DAINTY EASTER CONCEITS. Prevailing Fancies That Convey the

Easter Sentiment. The ideal Easter remembrance is in harmony with the influences of the day, and it covers a multitude of gifts appropriate in every way for the feast. the season and the individual tastes. From the simple Easter card the custom of exchanging gifts at this season has grown almost as widespread as Ghristmas giving. The Easter displays in the shops in connection with the goods and other temptations in the way of shoppers are made as much of in a business way. The fashions change, however, and what was considered as thoroughly artistic last year looks just a bit shabby now. The dainty elegance of what is to be had this spring in anticipation of the demand shows the hold the festival has

in the popular favor. The Easter souvenir par excellence is a flower. It represents all the sentiment of nature's reawakening because it is her most choice gift to earth. "Behold the lily in its glory." The odorous and waxy white blossom has grown to be typical of the day, and it is the queen of Easter fragrance and charm. If you know anything at all about flowers-and if you do you are just as sure to love them-it amounts to a postgraduate course in a floral education to stop at a florist's window or walk through the shop.

All the bulbous plants are now in the height of their beauty. The lilies nod their handsome heads in a most patronizing way over the tulips, jonquils, azaleas, narcissuses and the fragile fily of the valley. Genesta bushes, gorgeous in their coloring, are valued, as all yellow blossoms are in the spring, for decorative purposes. The blooming marguerites and spirea suggest the quiet of the churches, where so many of them will be used Easter Sunday.

The violets and the pansies are sweeter than ever and no less attractive. No more delightful Easter gift can be imagined than a pot of growing lilies, the earth around them hid-



DAINTY EASTER CONCEITS.

den away under bunches of violets. A pretty jar filled with cut lilies is another, or a box of violets, a bunch of roses, or roses mingled with white lilac. What could be sweeter and more suggestive of the feast? The flowers fade, but the thought which inspired the sending does not, nor that exquisite sense of enjoyment which comes to the receiver.

After flowers the regulation Easter souvenir is most likely to take the shape of candy, books, cards and all the pretty trifles which have grown so fashionable in late years. The long fast from candy which the feminine world is supposed to have been keeping all Lent, both in the interests of piety and health, makes it naturally a most welcome gift. When it comes, hidden away in the beautiful and artistic bonbonnieres which are supposed to be especially suggestive of the season, then the gift is really a joy, if not forever, at least for a good, long time. Three-fourths of all the novelties are either chicken or egg shape or have this suggestion somewhere in

As an Easter emblem the egg is far ahead of anything else. Why it is so may be partly explained by the fact that the Lenten fast of the early church did not permit the use of eggs any more than meat. At any rate, the egg has the field, and nothing disturbs it. There are eggs of silver, china. glass and every other material, as well as sugar. Some of the china and silver ones are superbly decorated and can be put to many uses as a box. Many of the large ones have music boxes hidden away in them. Tiny silver eggs, adorned with a wishbone or with fat Cupids astride of them, are other

Some of the newest bonbonnieres are made of straw lace braid, so trimmed up with the satin bag lining and the ribbon resettes that if it was not for the little chick perched in one corner the whole affair might be taken for a new spring bonnet. A pretty doll, dressed in a watteau gown and low curls, has concealed under her vo- out, is cut exactly as it grows-in years of high living. A small stock of luminous petticoats a receptacle for pieces like the eighths of an orange- vital force well taken care of may last

When it gets right down to the daintiest concelts and surprises, you have to admire the pretty things from Paris. Nothing to approach them are made in this country.-Selected.

Men have missed their opportunities more often than opportunities have mi-and "am -Elliott's Magazine.

THE ACCURSED EASTER EGG

A Fatal Nuptial Gift From the Hands of an Evil Spirit.

Several centuries ago it was generally believed that on Easter morning, at the sound of sweet bells chiming through the sunlit air, fair angels with azure wings descended from heaven. bearing baskets of eggs, which they placed in the homes of faltaful and worthy persons.

Sometimes, however, the evil one bright flowers, spring millinery, new slipped into the basket an accursed egg, which could not be distinguished from the others.

Such a one forms the story of an ancient legend of France.

There lived in a village a widow, with a dear and beautiful daughter. named Jeanne, who was beloved for her many virtues by both rich and poor. She used to visit the hovels of the unfortunate and the sick, to relieve their troubles and care for their distresses, for which she received their blessings and devotion.

One Easter morning, when returning from early mass, Jeanne met an old beggar woman, who asked for alms

Jeanne gave her what she had, and the stranger peered through her ragged hood at the pretty young girl, saying:

"Beautiful damsel, do not disdain the gift of a poor beggar. Take this egg. and before this day 12 months a young and handsome nobleman will ask for you in marriage. You will become a great lady. On your wedding day I command you to break this egg. It contains a nuptial present."

Not far from this village rose the turrets of an old castle, which had long remained untenanted, but within this year a young knight arrived at its gates, proclaimed himself heir to the estate, and refurnished its bare and shabby rooms.

The lord of the castle chanced one day to see Jeanne, and, dazzled by her beauty, sought her mother, saying that Sir Robert de Volpiac asked for her hand in marriage.

The day was arranged for the wed ding, which was celebrated in the chapel of the castle in the presence of the bridegroom's aristocratic friends. When the feast was ended and a!!

the guests had departed, the bells of the tower tolled out the 12 booming strokes of midnight.

The bride and bridegroom went into their beautiful room, and Jeanne, tak ing her arm from that of her husband. walked over to a carved oaken chest and brought out a casket which she had ordered to be placed there. Her husband watched her move-

ments with great curiosity, and when she said:

"My dear lord, I have promised to and told him its history, he begged her to wait until morning.

Jeanne, however, would not listen to his entreaty, and lifted the egg from its place. It was burning hot. With a cry she let it fall, and it broke.

An enormous toad leaped out of the broken shell, vomiting flames, which set fire to the curtains, and the wicked tongues of fire soon spread from wall to wall, until the whole castle was en veloped.

The next day there was nothing left but a heap of ashes, for the entire cas tle burned, and all its inmates perish ed, through the gift of that fatal Eas ter egg from the hands of an evil spirit. -Boston Globe.

FAVORITE EASTER SALADS

Spring Luncheons.

Salads that are new and wonderful in their combinations are to be the gas intended to kill him,' said General tronomic fad of this Eastertide Near Lawton, and he actually had to jump ly every popular hostess in New York after it.' is endeavoring to devise for her Sun day night suppers, luncheons and ion, but there was an undertone of "high teas" some one dish that will be seriousness in his voice, and I inferred hailed with acclaim as delicious and

It is the fruit salad that is the latest | ist."-Collier's Weekly. and has most strongly taken the fancy of epicures. Apple salad, orange salad and grape fruit salad are the favorites. Apple salad is a curious dish. Large, humor best which was of his own proround, red apples are selected, care be The top of each is cut off and the ap ject of cannibalism, and, having ple's inside scraped out with a sharp wound himself up to the proper pitch, is set aside. The scooped out inside is Aldrich, who was sitting near him, cut into small pieces, mixed with cel- and asked: "Imagine! What would ery, likewise cut up, and the whole you do if you were to meet a cannidressed with mayonnaise. Into the bal?" "shell," set on lettuce leaves upon an "individual" plate, the composition is plied, "that I should stop to pick an now put, a little dressing being spread acquaintance with him." over the top and four or five Spanish. peppers added. Each guest has one of Dr. Holmes that during the rest of the

these apples set before bim. Much the same general plan is followed in the making of orange salad. | naut. The salad itself is, of course, of a very different mixture, but the orange is scooped out as is the apple, its top first being cut off. What is taken from the orange is cut up fine, and to it are added well chopped bits of bananas, seedless raisins and brandied cherries. A very little lemon juice is poured in as these ingredients are being mixed together, and rum and sugar are poured over the mixture just before it is put into the orange "shell." The cut off top is cut into thin slices, and these are curled over the top of the now till ed up orange, with a rea cherry set in

Grape fruit salad is of two sorts. !n both cases the grape fruit is scooped out, the only difference being in the way the inside is treated. In one it is mixed thoroughly with oil and vinegar and then put back where It came from In the other the fruit, after it is taken vitality may all be dissipated in 20 the pulp is thrown away and what is twice as long. retained is mixed with sugar and sher ry. This, eaten with a spoon from the "shell," is an exceedingly delicious saind and will be much in vogue for Easter luncheons.-Selected.

The eyes of snakes are never closes. Alive or dead, sleeping or waking, they are always wide open.

RECOMPENSE.

What is the price of manhood? What sale does hanor bring? Does pure, unua di sa cia sacter Count name in in litetime's ring? Do banish scious rail us? Does mit. mmn r The purest soul to incomile down, To crush, de troy, rese twain?

Is there no truth er To cause may small to The all consumers, third for last That has some for away? Does home t labor the spen The mold with all we're east?

The flag flung to me in 's mast? Forget not One is watching Our actions day by eng.

And riches gained at such a cost He surely will repay: For thou, is mankind is judging Appearances, poor art. The God, the just, the righteous Judge,

Inspects our immost heart.

Condemn not, then, I pray thee, For thou, thyself, some day May seek for mercy from thy Judge. Whose verdict none can sway. And temper all thy judgments With love and common sense.

WILES OF THE FOX.

The end well merits all 'twill bring;

-Edwin M. Abbott in Pittsburg Dispatch.

It serves full recompense

Some Clever Tricks by Which Reynard Baffles His Pursuers.

A fox is entitled to all that is said for its wisdom and sagacity. Not long ago the Washington hunt of Valley Forge started a young fox in the North valley hills, and the hounds were running it across the open field when the hunters were surprised to see a much larger fox come from the woods and run diagonally across the track of the young fox ahead of the hounds, and when they struck the stronger track of the bigger fox they took it up, young Reynard thereby being saved from being run down and killed by the liounds. Old hunters say they have frequently witnessed this trick when young foxes were being closely pressed and in danger of being run down and killed by the hounds. Another and an even sharper trick was played by an old fox

some weeks ago while being hotly chased by hounds. The fox had run some 20 miles, and while crossing an open stretch of country was in danger of being run down and killed. In a field through which the fox was running with the hounds close to its heels was the cellar of an old house, with a portion of the walls still standing. The fox made straight for the old cellar, leaped into it and made its escape through a narrow opening in the walls. The hounds, supposing the fox was trapped, dashed into the cellar pellmell, only to find Reynard gone and themselves in a trap, as the hele in the wali through which the fox had escaped was too small to permit them to

get through. When the hunters rode up, they break this egg on my wedding day." found the pack in a trap, with one of the hounds wedged fast in the hole through which the fox had made its escape. By the time the hounds were got out of the cellar the fox was safe in its hole.—Philadelphia Times.

The Bullet and the Mark.

"General Lawton," said an officer who served with that fearless commander, "once said to me that the right bullet would always find its mark no matter how small the latter might be, and then he related an incident which occurred during the civil war. In one of the engagements of his command-I can't remember now whether or not be mentioned the place -a piece of shell hit the ground near where a soldier was standing and scared him so badly that he jumped straight up in the air like a rabbit. As What Fashion is Prescribing for he did so a minie ball knocked off the crown of his bend.

"That was the one particular bullet

"He spoke in a light, offhand fashfrom the story that he was, like most veteran soldiers, a pronounced fatal-

Cannibalistic.

Oliver Wendell Holmes enjoyed that duction. On one occasion he was holding taken to choose those without flaws. ing forth at great length on the subknife. The "shell," thin as possible, he turned suddenly to Thomas Bailey

"I think," Mr. Aldrich sweetly re-

This rejoinder cast such a gloom over dinner his conversation was limited to monosyllables .- San Francisco Argo-

Saluting the Deck.

The peop or raised after deck of a ship over which floated the national flag was considered to be always pervaded by the presence of the sovereign. As the worshiper of whatever rank regroves his hat upon entering the church so from the admiral to the powder monkey every member of the ship's company as he set foot upon the poop "saluted the deck," the invisible presence. But since in steamers there is often no lee side the custom in them has completely died out.-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Vitality.

Because one's parents and grand parents lived to be nearly 100 does not make it certain that their descendants will do likewise, for the inheritance of

In the time of Louis Quaterze in France food in general was placed upon the table in one huge dish, and each helped himself with his naked hand. As late as the middle of the sixteenth century one glass or goblet did duty for the whole table.

Sixteenth Century Apples. stance that it were infinite to describe operator, "I received a message which them all. Some consist more of aire then water, as sour puffs called Mala pulmonea; others more of water then ately.' The message came from San wind, as sour Castaras and Pome wa- Francisco and was addressed to an old ters. To be short, all apples may be man who lived across the street from sorted into three kinds, sweet, soure the station, so I put on my hat and and unsavory. Sweet apples ease the went over and delivered it, seeing that cough, quench thirst, cure melancholly, it was important that he should have it comfort the heart and head, especially if they be fragrant and odoriferous, and also give a laudable nourishment. Soure apples hinder spitting, straiten the brest, gripe and hurt the stomach, encrease phiegm and weaken memory.

beginning of meat, but soure and tart apples at the latter end. All apples are worst raw, and best baked or preserv- asked if there were any messages for Philip of Macedonia and Alexander,

and skilful herald may derive our Lan- rather blankly, for he went on to excashire men, were called Philomeli apple lovers because they were never | nia who was sick and that he was anxwithout apples in their pockets. Yea, lous to hear from him. all Macedonians, his countrymen, did so love them that having neer Babylon surprised a fruiterer's boy they strived for it that many were drowned .- Dr. Thomas Moffett in 1575.

Plants That Intoxicate.

Bumblebees, butterflies and beetles are babitual drunkards. In some of the southern states insects alight on certain plants, drink heartily from the blossoms and fall to the ground stupefied. After awhile they rise and fly around, just as drunken men would do if they had the power of flying. Their sides our own speech; 28 European, 39 antics are especially amusing unless one does not know what is the trouble. In this case the suspicion that the insect world has gone crazy is upper-

A scientist who had observed the drinking and its results collected a teaspoonful of the pollen to see if it | Town. would affect a man the same way. He swallowed it and in a few minutes found his pulse beating faster and a rise of temperature. Then he distilled some of the blossoms and gave himself a hypodermic injection in the arm. He became decidedly dizzy as a result. By further experiments he found an oil derived from these plants which affects human beings and animals alike.-New York Telegram.

The Rogue Saved the Judge.

A judge of the English high court was once arrested on suspicion of having burglarious designs on the house of a friend in Mayfair. The police officer charged him in the police station with loitering with felonious intent. and the prisoner's description of himself as one of her majesty's judges was received with a grin of sarcastic deri-

At that moment an old offender was brought in who happened to catch sight of his lordship's face, which he had good reason to remember.

"You here, my lord!" he exclaimed, with unfeigned astonishment. "Well, this beats cockfighting."

The rogue's unsolicited corroboration of the judge's declaration saved the situation, and his lordship was allowed to depart in peace.

Mike All Over

Mr. Duffy-Mrs. Helly, it pairs me C infarm yez that yure hoosband has jist bin blowed oop boi a doinamoite carthridge. We found his head in wan let, an his body in another lot, an his liga in another lot, an his arms an fate in another lot. Mrs. Kelly (proudly) - Begorrah,

thot's Moike all over!-Harper's Week-

Exasperating.

"Gee whizz, how my wife does aggrawate me!"

"You surprise me. Surely she doesn't henpeck you?"

"No. It's her awful meekness. Whenever we have an argument and I'm in the right, she always sighs and says, Oh, very well, dear, have it your own way!" "-Philadelphia Press.



"Hooray!" he yelled at the top of his shrill voice.

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"The old man caught the train that left at midnight, and while he was buying his ticket he told me that the message referred to his brother who had left home 20 years before and from Sweet apples are to be eaten at the whom he had heard nothing during all

"The next night a party called and him, giving the same name as the old man who had left the night before. He his son, from whome perhaps a curious must have noticed that I looked at him plain that he had a brother in Califor-

"Well, it turned out that the message that I had received the night before was intended for him. He was a stranger in the town and chanced to bear the same name as the old man whom I had sent on a wild goose chase across the continent. Fortunately for me I was transferred to another town before the old man got back. That is all there is to the story except that it is true."-Detroit Free Press.

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