THE MESSAGE.

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When the maple twigs are blushing, and the birch bud shyly sweils,
And the hylas pipe in chorus like a string of silver bells;
When the first ecstatic robin, truant from his wiser kin,
In the gay and dripping orchard tunes his lusty violin,
Something steals upon my spirit—something sweet I cannot name—
Like a heart-beat faintly pulsing from the birth world whence I came.

Ah! so delicate and fragrant the assurance in the air
That my soul still holds some converse with the souls of otherwhere;
That the winter of my aging shall not bind me low and lorn,
But restore me to the freshness of my love's creation morn!
Yea, though dark and strait the portal of my passing, I shall see
All that sudden blue of heaven arching grandly over me!

Such a mystical, sweet promise, when the wind blows from the south,
And a bird is in the orchard with God's greeting in his mouth!
Have I fainted, have I doubted, in the days that are gone by?
Have I said, "There is no rising unto mortals when they die?"
It is past, that blind self-wounding! I have heard the robin sing,
I have caught the Easter message in the first breath of the spring.

—From Harper's Bazaar.

Problem of the Resurrection.

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Christ the Lord is risen to day,
Sons of men and angels say:
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.

If a man die, shall he live again? It is the old question and I suppose there is no question that interests them more deeply. I doubt whether to-day, in this nineteenth century, there are as many men and women perplexed by and interested in the question of a personal God as are perplexed by and interested in the question of the immortality of the soul. If a man die, shal he live again? And generally we give that an affirmative answer or a negative answer; we say yes or no.

But did it never occur to you that perhaps it depends on the kind of man? Did it never occur to you perhaps some men will rise and some will not? or that perhaps part of the manwill rise and part of the man will not rise.

Did it never occur te you that, while it is impossible for us accurately to analyze human nature, nevertheless it is possible for us to see that man is made up of separable elements, and that there is in man that which is worthy of everlasting life, and therefore will live forever, that which is not worthy of everlasting life and cannot live forever, and how much of the man will rise will depend on how much in him is mortal and how much is immortal? Did it never occur that, after all, a man is something like gold ore—part dross and part gold—and some men hardly worth the mining?

If we look a little further we see that the whole process of life—the real, the healthful, the natural life—is a separation of the dross from the gold—an emerging from the mortal into immortality. It is the rising out of that which is merely sensuous and animal into that which is spiritual and eternal.

How much of you is immortal? Let us look that question fairly in the face this Easter Day. Would you really wish to go on eternally in the life you are now living? Would you wish to carry through eternity the being you now are?—By the Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D., pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church, Brooklyn.

Easter.

Fresh flowers, new garments, the Easter bonnet, the game of ball, leaping bonfires, the Easter kiss, Paschal eggs, cakes, hares, feasting, dancing, love making, Easter chimes, wedding bells, altars decorated with blooming plants, tapers, stately palms, out of the black soil the pure white lily with the heart of gold, all proclaim in varied ways the same beautiful story of joy and gladness. The winter is past. The time of singing of birds has come. "Alleluiah! Christ the Lord is risen, indeed."

In almost every country the egg stands first on the Easter menu as the appropriate thing for breaking the long fast.

This is a special feature of the religious observance of the day in many of the Catholic or Prova-Slav countries, while in our rural districts the small boy who can report at Sunday school the largest number of "Paas" eggs taken from their hiding place in the haymow and devoured by himself for breakfast stands higher in the estimation of his fellows than he who can say his "Golden Text."

For Easter Eggs.

The size of this basket can be varied to suit the use of it to be put to. If for the real hen fruit, we want to make a gift from a poultry house to one whose yard does not permit a range for biddy, the plain chip baskets decorated with poker work and a pretty bow tied on the handle make an inexpensive and tasty looking receptacle. Small ones can be decorated to send colored eggs to some little boy or girl we wish to remember. Then the tiny ones make pretty table ornaments for candy eggs. Simple designs are etched on each square with the hot needle and a toothed edge burned on the band and handle.

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To Decorate Easter Eggs.

Various methods of egg decoration are practiced in this country. For blown eggs a small hole may be made at each end of the eggs and the contents forced out with the breath. Rinse clean. Draw a narrow ribbon through double from one hole to the other, tying a bow at the lower end and leaving a loop or corresponding bow at the upper end. Decorate the shell in water colors, tracing small flowers or ecclesiastical designs. A pretty effect may be obtained by painting the rest of the egg shell with gold or silver paint, bringing out the colors in greater relief. These blown eggshells may also be painted to represent faces. Glue a little down or hair over the forehead and cover the bald head with a Normandy cap made of colored tissue paper, with a little cape and bow tied under the chin. A part circle of stiff white paper pasted flat underneath makes a neat, firm finish. For table decorations, eggshell flower holders are made by breaking off the top of the emptied shell, painting the guest's name on it in silver or gold, and then, to make it stand upright, putting small shot in the bottom and filling in with melted wax. At the place where confectioners' supplies are sold composition eggs in every possible size can be procured at small cost. The pure white ones are susceptible of dainty decorations, even moderate artistic ability sufficing to produce lovely effects from scattered blossoms, put on in Dresden fashion, in sprays of single flowers, in a cross with entwining vines, or the letters I. H. S., singly or as a monogram. If a center ornament for an elaborate Easter luncheon or breakfast is desired, the confectioners will bake them to order of any dimensions and style of ornament, and of clear candy or clouded sugar, as preferred, Laid on a bed of moss or ferns or in a nest of spun sugar they prove an attracture feature of the feast.

Favors for an Easter Luncheon.

Egg-shell dolls dressed in crepe paper are unique and charming souvenirs for an Easter luncheon. Select as long shaped eggs as possible, and blow them in the usual way by piercing small holes at the ends. With sharp scissors cut a piece of shell the size of the face from one side. The heads are made from balls of cotton wadding to which the shell faces are glued, and bits of cotton wadding are fluffed out around the outlines, for hair which can be arranged in manifold ways. The artist of the family can exercise her skill in painting the little faces. Tiny rolls of cotton form the arms, which, like the heads, are glued in proper position, to the egg-shell bodies. A few stitches at the wrist define the hand. The mimic dame in outline shows the construction perfectly; no legs are needed, for the crepe paper skirts serve to support the dolls. They can be dressed as smartly and as many modes as the workers choose; a whole costume party, representing the fashions of different periods, would be extremely effective, while for a violet luncheon nothing could be more appropriate than the violet doll illustrated. Variety even in these could be obtained by using different shades of paper. The overlapping flounces of the skirt are cut in irregular scol ops to suggest petals, and the hats can be trimmed in real or paper violets.

A Few Nevers.

Never milk with wet hands.
Never mix warm with cool milk.
Never take chances with the bull.
Never try to break a kicker with a club. Try kindness.
Never form the habit of feeding and milking at irregular hours.
Never allow the cans to stay in the dairy stable while being filled with milk.
Never add an animal to the dairy herd before being sure it is free from disease.
Never buy a cow on her pedigree alone. It is her performance at the pail that counts most.
Never allow cows to become excited by hard driving, unkind words, or unnecessary disturbance.

After trying every remedy he could hear of, one poulterer found a successful cure for gapes by mixing kero en and lard, half and half, and applying freely around the neck of the chick.

Chicks fed on dry food for three or four weeks will have stronger constitutions and develop better than given soft food.

Pleasure comes through toils and not by self-indulgence and indolence.

THE POPULAR DISEASE.

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An ache in the back and a pain in the head—
That's the grip!
A choke in the throat and a yearning for bed—
That's the grip!
A river of heat, then a shiver of cold,
A feeling of being three hundred years old,
A willingness even to do as you're told—
That's the grip!

An arrow of pain, now in this place, now ahat—
That's the grip!
A feeling of doubt as to where you are at—
That's the grip!
A stupid sensation—of course, wholly new!—
A foolish depression why should you feel blue?
A doubt as to whether this really is you—
That's the grip!

Strange visions at night that deprive you of rest—
That's the grip!
A taste in your mouth and a weight on your chest—
That's the grip!
A tired sensation that runs through your veins,
A queer combination of aches and of pains,
A vapid admission of absence of brains—
That's the grip!

A marvelous weakness, come on in a day—
That's the grip!
A petulant wonder, "How long will it stay?"
That's the grip!
A season of fever, a season of freeze,
A quivering weakness that's felt at the knees—
Say, if ever there was a cuss-ed disease,
It's the grip!—

—Somerville Journal.

WHITEWASH.

The following coating for rough brick walls is used by the United States goverment for painting lighthouses, and it effectually prevents moisture from striking through: Take of fresh Rosendale cement, 3 parts, and of clean, fine sand, 1 part: mix with fresh water thoroughly. This gives a gray or granite color, dark or light, according to the color of the cement. If brick color is desired, add enough Venetian red to the mixture to produce the color. If a very light color is desired, lime may be used with the cement and sand. Care must be taken to have all the ingredients well mixed together. In applying the wash, the wall must be wet with clean fresh water; then follow immediately with the cement wash. This prevents the bricks from absorbing the water from the wash too rapidly, and gives time for the cement to set. The wash must be well stirred during the application. The mixture is to be made as thick as can be applied conveniently with a whitewash brush. It is admirable suited for brickwork, fences, etc., but it cannot be used to advantage over paint or whitewash."

How to make Grape Syrup.

Half pint brandy, 1 ounce tincture of lemon, 1 gallon simple syrup, tincture red sanders, 1 quart. Brandy ½ pt.; spirits of lemon, ½ ounce; tincture of red sanders, 2 ounces; simple syrup, 1 gallon. A grape syrup, not an artificial syrup, or one for fountain use, but a syrup from the fruit, for domestic or table use, etc. Take 20 pounds ripe freshly picked and selected tame grapes, put them into a stone jar, and pour over them 6 quarts of boiling soft water; when sufficiently cool to allow it, well squeeze them thoroughly with the hand, after which allow them to stand 3 days on the furnace with a cloth thrown over the jar, then squeeze out the juice and add 10 pounds of crushed sugar; let it remain a week longer in the jar; then take off the scum, strain and bottle, leaving a vent until done fermenting, when strain again and bottle tight, and lay the bottles on the side in a cool place.

How to prepare Skins for Fur.

Mix bran and soft water sufficient to cover the skins. Immerse the latter and keep them covered for twenty-four hours; then remove, wash clean, and carefully scrape off all flesh. To 1 gallon of water (hot) add 1 pound of alum and ½ pound of salt. When dissolved and cool enough to admit entrance of the hand, immerse the skins for twenty-four hours, dry in the shade, and rub. Stir the liquor again, immerse the skins for twenty-four, hours, dry, rub as before; immerse for twenty-four hours in oatmeal and warm water, partially dry in the shade, and finally rub until entirely dry. The leaves the skin like white leather, and fit for immediate use.

For a dressing for linoleum a weak solution of beeswax in spirits of turpentine has been recommended for brightening the appearance of linoleum. Here are some other formulas: 1. Palm oil, 1 ounce; paraffine, 18 ounces; kerosene, 4 ounces. Melt the paraffine and oil, remove from the fire and incorporate the kerosene.

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Disease-Carrying Insects.

Having convicted the mosquito of high crimes, medical men are now considering, says American Medicine, the possibility of the mechanical transmission of infective organisms from man to man by means of the commoner insects, flies, bedbugs, roaches and fleas. There is no reasonable doubt that in recent wars flies were responsible for the transfer of typhoid bacilli from open latrines to foods which were not screened.' The sick have now in hospitals and in private practice to be carefully protected from flies and other insects, not merely for their own welfare, but for that also of the whole neighborhood. The mystery of the origin of many cases of illness is to be explained often by the agency of petty creatures too small to be readily noticed. These carry disease from the first patient and scatter it among others.

Better Halves.

The artist should have a model wife.
The railway engineer, a tender wife.
The doctor, a patient wife.
The retired actor, an exacting wife.
The hotel-keeper, an inn-experienced wife.
The bootblack, a polished wife.
The cab-driver, a hansom wife.
The street-car conductor, a fare wife.
The sailor, a wreckless wife.
The wheelwright, a tired wife.
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The balloonist, a high-minded wife.

Political Proverbs.

Politics is not a business; its a duty.

A bad candidate is the result of careless citizenship.

A vote in the box is worth two kicks against bosses.

The man who forgets to vote has very little right to bemoan bad government.

The man who is not proud of his suffrage is not a source of pride to the community.

The man who fails to attend the primaries has no right to kick about a boss ridden party.

If men were as zealous in religion as they are in their partisanship there would be more doing in church circles.

Don't take a hot or warm bath in a cold room.

Avoid the habitual use of stimulants of any kind.

Avoid an excessive use of sugar, sweets and starchy food.

Don't cut the nails in points, but carefully arch or round them.

Windows on opposite sides of the room afford the best ventilation.

Do not treat weak hair harshly. Keep the brushes and combs clean.

Don't overeat. Of the two evils, it is better to eat too little than too much.

Affection soothes, it hallows, elevates, subdues and bringeth down to earth its native heaven.

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THE GIRL ON THE FARM.

I met her in the Springtime
When a glow suffused the sky;
O, the softness of that splendor
Was as tender
As the luster of her eye.

The morning dew was sparkling
As stars shine out in space;
But brighter than this gleaming
Was the beaming
Of the beauty of her face.

The lilies bowed and whispered
As I took her gentle hand;
But softer was my whisper
As I kissed her,
For 'twas heaven's border land.

The golden shades of sunset
Softly rest upon us now,
And the glow of the Eternal
Is supernal
As it crests her sacred brow.

—Solon L. Goode, in the American Farmer.

A Dry Shampoo.

People who are susceptible to colds, and who fear to wet their hair during the winter months, will find a dry shampoo with orris, in connection with brushing and massage, very effective.

Ten cents' worth of powdered orris is amply sufficient for two shampoos. When ready to retire, and after carefully brushing the hair, apply the orris, rubbing it in well with finger tips, then put on a cap or tie the head up in a towel and allow it to remain over night. The orris will absorb the oil and dirt from the hair and scalp during the night, and can be brushed out in the morning.

Orris is not only an effective shampoo, but a very agreeable one; imparting a distinct yet dainty evanescent odor to the hair. By its use the head and hair can be kept in a perfectly cleanly condition. Frequent airing, brushings and massagings will add to the beneficial results.

To clean paint, provide a plate with some of the best whiting to be had; have ready some clean warm water and a piece of flannel, which dip into the water and squeeze nearly dry; then take as much whiting as will adhere to it, and apply it to the painted surface, when a little rubbing will instantly remove any dirt or grease. After which, wash the part well with clean water, rubbing it dry with a soft chamois. Paint thus cleaned looks as well as when first laid on, without any injury to the most delicate colors. It is far better than using soap, and does not require more than half the time and labor.

To waterproof canvas, take a solution containing equal parts by weight of gelatine and chrome alum. It is not advisable to mix more of the solution at once than is sufficient to give the canvas one coat, as, if the mixture once sets, it cannot be reliquified like a plain solution of gelatine, and hence, if the quantity of canvas to be waterproof is but small, it would, perhaps, be preferable to coat with plain gelatine solution until quite impervious to cold water, and then to thoroughly soak for, say, twenty-four hours in a strong solution of chrome alum.

Rubber is easily joined and made as strong as an original fabric, by softening before a fire, laying the edges carefully together, without dust, dirt, or moisture between. The edges so joined must be freshly cut in the beginning. Tubing can be made by joining the edges around a glass cylinder, which has prevously been rolled with paper. After the glass is withdrawn the paper is easily removed. Sift flour or powdered soapstone through the tube to prevent the sides from adhering from accidental contact.

To make gravel and tar walks take 2 parts very dry lime rubbish and 1 part coal ashes, also very dry, and both sifted fine. In a dry place, on a dry day, mix them, and leave a hole in the middle of the heap as bricklayers do when making mortar. Into this pour boiling hot coal tar, mix, and then as stiff as mortar put in 3 inches thick where the walk is to be; the ground should be dry and smooth; sprinkle over it coarse sand. When cold, pass a light roller over it; in a few days the walk will be solid and waterproof.

Among the many natural curiosities of Arizona, but one that is not often visited by ordinary tourists, is the singular bowl-shaped depression in Yavapai county called Montezuma's well. It is nearly circular and between 500 and 600 feet in diameter at the brim. It lies in the midst of a nearly level area. The sides are vertical to a depth of 30 or 40 feet. Below that they merge into a sloping talus, which extends down to a circular pool of water, alleged by popular tradition, as are so many not deep areas of water, to be bottomless.

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