

**NOW AND THEN**

**EASTER**

By Alice Mathews

Birds and flowers, and plants and trees  
This blessed day have ways that please,  
Song and fragrance fill the air,  
Sad heart, hide your face of care!  
Think what Easter means—reflect  
On Love's Goodness, and respect  
Your own portion—as you should!  
Memory's pathway—call it good  
And at Easter-time rejoice,  
And sing out, with trusting voice,  
"He is risen," so have they  
Look up, Soul of man, today!  
Thus with hope renewed you'll see  
Beyond dark death—Eternity,  
And the loved ones true and fair,  
Who are waiting—waiting There.

**EASTER**

Easter, the queen of seasons, is here to tell us of the Resurrection. Coming as it does after the season of Lent it seems to bring new joy. Nature has been telling the story that as Our Lord has arisen all creation rises too. The bird songs seem to say, "Loving hearts, He lives again." All through Holy week, Christians have been following Him, in mind through agony and bloody sweat of the garden of Gethsemane, of his betrayal and the suffering of the cross. The paschal moon has been looking down upon us, the same moon that determines the time for Easter, the Sunday after the full moon that comes after the twenty first of March, the same that shone on our Lord in the garden and saw the glorious resurrection on the first Easter morning.

**EASTER LILIES**

Easter Lilies seem to be a part of Easter, looking as they do white and pure. There is an old legend about the lily. It tells that at first all the lilies were white. In the night when our Lord was in the garden of Gethsemane, all the flowers dropped their heads in grief and sympathy with him, except the lily that held hers up and said, "I will cheer him by my fragrance." But when he was being led away the lily blushed and hung her head so that is why the lily always holds her head down, never looking up.

**THE BIRDS**

Yesterday we saw a cardinal, accompanied by his wife. He wore a bright red uniform, while his wife's dress was a dove gray trimmed in red. There were young cardinal around too for we heard them practising their song. For some time it was only "Wheat, Wheat, Wheat." Then we heard "chuck, chuck, chuck over and over and over again until they had learned the whole call. "Wheat, Wheat, Wheat, "Chuck, Chuck, Chuck." A neighbor was telling of a pair of sparrows who chose to build their nest on top of a shutter which had to be closed at night. The owner of the house took the nest and placed it in a safe place, but the birds would have none of it, but built it in the same place again and again. Day by day they would come and hold indignation meetings, when they saw the nest had been changed. Seven times they had persisted in building it in the same place and had seen it removed. Whether they will keep rebuilding all summer remains to be seen.

**TOSCANNI AND HIS ORCHESTRA**

The other night at a Boston symphony concert, the whole orchestra, including the great Maestro, appeared in short black breeches and long tailed coats, with buckled shoes, and gray wigs tied with black ribbon in queues, to play Haydn's "Farewell" Symphony No. 45. An old spinet took the place of the conductor's music rack; at each musician's place a candle burned, instead of a hooded electric light; the music went on through the menuetto and near the end of the last adagio movement, one by one, the musicians blew out their candles and softly stole away with their instruments, the music grew less and less in volume and at last only the Maestro was left and he, too, lifted

the candle from the spinet, and blew it out. Such beauty and such harmony; such gentleness and power. A peaceful Easter to you all!

**THORNS**

Nations may bristle with bombs, guns, and airplanes, but the queen of the garden has been disarmed. A rose without thorns is displayed at the Philadelphia Flower Show. If this becomes a trend, poets may have to revise their attitude on the subject. Burns' sweet strain about the betrayer who "stole the rose, but ah! he left the thorn w/ime," will be out of date, and humanity can no longer shrug its shoulders at imperfection and say resignedly, "No rose without a thorn."

**PREMIER'S UMBRELLA: IN USE FOR 14 YEARS**

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's world-famous "appeasement" umbrella is 14 years old. Mrs. Chamberlain gave it to him and it has been re-covered four times. In January the Premier politely turned down a bid for the umbrella by an Italian Museum. He still has no intention of parting with it.

**HABIT**

Habit may seem hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter, it does not change "a bit." If you take off another, you have a "bit" left. If you take still another the whole of "it" remains. If you take still another, it is not "it," totally used up. All of which goes to show that if you wish to be rid of a "habit" you must throw it off altogether.

**RICHARD'S MOTHER**

A man once made a business appointment to meet Mrs. Rebecca Harding Davis at a public library in Philadelphia. Reaching the library he inquired from the young librarian if the famous author had arrived. "Mrs. Rebecca Harding Davis?" repeated the librarian. "I do not think I know her." "I mean Mrs. Clarke Davis," replied the man, "the wife of the editor of the Philadelphia Ledger." "No," persisted the librarian, "I do not know the lady." "Oh," replied the man somewhat puzzled. "I thought surely you would know Mrs. Davis. Then another thought flashed. "She is the mother of Richard Harding Davis, you know." "Yes, indeed," said the librarian quickly. "I know her very well. No; she hasn't come yet."

**BEAUTE SHOPPE**

Only 40,000 American women currently make a living from the millinery trade, while 115,000 are employed as hairdressers and manicurists, beauty shops being the nation's sixth largest industry. American women in their desire to improve on nature spend over \$700,000 a day in beauty shops and on cosmetics. All of which puts the beauty business on a \$200,000,000 yearly basis. —The Commentator Magazine

**THE STATE OF SHIPS**

We in the United States haven't much to worry about on the seas, provided that we can hold up our end in shipbuilding. But, reports The Commentator Magazine, the cruiser Brooklyn, for instance, laid down in 1935 (and actually started long before that) was really not completed until last fall, whereas the British cruiser, of a roughly comparable class, in about two years.

Many of the new British, German, French, Italian, and probably the Japanese battleships are considerably closer to completion than are ours. And we have not always been getting good ships upon first completion. There have been many defects: too thin deck or side plates, defective gearing, and engine troubles of various sorts, which have required months of work and additional expense before they have been rectified. Much of this trouble, says The Commentator Magazine, stems in the Navy Department in Washington, where there is really no proper co-ordination of shipbuilding, where there is still too much red tape, and where conflicting interests and personalities have tended to contribute to delay. Our long shipbuilding holiday, when disarmament, contributes today to our embarrassment.

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