APRIL.

By Mary Mitchel.

Oh! April is a dainty dame,
She wears the sweetest dresses!
Her eyes are like the still blue flame,
And sun-gold are her tresses.
Her wee, wee feet are soft and fleet,

Her form one barely guesses.
Oh! April is a dainty dame,
And wears the softest dresses!

Oh! April is a dainty dame!
Of all the year-child ffices,
Here ever stays an hour the same,
She has so many graces!
Her smile or sigh, it is so shy,
Half hid in budding mazes
For April is a dainty dame,
And wears the finest laces.

An Easter Song.

Every face is beaming,
Every step is light,
All the world is beautiful
From merry morn till night.
The little streams are dancing
And flashing, just for fun,
And joyfully to meet the sea,
The mighty rivers run.

And twice ten thousand flowers,
And twice ten thousand more,
Are waking in the lonesome woods
And by the cottage door.
To count the Easter lilies
Is more than you or I
Can hope to do the long day through
How hard soe'er we try.

Every face is beaming,
Every step is light,
For o'er the threshold Easter slipped
At waning of the night,
And little birds are singing
Like mad for joy of life,
And all the hours, in sun and showers,
With brimming joy are rife.

Uplift the songs of Easter,
Let none today be still,
When this great world is like a cup
That flowers overfill,
When blossoms deck the orchard,
And boughs are pink and white,
And winds go by, like wings that fly,
From merry morn till night.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

Let me tell you of some merry egg-hunters I once saw, and of the big downy nest where fifty lovely eggs cuddled in soft gray moss. When I first saw the nest it was empty, and oh, what merry laughter there was as one by one the pretty eggs were placed there—not by biddy. She would have cackled with surprise to see the creamy-brown of her egg-shells changed to bright red and purple and gold.

No, it was fifty pairs of lively feet, and fifty pairs of small hands that hunted for the eggs and then brought them to the mossy nest, and this is how it happened:

"Once upon a time," but not "long ago," there was a lady who wished that all her little friends might have as much fun hunting eggs as she had when she was a little girl.

But she had no barn, no haymow, not even one hen. In spite of this she invited fifty small boys and girls at Eastertime "to hunt eggs in my house!"

You can imagine how surprised those children were, and you may be sure that they were all there on time.

It was a big house, with five large rooms on the first floor, and all opening into one another so that the children could go in a circle from room to room. In the center of the largest room was a low stand, and on this was the big nest, all covered inside and out with silvery Florida moss. Around this were gathered the eager children.

"Now, my little friends," said the lady, "somewhere in these five rooms, tucked away in all sorts of cozy corners, are fifty Easter eggs, each having on it in letters of gold the name of some boy or girl here. No egg is out of reach of the smallest child, and there must be no climbing or moving of things in the rooms.

"When I blow this whistle you may all start in different directions and hunt. As soon as you find an egg bring it to the nest and go to hunt for more. If you find an egg with your name on it, it is yours at once; but you will like it better if you put it with the other eggs until the hunt is over. Now!"

S-s-s-t went the shrill little whistle, and away sped one hundred nimble feet.

What squeals of delight there were when an egg was found and proudly brought to its place in the great nest!

AND THERE WAS THE PRETTY WHITE EGG.

What funny remarks there were over the first finds.

Ned called out, "This was an easy egg!" and sweet little Cathy said, "Mine was very hard," for, of course all those eggs were hard eggs!

The little girls got tired first, but the boys would not stop until the fifty were found. Then the whistle was blown and the children gathered about the full nest.

Dick's was the last find, and as he was the biggest boy there he counted to see if there were really fifty eggs.

"Why, there's fifty-one!" exclaimed he, and sure enough a pure white egg lay among the fifty gaily-colored ones like a lily in a pansy-bed.

What a surprise for everybody! How did the egg get among its bright companions?

Could any boy have brought it in his pocket by mistake?

"Who found this white egg?" asked the children's friend.

"Oh, I did," said Dick, "and it was a hard one, too. I saw lots of easy ones, but as I was the biggest I thought I ought to leave them for the littlest ones. The hunt was almost over and I thought I shouldn't find a single hard find."

"But where did you find it? I did only fifty colored eggs," said the lady.

"The whistle was blowing for us to stop hunting," said Dick, "and I happened to notice pussy curled up in her basket by the fire in the dining-room, so I stopped to pat her, and as she crooked up her back my hand touched something hard under the cushion in her basket. I lifted it and peeped under—and there was the pretty white egg!"

Little Dick was at first troubled a bit, but soon he laughed loudest of them all when it was discovered that his find was a porcelain darning egg!

When later Baby Robin was brought in by his nurse to see the happy little egg-hunters, he explained the mystery by going straight to pussy's basket and saying:

"Pussy, baby hide mamma's boofer egg in your baxit for you. Did you find your Easter egg?"

And Dick had the reward for his unselfishness in letting others have the "easy finds," when wee Robin saw the white egg among the others and cried out with glee:

"Come, pussy, here's your boofer egg!" EUGENIE L. BECKWITH.

An Easter Scramble.

Easter Monday is the great carnival of the year at Hallaton, England. Then the hare-scramble and bottle-kicking take place. In remote times, says the author of "Old English Customs," a piece of land was bequeathed to the rector, on condition that he and his successors should provide annually two hare-pies, a quantity of ale and two dozen penny loaves to be scrambled for on Easter Monday at the rising ground called Hare-pie Bank, a quarter of a mile south of the village. Usually pies of mutton, veal and bacon are substituted for the hare.

The procession is headed by two men, who carry two sacks containing the pies. After them come three men abreast, each bearing aloft a bottle. Two of these are filled with beer; they are wooden bottles, iron-hooped, with a hole from which to drink. The third bottle is a dummy, and, of course, empty. Occasionally a hare is carried in a sitting posture, mounted on the top of a pole.

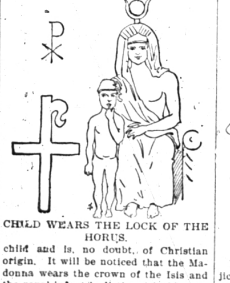
The procession increases, greatly in numbers as it approaches. Hare-pin Bank, where the pies, which are already cut up, are pitched out of the sack and scrambled for. The spectators amuse themselves by throwing the contents of the pies at each other. Then follows the Hallaton bottle-kicking.

One of the large bottles containing ale is thrown into the circular hollow on the mound, and the "Medbourne men" try to wrest it from the Hallatonian grasp. A fierce contest then ensues, in comparison with which a football scrimmage is mere child's play. The Hallatonians strive to kick the bottle to their boundary-line over the brook adjoining the village, while their opponents endeavor to convey it toward the Medbourne boundary. The victors of course claim the contents of the bottle.

The "dummy" is then fought for with unabated zest, for the Hallaton people boast that this has never been wrested from them. The third bottle is taken in triumph to the market-cross, and its contents drunk with accustomed honors. The bottles are carefully kept, and those now in use have done duty for more than thirty years.

Egyptian Statue of Christ.

This picture is one taken of an ancient terra-cotta statuette in the collection of the late Doctor Grant Bey of Cairo. It represents the Madonna and



CHILD WEARS THE LOCK OF THE HORUS.

child and is, no doubt, of Christian origin. It will be noticed that the Madonna wears the crown of the Isis and the royal infant is distinguished by the lock of Horus, which designates him as the son and heir of the Great King, the anointed one, or the Christ. That the Christ was recognized as the Horus is proved by the early Christian crosses, which bear the lock of Horus on their central branches as in this example.

Noted women have shown no precocious desire to wed and make homes of their own. George Eliot was nearer 40 than 30 when she married for the first time and close upon 60 when her second marriage took place in 1880.

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We know by that same token
That baby's lungs are quite intact,
Howe'er his heart is broken.

For, ere the baby's voice was raised
As if he couldn't stop it;
But pretty soon, there comes a lull
In which he'd all but drop it.

That rouses him to rear again
With energies redoubled,
Altho' he's quite forgot the grief
By which his heart was troubled.

Monotonous, e'en to himself,
The baby's bawls are growing;
But, having started in to cry,
He's bound to keep it going.

—Boston Globe.

She Clinched It.

They had looked soulfully into each other's eyes for some time, but somehow he didn't seem to come to the point. Then suddenly he made a discovery.

"You have your mother's beautiful eyes, dear," he said.

She felt that the time had come to play her trump card. "I have also," she said, "my father's lovely checkbook." Within thirty minutes their engagement was announced.—Pick-Me-Up.

The Railroad Variety.

Hamm—Pardon me, Junius, for rudely breaking in upon your meditations. Were you thinking of the ties that once bound you to a happy home?

Fatt—No; I was thinking of the ties that now separate me from home.—Up-to-Date.

Before and After.

Bagley—I say, Bailey, how about that ten?

Bailey—Oh, you wouldn't strike a man for money just before his vacation, would you?

(Three weeks later.)

Bagley—Well, Bailey, have you got that ten?

Bailey—Oh, I say, Bagley, just after my vacation!—Puck.

Where the Danger Lay.

Second (to duelist, who, on confronting his adversary, has suddenly grown pale, and is only just prevented from falling)—"Take courage, man. I know your opponent is going to fire in the air."

Duelist—"That's just what makes me afraid. He's such a notoriously bad shot."—Tit-Bits.

Notice.

The Court—Has the defendant been notified of these proceedings?

Applicant for Divorce—I have published the notice in a newspaper of general circulation.

The Court—Well, I must be sure that she is notified. Send her a copy of the newspaper with the notice cut out.—Puck.

The Beginning and the End.

Judge—Did you see the beginning of this trouble?

Witness—I did, your honor; it occurred five years ago.

Judge—Why, how was that?

Witness—It began when the minister pronounced them man and wife.—Chicago News.

An Opinion.

"I have been making quite a study of naval warfare," said the deliberate citizen, "and I find the subject very interesting. Now, what do you think is the best way to equip battleships?"

And without hesitation the laconic friend answered:

"In a hurry."—Washington Star.

Useless.

"What do you think of the bill I have prepared to introduce?" inquired one member of the legislature.

"It is a sheer waste of time," replied the other. "It isn't practical enough to become a law, nor foolish enough to get your name into the newspapers."—Washington Star.

Progressive Farming.

Ike Stubbles—Hi, what was yer object in buyin' that 'er patch o' sterile land down to Stony Corners?

Hiram Oatbin—One of my schemes, Ike. I'm goin' to pastur' the cows on that 'er land an' give them city folks that new-fangled sterilized milk right from the cow.—Up-to-Date.

Why He Gave It Up.

Tramp (in the country)—Yes, I once rode er wheel, but I had to give it up.

Biker—Why?

Tramp—Well, yer see, the owner was comin' down the road behind me and the policeman had a rope stretched across in front.—Tit-Bits.

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