hundred peaceful years the cross remained in the custody of the Bishops of Jerusalem. Every Easter it was exhibited to the pilgrims who thronged the Holy City. Then came three hundred years of comparative obscurity, from which the cross emerged to become the center of upheavals that convulsed the entire civilized world, arrayed the West against the East, and caused the spilling of oceans of blood—the wars of the Crusades.

The story of the valiant crusaders and their series of attempts to rescue the holy wood from Moslem hands is well known. After a series of vicissitudes, victory finally perched on the banners of the Saracens.

Prior to the fourth century the holiest of Christian symbols was the monogram of Christ. It was woven into all ecclesiastical vestments and formed a prominent feature of other decorations. About the year 393 the first crucifix was introduced into the church. It was made of dark red wood and the intersection of the two parts bore the figure of the lamb, the objection to the using of the actual figure of Christ being still strong.

Behavior is a mirror in which every one displays his image.—Goethe.

Why We Rejoice.
We rejoice at the practically universal observance of Easter day amongst Christians of every name. For why? Easter day commemorates a fact that unites earth and heaven. It speaks to men from the other side of the grave. It calls upon men to take a firm hold on life and the meaning of life. It illustrates the splendid dignity and destiny of man and marks all our sacrifices for righteousness and human betterment worth while. It teaches us to think sweetly and brightly of those faithful ones that have gone before. It binds the living and the dead together into the one living family of our Heavenly Father and gives to men such mighty living thoughts that he can die with mighty living hopes.

The Spirit of the Season.
The air is full of Easter. The streets and shops announce it. The press of the country, both religious and secular, issue their beautiful Easter editions, the churches unite in singing the same glorious hymn of praise. We know no prominent religious body that does not mark the day with some special commemoration. The altars of Christendom are decked with flowers and throngs of people kneel before them to worship the triumphant King and to pour out their thankfulness that death has been conquered and man's destiny revealed. From some men whose holy habit of thought is material, bound up with the forces that the eye and hand can measure, still feel a certain sense of exaltation, the learning of some unknown spiritual possibility when Easter morning opens on the earth.

An Old German Custom.
In Germany the rabbit and not the hen is responsible for the Easter eggs. Good children are visited in the night by a white rabbit that hides brightly-colored eggs in the nooks and corners of the house and garden. In many parts of America this legend is also known and used.

The most beautiful Easter legend of all is of Roman Catholic origin. It is to the effect that the church bells, which are silent during Passion week, have gone to Rome to receive the pope's blessing. They return on Easter Sunday to tell of the resurrection and to bring gayly-hued eggs for good children.

Odd European Customs.
In some parts of France the priests visit the homes of their flocks and leave the houses and families, receiving in return brightly-colored eggs. In remote parts of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales a peculiar begging custom prevails among the poor children. On Easter morning they go to beg eggs in the following manner: "Please give us an Easter egg. If you do not give us one, your hen shall lay a stone."

An Egg-Smashing Custom.
In Switzerland and the rural parts of England there is a popular Easter game called egg-smashing. Eggs are held in the right hands of the contestants and smashed much in the same manner employed by small American boys, except that the foreigner's eggs are raw, and if he wins he takes home the spoils in a bucket.

ELKINS' HOBBY IS FLOWERS.

Pennsylvania Statesman Very Fond of Glowing Colors.

Mr. Elkins experiences no discomfort in a trolley car, but he is miserable when his valet forgets to place a flaming red carnation or an orchid of the same color in his coat lapel every morning. It is said that such an untoward event has not happened since a certain day several years ago, when a new valet inadvertently forgot this most important duty, with disastrous results to himself.

By reason of this hobby Mr. Elkins is a marked man wherever he walks Philadelphia's streets, and many a promoter unable to gain entrance into the financier's private office, has waited for him at the foot of the elevator, spotted him by the flower, and importuned him in public to take up with this scheme or that.

Mr. Elkins' passion for these two flowers in particular, and all flowers in general, is so strong that at his beautiful country home in Elkins—a picturesque Philadelphia suburb which bears his name, and has been developed by him—he has no idea than a dozen big greenhouses filled with all sorts of blooming plants. His favorite flower for his dinner table is the American beauty rose, and costly vases filled with selected buds are always to be found in the great dining room.—Washington Star.

"JOHNNIE ON THE SPOT."

Indian Baby Surely Was Entitled to the Cognomen.

Attorney Ben White of Macon, Mo., relates an incident which illustrates the North American Indian's rapid assimilation of American humor. The allotment rolls for the Chickasaws were closed at midnight Sept. 24, he says. "Children born after that hour were cut out, but up to midnight every male member of the tribe was entitled to 320 acres of land, worth now about \$1,000, but which promise soon to be worth many times that amount. The evening of the 24th was an anxious one for an Indian family dwelling not far from the registry office. An interesting event was anticipated. The watchers' eyes were fixed on the clock as the hands slowly but with grim certainty crawled around to the midnight hour. At exactly 11:40 a brand new Chickasaw of the male persuasion came into this sinful world. The tiny minutes were wasted, and to the family he was christened, without any outside suggestion, 'Johnnie on the Spot.' I have heard the term used several thousand times, but it never seemed to fit an event as strikingly as it did that one. There were plenty of witnesses to make affidavit that Johnnie was born before the 25th, and there was no difficulty in proving up his claim of 320 acres of first-class land."

WHAT BLOOD POISONING IS.

Living Organism Now Recognized as Cause of Trouble.

Blood poisoning is now recognized as poisoning by a living organism, while ordinary poisoning is by some chemical substance devoid of life. Blood poisoning took its name before its nature was properly understood, and it was thought to be a form of ordinary poisoning, but that the blood rather than the "vital principles" was chiefly attacked.

As the stomach can, as a rule, destroy the life of most organisms, while it can only to a limited extent alter the constitution of chemical poisons, poisoning by living organisms, or blood poisoning, is far more common through wounds than by things eaten, and thus the idea of its being a poisoning of the blood was strengthened. As a "blood poison" is alive, it can, and often does, go on increasing after its first ingestion, and the most obvious difference between the two is that blood poisoning generally begins with slight symptoms, and increases indefinitely, while ordinary poisoning reaches its height almost at once.

Gatling's Idea of War.

"War is an anachronism—a relic of the stone age, when prehistoric man, adopting the only mode of argument known to him, fought for the possession of caves. When it is made too horrible to contemplate it will cease to be the resort of civilized nations."

Dr. Richard Gatling, who died Feb. 26 in New York, wrote that opinion to a friend many years ago. Dr. Gatling was the inventor of the famous Gatling rapid-fire gun, the first "pepper-box" designed for wholesale slaughter of troops. He was once a clerk in a St. Louis store. Witnessing the sufferings of wounded soldiers coming from the front during the civil war led him to wonder if a remedy could not be found for the great world evil. When he took up the construction of his machine gun in 1864 his life was threatened by people who considered him a "public menace" and a whole-sale murderer. Gen. Butler used two of the first Gatling guns in the famous James river expedition. "Aboard the invention was taken up at once and many similar mechanisms sprang from his idea."—Collier's Weekly.

Easily Diagnosed.

Senator John P. Jones of Nevada tells a characteristic story of Tom Fitch, a reckless companion of his earlier years, who came to him one day to borrow money and indulged in a few personalities. Said he: "Jones, I don't understand the laws of fate. When I first saw you forty years ago you were a poor, struggling tenderfoot, without a dollar or a friend, and I was rich and influential. Now you are rich and influential, and I have neither money nor friends." "The reason for that is perfectly clear to me," said Jones: "the trouble with you, Tom, is that an inscrutable 'Providence' created you without the power to distinguish between right and wrong, and you are a poor guesser."

Table Reparto.

The Sugar-You're always taking water, why don't you brace up and show a little grit?

"The milk—I would if I had your sand."

The Difference.
London's poor devils are cockneys, ours are foreigners.

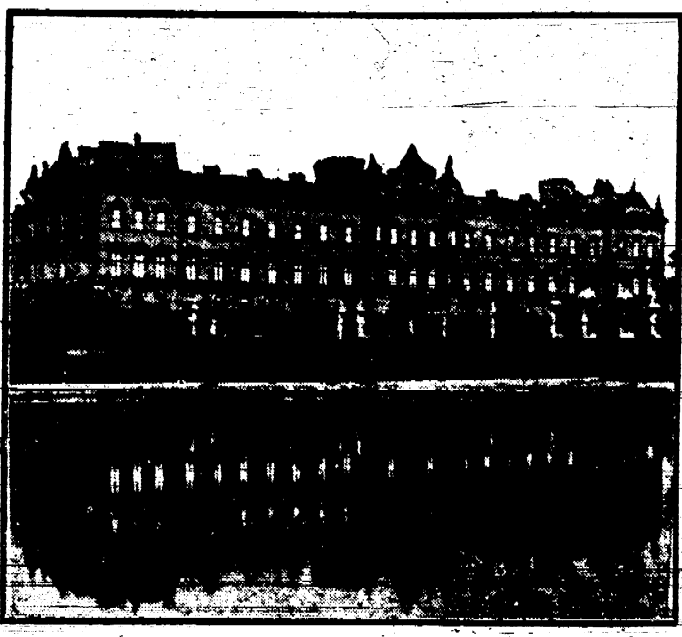
A KING'S ROYAL HOME

Buckingham Palace in the Future to Be Edward's Fixed Abode—Extensive Alterations and Improvements to Be Made in the Venerable Pile.

(Special Correspondence.)

Historic old Buckingham palace, the London home of King Edward, will soon undergo extensive alterations and repairs. It has been well known for a long time that King Edward was not very fond of living at Buckingham palace, even though he has for some time contemplated making London his permanent home.

The King's attitude toward London is one of the most potent sources of his great popularity. Kingly residence means prosperity and wealth to hundreds of London tradesmen, in



Buckingham Palace.

fact, when the king is in town his presence in the sleeping districts creates the poorest neighborhood is always brisk and healthy. When the King is absent trade languishes.

When the proposed improvements on the King's residence have been carried out—at a cost of probably \$1,000,000—the monarch will take up a permanent residence in London, with the exception of course, of the usual brief periods of absence during the shooting and yachting seasons.

The palace has long had the reputation of being one of the ugliest royal residences in all Europe. The main building looks like an immense barracks, the front being perfectly flat and unbroken in outline. Three or four stiff figures are placed along the edge of the roof, and the aspect of the whole place is strongly reminiscent of a factory.

On the present site of Buckingham palace, which stands on a high piece of ground in St. James' park—between Westminster Abbey and Trafalgar square—originally stood the home of the Duke of Buckingham. The building was very beautiful and presented the finest specimen of residential architecture of its time. Lord Herry inherited the place from the Buckinghams, and George III. bought the house and grounds for the sum of \$105,000.

The present ugly building was designed by George IV, who built around the old building instead of pulling it down and constructing an entirely new mansion. In his attempts to accommodate the graceful architecture of the old structure to his ideas of what the new one should be he practically put the old residence in a square box with windows in it, evolving the present structure.

It is the presence of the old Buckingham residence within the palace that has filled the latter with so many angularities and inconvenient turnings. Rooms ramble off from each other in the wildest sort of fashion, and persons unfamiliar with

THE PROBLEM OF LYING.

Arabs Are Most Obstinate in Sticking to an Untruth.

The following characterization of the Arab penchant for not telling the truth is from a paper by Dr. G. Saint Paul on the Tunisians (Bull. et. Mem. Soc. d'Anth. de Paris, 1903, volume III, page 297): "Arab lying is exasper-



Houses of Parliament.

ating. It is absurd and victorious. It triumphs easily over the critical sense and the habit of scientific reasoning. It is sometimes childish. Your native servants will never be taken unawares. You forbid one of them to smoke in your dining room and you surprise him there with a cigarette in his mouth. "You were smoking." "No, I saw you." "Impossible." "You had a cigarette in your mouth; you are hiding it in your hand; there it is!" "Then God put it in my hand." . . . The native denies always. Taken red-handed he denies. Beneath blows he denies. Pain is sometimes powerless to make him confess, even at the point of death. This obstinacy is due in part to the high idea he has of his dignity; his pride forbids a confession, because the avowal of his lying is instantly humiliating in his eyes. The fear of losing face is all-powerful in him. To recognize a fault is more shameful than to have committed it. Hence the peculiar obstinacy of the native in denying, even when it would be to his interest to confess, an obduracy not manifested in other ways."

PASSION AND THE HEALTH.

Some Emotions Tend to Prolong and Others to Shorten Life.

"The passion effect on the health is not sufficiently regarded," said a physician.

"The passion, which is best for the health is avarice. It keeps one cool, encourages regular and industrious habits, leads to abstinence and makes against all excess. And hence, the avaricious, the misers, live to a great age. The misers of history were all noted for their longevity. Rage is very bad for you. This passion causes an irregular, intermittent beating of the heart, and the intermittency in time may become chronic. Hatred creates fever. If we hate we grow lean. This hot passion eats us like a flame. Fear is bad for the nerves, the heart and the brain, and therefore, we should never permit ourselves to be afraid. But the strongest effects of all have been caused by the passion of grief. The medical books record cases where, coming suddenly, in a violent shock, it has caused a loss of blood from the lungs in one person; paralysis of the tongue in another and a failure of sight or temporary blindness in a third."

A Farmer's Good Story.

Velpen, Ind., April 6th.—Wm. O.B. Sullivan, a highly respected farmer of this place, tells a personal experience to show that there is still some genuineness and honest worth to be met with in this age in which so many frauds are reported.

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The Fight at Cincinnati between the Methodist Book Concern and the Typographical Union is on a Strike.

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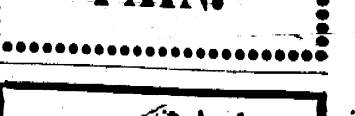
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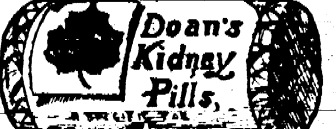
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A LAST PRAYER.

When the last sun is sailed, and the last shadow chased,
When the last field is reaped, and the last harvest stored,
When the last fire is out, and the last guest departed,
Grant the last prayer that I shall pray: Be good to me, O Lord.

And let me pass in a night at sea, a night of storm and thunder,
In the loud crying of the wind through rope, and sail, and spar,
Send me a ninth great peace-wave to whelm and roll me under,
To the cold sunny fishes' home, where the drowned righteous are.

And in the dim green quiet place, far out of sight and hearing,
Grant I may hear at whiles the wash and thrash of the seafoam
About the fine keen bows of the stately clippers steering
Toward the bright northern star and the fair ports of home.



To Love and the Hills

When the girl reached her own door she turned to look at the sun, which was just sinking behind the cotton mill. But it was a dull, disagreeable ball which leered her through the grimy atmosphere, and she threw out her hand with a sudden revulsion of pent-up disgust.

"Tain't my sun," she half sobbed; "it's 'his'—only 'his' some cheap thing the factory gits up."

The company used the poorest grade of soft coal, and though its dense smoke had ceased to blacken the sky above the tall chimneys, it still clogged the moist lower atmosphere of the mill yard and the cheaply constructed village in the little bend of the sluggish river.

A heavy step approached and she turned to look into her father's easy, good-natured face.

"Ye 'ears to git ahead o' we uns, Nerry," he said, with obvious disapproval in his voice. "I spoke to Bess comin' out, an' she said ye left the factory like ye was fired out on a gun. She-they don't like to be offish an' onemphor."

"At the name of Bess the girl drew back, flushing hotly.

"I don't keer for none o' 'em," she retorted defiantly; "they're so cheap an' 't'f'ish. 'His' bad 'nough in this cabin, with nothin' but mo' cabins an' mo' men smoke an' sweat, but 'his' how me to git to myself some. Oh, pap, if 'his' was 'his' let the mountain 'tain'!"

She turned abruptly into the cabin, and he followed.

"But 'his' was you as seemed most set on comin', Nerry," he expostulated, as he seated himself upon a box and watched her start a fire and set about getting supper. "When I first spoke of it, ye was jes' will to come. Ye said there'd be chances to study an' 'arn to be like folks, an' that ye wouldn't have to go up an' down no 'count. An' now, wonderin', 'here ye are, home sick, ready. I'm feared, Nerry, that ye ain't so strong-minded, an'—an' projectin' as 'his' 'lowed on."

The girl's face hardened a little, but she made no answer. The man drew his box forward and began to eat hungrily, but from time to time raised his eyes furtively to the face opposite. At length, as he transferred the last slice of bacon to his plate, he blurted out desperately:

"Mebbe ye ought to have mo' comin', Nerry. Tain't very lively with 'jes' one man like me in the house, an' me mos'ly out. Now there's the Grogans that take boarders, shiftin' his eyes from her direct gaze. 'They've got to' or five mighty bright young gals, an' I do hear one o' 'em's goin' off. Praps ye might git her place. Of co'se, hardly, 'I'd hate to have ye go 'way, but if I 'lowed ye'd be havin' a better time 'an' me, co'dn't I like, 'I'd be willin'."

Her lips curled a little.

"Then 'his' true?" she said. "I've been hearin' ye 'an' I aim to marry that gal, Bess, an' I reckon I've done said 'sharp things to 'foke that hurted it. But I—I couldn't help it, pappy, her voice breaking suddenly. "With my own mammy dead only five months. If ye'd wait a year, I wouldn't say a word, an'—an' I'd even try to make frien' with Bess. Oh, pappy! won't ye please wait on mammy's count?"

The man made no answer except to shake his head sullenly. Her face again grew hard.

"I 'pose 'his' Bess that's at Gro-

on her face she re-entered the room and he followed.

There were no chairs in the room, and she motioned him to the largest of the boxes. Then she came and placed her hand familiarly on his shoulder.

"Now, tell me, Jake," she commanded, "whatever brought ye 'way off to these parts; an' how's all the folks, an' the farm, an' huntin' an' fishin', an' the woods an' peaks, an'—an' everything?"

But he only possessed himself of her hand, laughing.

"You uns are in a reg'lar hornet's nest of a place," he declared. "I axed for ye at one house, an' at another an' another, an' nobody seemed to

know ye by name, they all wanted to talk an' say somethin' 'bout somebod' else." He paused abruptly, and at that moment a flare through a broad crack in the stove crossed her face.

"Nerry!" he cried, sharply, springing to his feet, "what's the matter? Ye've been sick, an'—an' yes, ye've been cryin'."

"No, no, Jake," she expostulated, smiling and flushing under his anxious gaze. "It's 'his' 'his' 'his' the hard work an' oneness of the place. Ye don't know."

"Yes, I do, know," he expostulated, "it's that shiftin' daddie—no, I don't mean that, Nerry. But I ached hit all comin' 'long. When 't'ks I'med where I was goin' they 'jes' seemed achin' to tell me 'bout the gal he was to marry, an' that she said you and her couldn't live in the same house. Why, Nerry, 'his' face had grown dark, but now it suddenly cleared, and he ended with a laugh. 'Anyhow, 'his' goin' to 'he's plans."

"Your plans?" she asked.

He settled himself comfortably upon the box and drew her down beside him.

"I member that day we parted on the mountain," he said, with a suppressed eagerness in his voice which she could not fail to notice. "Ye was 'satisfied with our narrow way o' livin' an' wanted to fit yose' for somethin' nobler in the big worl' outside; an'—an' ye 'lowed ye loved me, but couldn't marry me, 'cause I wasn't ready to climb up 'long o' ye. An' I'm free to say, Nerry, I didn't feel I could leave the mountains then. I'd been bringin' up 'mong 'em, an' I loved 'em, an' hit seemed to me there wasn't no other place fit for livin'."

I had a nice farm an' was doin' well, an' I did 'low I was of value to the neighborhood. So I let ye come off alone. But I was mistook, Nerry, 'his' voice becoming more earnest and tender. "I knowed 'his' 'his' as soon as ye was gone, I did n' care any mo' for the farm nor the mountains; hit was you I wanted, 'jes' you an' nothin' else. So I've come here to climb up with ye, an' to do 'anythin' ye like an' go anywhere ye say. I've been to the factory, an' there ain't no job for me 'jes' now 'cep' tendin' fire in the engine room at ninety cents a day. I kin git bodied for fifty cents. That leaves forty cents for gittin' ahead. Tain't much, but mebbe 'his' do for a start. We kin git along. Ye've knowed me since I was a little feller, an' ye know I can be trusted, an' ye know that I generally do what I set out to do. An'—an' that's all. Will ye marry me, Nerry?"

She rose swiftly and stood before him, her eyes shining. He could see the eagerness, the longing in them, even in the dim light.

"Ye ain't sold nor—nor rented the farm, have ye, Jake?" she breathed.

"Not yet, 'his' the wrong time o' ye, 'his' 'his' 'his' let 'his' brother Tom's hands to look out for."

HOW A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN ESCAPED SPRING CATARRH BY USE OF PE-RU-NA.

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First, repair the injury already done to your nerves. The way to do this is to get exactly as did Miss Helen Whitman. See the story of her recovery in the Peruna Book, which you can get free by sending for it. It tells you how to get your nerves back to normal, and how to get your blood in good condition. It is a book that every one should have. It is a book that will save you a great deal of money and a great deal of trouble. It is a book that will give you the best of health and the best of life. It is a book that will make you a better person and a better citizen. It is a book that will make you a better father and a better mother. It is a book that will make you a better friend and a better neighbor. It is a book that will make you a better man and a better woman. It is a book that will make you a better person and a better citizen. It is a book that will make you a better father and a better mother. It is a book that will make you a better friend and a better neighbor. 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