

A RESURRECTION THOUGHT.

The bulbs that were hid in the darkness Through the winter time and the snow Have felt the thrill of the sunlight...

The grass that was brown and withered And cold on the sodden plain Has been kissed by the tender sunshine...

And we, who have seen our darlings Reft from our side away Who have wept in silent anguish...

He knows of the loss and anguish, The grope of the stricken soul; He will bring again our dear ones...

THE EASTER LILY.

ASTER was but a fortnight off and two little girls, Lulu and Fanny, were watching with great interest...

All winter long they had watched the tiny leaflets unfolding, and these plants had been carried back and forth...

But I don't think he had caught sight of this little bit of summer or he would have curled up the leaves with his cold fingers...

Long years ago—in fact, so many that it seemed to Lulu and Fanny a beautiful dream—there was a dear little home...

So the days crept by, and it seemed as if the lily would never unfold. To be sure, the winter was long and cold...

However, the days were getting warmer, for Easter was almost there.

At Sunday school the teacher had told the children that on that day Christ had risen from the dead...

"My dear girls," she added, "are not we all willing to deny ourselves something for the sake of Christ?"

"Is there not some object dear to us we are willing to give up for him? He gave his all for us—life, kingdom and heaven itself..."

All the way home from Sunday school, Lulu and Fanny were talking about what they could do for Christ...

The days sped on, and there were only four days till Easter, but in the meantime a malignant disease had settled over part of the city...

AN EASTER ANTHEM.



knew how near the angel of death might be; he hovered around the homes of wealth and comfort...

Fanny lay there unconscious of the sadness and gloom that had settled upon their little home...

All night mamma and Lulu watched the little sufferer, hoping for some word or look of recognition...

Away off in the distance you might catch the chime of the old cathedral bells as they rang in the joyous morn—perhaps some of the music reached Fanny's ears...

Long hours afterward, when the Sabbath bells were pealing their glad notes, and choral voices sang...

BEST OF THE YEAR.

The Easter Holiday Season and Its Delightful Associations.

ASTER is more delightful in its associations than any other holiday season of the year. It follows a period of conventional mourning...

In these respects it differs in significance from the autumnal thanksgiving and later Christmas holidays. Autumnal holidays mark the end of the harvest...

Truths may be gathered from experience as fruit is gathered from the soil. But in the autumn every human sentiment is inspired by a knowledge that the best products of the year have been gathered...

Easter is the period of resurrection. It is an emblem of the revival which nature experiences with each return of the sun in its orbit...

outward semblance, in which the day-spring of the heart and of the season is clothed.

The Christianized Easter which the world celebrates is a higher inspiration of pagan philosophy, renewed, refined and etherealized by the influences which proceeded from the tragic events on Calvary...

Day of Great Joy.

The Easter of Rome transcends in pomp and splendor that of all other countries. The Pope is borne into the great gallery of St. Peter's...

Poland feasts at this period on saffron cakes, roast pig and little lambs served with pistachio plums.

In Mexico it is the great festival of the year.

In the City of Mexico the population fill the streets and the parks, which resemble the most beautiful gardens. People passing each other in the streets throw flowers with their salutations.

In America the occasion is observed generally but quietly. Presents are exchanged, eggs and flowers are given a prominent place, and the church services are unusually impressive.

Outcome of Centuries.

The resume of Easter customs finds the central idea in the fact that they are the outcome of eighteen centuries of religious zeal, and the concentration of genius and enthusiasm in art, science, poetry and learning of every sort.

NATURE'S EASTER SIGNS

ROSE A SEARS.

The swamps are turned to arsenals Of green and solid spears!

DID NOT THE LORD PROCLAIM HE SENT THE SWORD TO COMING YEARS?

There are purple pulpits in the bogs, And hooded brakes galore;

DID NOT THE LORD COMMAND US ALL TO TELL THE NAME HE WORE?

The pine woods with the violet And arbutus, tender, sweet;

DID NOT THE LORD THE SPIKENARD HOLD FOR HIS ANNOINTING MEET?

THE TRILLIUMS spotless triangle, The triple leaf of clover;

ARE SAYING "TRINITY" TO ALL WHO CON THEIR MEANING OVER

And hallelujahs star the knolls, And bluets crowd to see

IF SENSES DULL AT LAST WILL READ IN SYMBOL, "VICTORY."

Work the Best Charity.

Charity, that which is comprehended in the bestowing of money, food and the other necessities of life, may be well enough in cases of the sick, aged and infirm...

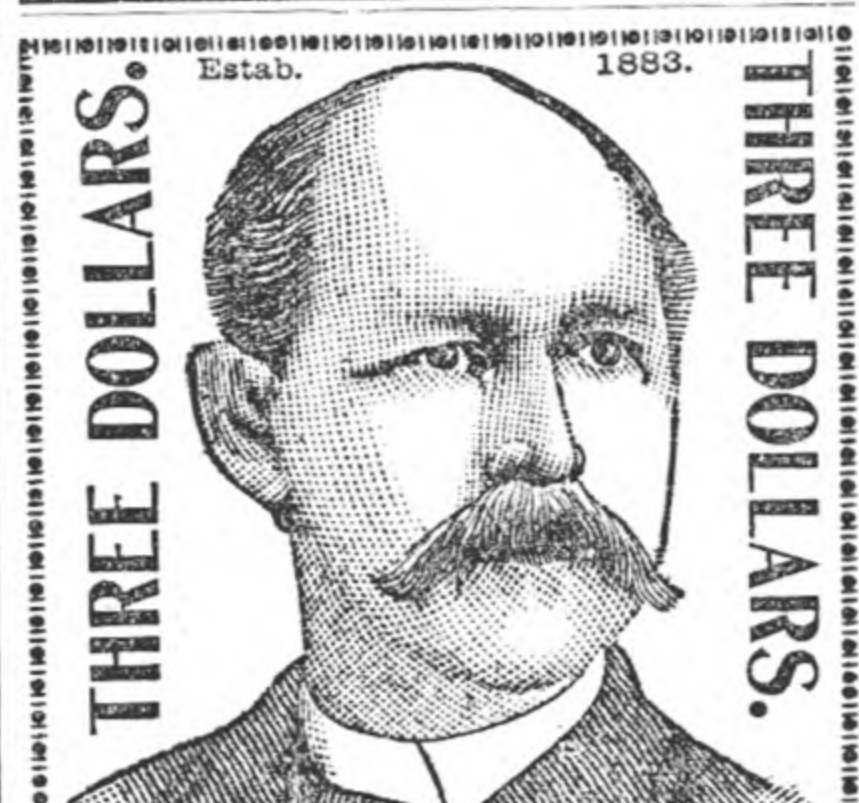
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