Term Easter is of German Origin.

Our term Easter is of German origin, but the name by which the festival is designated from the beginning is the Paschal, a name derived from the Hebrew: it commemorates the deliverance of the Jews from Egyptian bondage when the destroying angel spared the first-born of the Hebrew because their doors were marked by the blood of the Paschal lamb.

The Easter festival is the greatest in the Christian calendar; it is the climax of the events in the life of our divine Lord—his birth, his labors, his miracles, his betrayal, the bitterness of his agony at Gethsemane, and his cruel death on Calvary all culminated in the victory we commemorate on this glorious day.

The church has always held that the miraculous deliverance of the Hebrew people from Egyptian bondage was the type and figure of the far greater deliverance which would follow when Christ, our Pasch, as St. Paul says, would be sacrificed and by his blood would save us from eternal death.

The Christian Pasch was instituted on that night when our Savior, Jesus Christ, surrounded by his disciples at the Last Supper which he held with them, gave them under the form of bread and wine his body and his blood to drink. There is nothing in all the gospels set forth in language more unequivocal than this fact. The church has always taught, as he himself declared, that our divine Lord is truly and really present, under the forms of bread and wine, consecrated by the words uttered by himself, and spoken by those authorized by him to use them.

It is true that he suffered and died that all men might be saved, yet we know, from his own words and the teachings of his apostles, that many may not be saved because they will not make the necessary effort and sacrifice—"Many are called but few chosen." Faith alone in the redeeming sacrifice will not bring salvation; the mere fact that we believe in the divinity of Christ, in the teaching of Christ, in the redemption purchased for us by the death of Christ will not bring us salvation unless we ourselves do our part to make ourselves worthy thereof. It is not enough to have faith; we must also labor. "I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith," St. Paul says; he did not consider it enough to have the faith only—it must be accompanied by good work.

The church, therefore, celebrates this day with more of joy and gladness and ceremony than any other in commemoration of the institution of that Christian Pasch which means so much to humanity; the Pasch of redemption, under her guidance and direction, through prayer and repentance, and other penitential works are made worthy to participate in this divine banquet. They are restored to the friendship of God and have earned for themselves eternal life, for our Savior has said: "If any man eat of this bread he will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John vi.)

And she celebrates this day with unusual joy and gladness for the further reason: That it is the anniversary of that day on which the Founder by his own inherent power raised himself from the dead, thus giving the strongest possible proof of his divinity, and leaving to us, who believe in him and love him, a reason for the faith that is in us.

The Book of God.

Highest of all is the book of God. This book is the story of earth's noblest spirits, in hours when they were filled with a passionate hunger for righteousness, and how they made a record for these great spiritual experiences in their poems, psalms and letters. No other book has such treasures of wisdom and culture. It teaches us the path that leads to prosperity and peace. It is the great book, the book of hope and life, because it is the book of God.—Rev. N. D. Hillis, Congregationalist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Heathen Nations Celebrate the Day

In the Christian churches of all nations Easter is celebrated as the day on which the Great Teacher, the Jesus Christ, rose from the dead and thereby consummated his divine plan of redeeming the human race. Since Easter is so indissolubly associated with the life of the Founder of the Christian religion, one would naturally assume that it is a purely Occidental festival, having its origin in the west and being confined in observance to Caucasian countries. Yet, strangely enough, in several of the countries of the Orient, in India, in Japan, in China, we find religious festivals bearing a wonderful resemblance—festivals that were observed by pious people thousands of years before the beginning of the Christian era laid the foundations of western civilization and power.

The festival of India analogous to the Christian Easter is called the "Feast of Buddha"; in Japan it is named the "Feast of the Higon," while in China they term the great spring-time celebration "The Ancestral Worship." All these holidays have deep religious significance, for all have their origin in the spirit of thankfulness and rejoicing that wherever man lives he has ever greeted the death of winter and the dawn of spring. In this sense Easter, the Higon, the Ancestral Worship, are all more than mere church days—they are man's spontaneous outpouring of gratitude

The Choir-ter.

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal time the hymn
In strains of holy joy

to nature, alike beneficent mother of both Occident and Orient.

A deep religious sentiment governs the Christian observance of Easter, and in that particular the Chinese sacred worship is similar to it. The fifth commandment of the Christian decalogue is their first, "Thou shalt honor thy father and mother,' and no sin in the eyes of the pious Chinese is so heinous as that of disobedience or disrespect to parents.

This filial piety is the fundamental virtue of their social life, and the respect which a son shows his father does not end with life, but is still shown to his memory long after his death. Nor is the deference merely an individual custom. Time has hallowed it into a great national festival.

It is called Tsing Ming, and occurs in the spring of the year. The Chinese do not make much ado about the death of a child or a young person, but when a father or a mother dies, especially if they have grown old, great ceremony attends the burial, from which proceeds one of their great common proverbs, "As much trouble as a funeral."

There is nothing in the lore of eastern religions to conflict with the hope of a life hereafter. Almost every faith of the Orient has for its foundation the theory of a risen Redeemer. And yet who can make answer to these momentous questions?

Easter Festival of Great Age.

The festival of Easter is much older than the Resurrection of Jesus. Christianity not only converted the magnificent pagan temples, which it could not pull down, into churches, but it also adopted and adapted as many of the rites and ceremonies of heathen antiquity as were too deeply rooted in the habits and affections of the people to be eradicated. From the Greeks and the Romans the early Christians borrowed their emblems of resurrection and immortality—the Peacock and the Phoenix. The Easter egg, too, as a religious symbol is as old as the pyramids of Egypt and the primer of Oriental philosophy, which taught that the world was hatched from an egg about the time of the vernal equinox. We read also that the Romans in early spring ran races in an oval—an egg-shaped arena, when the winner was presented with eggs accompanied with wishes that his virile family may increase and multiply. Christianity colored the egg red to remind the people of the blood shed for their redemption.

That ceremonial Christianity is in a large measure paganism transformed or rejuvenated is admitted by the best scholars in the church as well as out of it by Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman and Baronius, as well as by Max Muller and Renan. "The church has borrowed many customs from the religion of the Romans and other pagans," says an ecclesiastical authority, "but it has meliorated them." Another writes that "the pagan festivals laden with superstition were changed into the praiseworthy festivals of the martyrs." Still another defends the practice by saying: "It was permitted the church to transfer to pious uses those ceremonies which the pagans had wickedly applied in a superstitious worship."

Ostera or Eostre, derived from "Ost," meaning East, was a Saxon Goddess who presided over the luminous power which revived the earth and resuscitated life out of the shadow of darkness and the mold of the grave. She was the divinity whose face shone like the glory of the sunrise and the brightness of the dawn; her ambrosial breath made hill and dale fragrant, and her smile shed beauty over every landscape. And the Saxon people congregated in the fields to cheer her arrival in the skies, because she came to destroy the genii of winter-darkness, sterility, storm, and death, and to shake from her golden urn blessings upon man and beast alike. "The Sun is risen!" they shouted, as they greeted one another and kissed and danced on the new grass. Our Teutonic ancestors devoted eight days of April, which they called the Ostermonat, to the worship of this beautiful goddess of life and love perennial, whose arrows, tipped with flame, had shot fresh hopes into their hearts. When Christianity converted the pagan Saxons, instead of attempting to abolish this joyous festival, it christened it into an institution of the church, preserving all its poetry and music—the flowers and the eggs, and only substituting Jesus, the "Sun of Righteousness," for Ostera, the Goddess of the East.

Easter, then, is a day in which Christian and heathen memories mingle, and we regard that as its most pleasing feature, because it lifts it from being merely a sectarian symbol into a festival of humanity. It demonstrates that all festivals have a common ancient source—the needs of the human heart, and that all religions, instead of being miraculously given to any chosen people, spring out of the eternal soil of humanity.

Let us rejoice to-day not that the "Sun" has risen or that one man has been raised from the dead, but that all mankind has been steadily rising during these many ages—rising from the deep, dark grave of ignorance and slavery to freedom and power. Let us change the Easter salutation, and instead of greeting one another with "Christ is risen" and "He is risen, indeed," let us say, "Humanity is risen," and let the refrain be, "Hail, risen Humanity."

Real Estate Exchange

Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of farms, city and village lots and real estate generally which we have for sale. As the list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list:

1.

John McCarroll has a nice little farm of 11 acres in the town of Southfield and John says he must sell it; pretty soon. All necessary buildings in good repair and ready for the successful prosecution of a profitable farm and the establishment of a happy little home. Lots of good fruits and all necessary conveniences. Terms easy: Price $1,200, of which $600 will be taken on a mortgage at 6 per cent. Speak quick or you lose it.

2.

Farm of 30 acres, well fenced, well watered—never-failing stream; 10 acres timber, 1¼ miles from Woodward Center and 2 miles electric railway to Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

3.

Twenty-nine and two-thirds acres of land near Irish church in Royal Oak township. It is excellent land, four good buildings and fenced all in good repair; 45 apple trees, 100 plum trees and plenty of other small fruit. Must change hands for $1,000. Price $2,800. Terms easy. The place is just outside of the lighter soil of Royal Oak and cannot be beat for anyone requiring a small farm suitable for small fruit or poultry farming. Come and let us show you over the place some day.

4.

No better farm in the State of Michigan is the John Keyser farm in the township of Southfield, Oakland county, one mile west of the city of Pontiac fifty and one-nine south of the postoffice in Birmingham. Over 200 acres of this farm of 153¾ acres, of which 133 acres are cleared and 80 acres can be plowed and is now under the plow; it is $5,500 insurance. They consist of good two-story frame house with all modern conveniences, big whole house, large barn, shed, hop-house, horse-barn, chicken-house, sheep-barn, cow-barn, creamery, e.c., fine flowing well piped to the creamery and to barns. The large barn (30x80) is new and has an exceptionally fine foundation with basement stables and all conveniences. We challenge comparison with any farm for productiveness. During the season of 1900 there were raised upon this farm 28 tons of sugar beets to the acre, 130 bushels of corn to the acre. Seven acres of wheat raised 140 bushels when wheat was an absolute failure all over the state. It never fails on good crops whether hay, or other cereals or pasture. It is well fenced, most thoroughly tiled and lies on a gently sloping except to the south. It is all ready to commence a profitable farming business. All things duly considered the farm is well worth every cent of the $100 per acre asked for it, and we have it for sale upon this basis. If you have the most remote desire to become the possessor of one of the most productive and profit-ble farms in Michigan, we ask you to step, telephone or better still come and see us and see it. If you want to look the farm over we will be very glad to take you to see it. We will treat you well and will get acquainted if nothing else and if you do not buy you will never hear us complain of the time wasted in showing you the premises.

5.

E gant house and lot of feet front and 20 lods deep on Lake Angelus (Silver Lake), with barn and every modern convenience. Furnace, bath, fixtures, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

6.

The VanEvery farm on the north shore of Wing Lake, 50 acres, two good houses, two barns, fine lake frontage, 10 acres fine orchard, 15 acres timber. Excellent fishing, boating and bathing. Terms easy.

7.

Beautiful lake property for sale, located on the east side of Gilbert Lake in the township of Bloomfield, Oakland county, 24 miles from the Detroit & Pontiac Electric R'y with half hour service each way. Parties desiring to build on a part of the farm formerly known as the Henry Gardner property and is owned by his daughter, Mrs. Mary Gilbert, of Detroit, Mich., will find it inconvenient to manage the property and prefers to sell the farm and realize the investment elsewhere. These circumstances combined to make a rare bargain for the right party. Call and let us show you over the premises. Or if you cannot call at once and have indicated the manner to offer it at the extremely low price of $50 per acre. The farm consists of about 140 acres of land, and the gently sloping shores go down to a gravelly beach, affording especial opportunities for boating, fishing and bathing. The house is comparatively new and has ten rooms. There are two good barns and outbuildings for the ample accommodation of stock; 15 acres of excellent orchard and 5 acres of beech and timber bordering the lake. The fences are in good shape and the buildings are insured for $1,075. The terms will be made extremely favorable and persons having enough cash to simply secure the purchase price will receive very considerate attention and be given the opportunity of securing one of the most beautiful lake farms in the country for a non sal price. If parties are desirous of making a personal inspection of the property at any time, conveyances will be gladly furnished.

8.

One of the best farms in Oakland county. It is almost enough to say when we tell you that it is the John Buttolph farm in the town of Troy, 220 acres, excellent buildings, two good flowing wells. Carp pond well stocked, 9 miles of tile; fine orchard, 5 miles from Birmingham, 2 miles straight south of Troy corners, 2 miles from village hall, store, post-office, school, etc. D., R & I., D. R. & I. electric cars every hour to Detroit, Rochester, Romeo and Lake Orion. Price low and terms easy.

10.

Large, roomy two-story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good barn, city water and all ordinary conveniences, 120 ft. front and 160 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

11.

The old Shutes farm in the township of Troy, 1 mile east of Birmingham, 80 acres, all cleared, 7 acres of the finest orchard, good house and two barns. All the advantages of the village and none of the inconveniences. There other things, too. Come and find out all about it.

12.

The Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 127 acres. Good farm house and farm buildings; flowing well at the buildings; two good flowing wells on the rear of the farm; 30 acres good beech and maple timber, 4 acres fine grafted orchard. Circumstances compel us to sell at once, and offer to the man who comes first will secure one of the best bargains in the country. Look it up.

13.

Farm in Southfield, 67 acres, of which 16 acres is timber, good beech and maple. Soil, clay loam. Two wells through the farm, and in every lot the year round. New, small house and small barn. Terms easy and price so low that it will pay you to look it up. Will trade for Birmingham property.

14.

Two hundred and fourteen acres in sections 18 and 16, Southfield, with fine farm buildings in the township. Large and productive orchard of all kinds of fruit. Good house, nearly new and very heavy timber. Will sell or exchange for city property and will divide the two farms if required. Buildings on each track. Price as low as any on our list, all things considered. Ask us about it.

15.

House and two lots on Ann St. in Birmingham, 100 ft. front, 2 0 feet deep. Small fruit. House insured for $200. Price $600. Will take cash or will to secure and balance can remain at low rate of interest. Send us a postal card, you get full particulars by return mail.

16.

Fine fruit farm of 68 acres about 3 miles from Birmingham, nice rolling land, 5 acres timber. No waste land; 2,500 peaches, 100 bbls. of grapes, 20 apples, 1½ acres raspberries, 4 acres strawberries. Good house nearly new. Price $60 per acre. What other property for part pay. Tell you more about it if you ask us.

17.

Nice little farm of 50 acres, 2 miles from electric road, near Gilbert Lake, in Bloomfield. Good house and barn. Will sell for $35 per acre under the circumstances—a snap. Write or call and explain to you on application. This is positively one of the best bargains on our list, ask about it.

37.

Fine new house located on lot 7 of Campbell's subdivision, Birmingham. Price $2,500. House cost that to build. At this price it would be all ready to enter—but we can arrange that. Desire to sell.

Other Interesting Advertisements Kindly Examine This Page.

19.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Rose, Oakland county, which; 30 acres cleared, 20 acres mixed hardwood timber, 50 acres heavy beech and sandy loam. Price $20 per acre; terms $500 cash, balance on long time at 5 per cent. Exceptional bargain for a poor man to acquire a good home in a short time. Better investigate.

20.

This includes all of the Corson addition left unsold, comprising lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Lots 1 and 2 face Woodward Ave., next to the residence of W. C. Jobb's and the subscriber, on the Woodward Ave. These are, without exception, the finest building pieces in Birmingham, and the city water, convenient to the D. & P. Electric R'y and will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Priced range from $125 up. Let us tell you all the particulars about 'em. We also include in this number lots 48, 50, 52 and 54 Orchard & Urban rest, near Royal Oak, at $40 per lot.

21.

House and one acre of land, corner of Saginaw st. and Cemetery Ave., in Birmingham. $850 cash and the balance on long time. Opposite the electric park and one of the most delightful locations in the village.

22.

One hundred and ten acres in the town of Troy on section 23, 45 acres cleared, 25 acres in timber, beech, maple and elm. On the line of Detroit, Rochester & Lake Orion Electric R'y, cars every hour each way. 15 miles from the city hall, Detroit. Good wells, cisterns, cellars, with house on each side of the road with barns comp ete with each outfit. Cider mill with three complete presses and 10-horse power steam engine in good repair. Good productive farming lands under good state of cultivation. Best of reasons for selling. The farm is owned by Adam Mack and here is the most interesting part of it—he will sell it at $65 per acre and that is less than he paid for it before electric railways were thought of. Only 40 rods to a good school and ½ mile to the postoffice.

23.

House and lot No. 1 of block 1 in the Campbell subdivision. A comfortable little home for someone. Only $1,200 in this. Look City Hall and will sell for $250 cash if sold at once.

The Trenton Place, a nice little farm of 16 acres, 8 acres of good orchard, and buildings as good as anybody's. One mile west of Bloomfield Center (Circle postoffice), 3 minutes' walk from Long Lake. Reserved bath which cost nearly $1,000. House has 7 rooms and woodshed, cellar, cistern, well, tool house, chicken house, pig pens, corn crib. A never failing stream runs through the farm. This farm is on the line of the proposed Bloomfield & Orchard Lake Electric R'y, from Bloomfield Center to Orchard Lake. The price when this line was $65 per acre before the new electric road was thought of remains the same, although all the farms in the neighborhood have gone "skiing."

26.

One of the finest farms in the grand old township of Bloomfield, celebrated alike for its fine scenery and productive soil. It is the Harff farm about midway between Birmingham and Pontiac and just far enough from the electric railway to take advantage of all its conveniences and not be its annoyances; 102 acres gravelly loam, 15 acres of the finest orchard in the state, 2,000 peach and 700 plum trees, brick house with all conveniences, 22 rooms, 2 w lls, good windmill, barn 10 x80, with ample sheds; good school near the farm, and land is perfectly tiled, 2½ miles (15 minutes) to Pontiac. Excellent roads at all times. Price per acre is low and terms are easy. Let us tell you about it. A postal card will do it.

27.

Want to go west? Well, here's your chance, 160 acres of red Mesa land in Delta county, Colorado. Said by experts to be the finest fruit land in the world. Two-thirds of the farm is cleared and there is an orchard of 45 acres of some of the best and finest varieties of fruit; 3 buildings and everything is ready for business. The price is $7.00 and a proper discount for cash will be given from this rate or will trade for desirable vacant lots for part of the purchase money. Remember what the sage of Chappaqua said and let us explain about the healthful climate of Colorado if you have lung trouble or asthma this is worth your while to investigate.

28.

Cutest little farm of 30 acres in the nicest location you ever saw. It's the Brown place, only 20 rods from Carrie postoffice and the electric road; 3 miles north of Birmingham, trout brook runs across the south end; good house, barn and all necessary buildings; plenty of fine fruit, 5 wells, excellent soil. Has been held at a pretty stiff price but now well, we will sell it to you at such a price and on such terms that you will want to thank us all your days for calling your attention to it. Honest, that's a fact.

30.

One of the very nicest and best arranged homes in Birmingham, and in the finest location that can be desired; on the west side of Saginaw St., lot 60x112. New house of 20 fine rooms, gas, furnace, bath, hot and cold water, both hard and soft water, two pumps, wood house, and plenty of room for a nice garden. $3,600 will buy it and you only have to pay $600 cash and the balance on easy terms and long time. Now, if you ask for anything better than that you are certain a hard to please, and if you will come and let us show you over the house and grounds we are sure that your possible objections will vanish. Ponder over it a minute and a half or two minutes.

31.

Lots No. 8 and 3 of Block 3 in Campbell's Subdivision of the village of Birmingham. No buildings. Fine lot of stone which will go with the lots, or will sell the lots separately as follows: Lot 1 for $ 00; Lot 3 $225; and the pile of stone for $35; one-fourth cash and the balance in one and two years. These are acknowledged to be the finest building lots on the subdivision.

32.

A fine little farm in the township of Troy, about 1¼ miles north of the village of Big Beaver, good school, church, and only a mile from the D., R & I. Electric R'y with cars every half hour to the city; 25 acres of excellent farming land; comfortable buildings all ready for a nice little chicken farm for some city man to bring his family during the summer. An hour's ride from the city hall. Price $1,500; $500 cash, balance on long time and easy terms.

33.

Twenty-three hundred dollars cash will buy one of the most profitable farms in the township of Southfield, consisting of 96 acres. The price is $50 per acre, but the balance of the purchase price will be allowed to continue on mortgage at 6 per cent, or will trade for a smaller farm or house and lot in Birmingham; three good buildings, good cellars, wells, cisterns and all the usual conveniences. There are other things which we will whisper in your ear upon application.

34.

Nice little forty-acre farm up in Sanilac county for $25 per acre; 30 acres cleared, 8 acres of orchard; a good barn and a comfortable log house; 5½ miles from Lexington; 4 miles east of Applegate post-office on the P. H. & M. R'y; will exchange for Birmingham property or a small farm breakbouts. For a poor man with a small amount to invest and a right good chance to work out the balance, this will be worth coming to see us about. Now don't go along all your life working for someone else and without a home. Come and tell us what you can do and see if we can help you out. It don't cost anything if we don't deal, and if we do, the man who is selling the property pays all the commission.

35.

House and two lots S. & C. subdivision, Birmingham, 80x176 ft. on Southfield Ave., 1½ story frame house, 9 rooms, cellar, cistern, well and city water; fine fruit trees; lots have removed every thing locally and will sell for cash at the very low price of $1,000. That's all there is of it and no hay; peculiarly situated; very desirable home in a good neighborhood it ought to be enough.

36.

Farm of 200 acres at $60 per acre and it is one of the most productive farms in this locality Formerly known as the Wm. Gilbert farm. 20 acres beech and maple timber—and it is timber, not scrub oak and waste land. 7 acres of fine orchard. Modern dwelling of 12 rooms; flowing well, wind mill supplies house with excellent water; 3 fine barns. 2½ miles west of Birmingham; 100 rods from good school; 4 miles from Wing Lake, 1¼ miles from Farmington village. Well fenced and tiled; absolutely no waste land. Well, what do you want anyhow? There are other things about it. Ask us.

38.

Two story house and lot on south side of Baldwin St., two doors from electric road on Saginaw St., 51ft. front, 120 ft. deep. Hot and cold water on both floors, water closet, bath, furnace and every thing modern. Terms $500 cash, balance on long time. Price $2,800. If you are anxious or interested, just ask us for fuller particulars. If you are only curious it will be curious if we can't interest you.

39.

Lot 4, Harrison Ave., Campbell subdivision, Birmingham. Price $50.

40.

Two story house and lot corner Saginaw Ave. and Brown street, Birmingham; good hot air furnace; 9 rooms; bath; hard and soft water. One of the most desirable residences in the village; fine shaded lawn on west side of best residence street. Price $3,000. Come quick or you lose it.

41.

Two and one-half acres and good house and barn on Woodward Ave., 2 miles from Birmingham, on line of electric road; 2 miles from Royal Oak; 2 miles from Detroit; 30 apple trees and other small fruit all coming into bearing; soil, clay loam; will exchange for small farm. Oh, you want to know why we are selling it so cheap? Well, it's none of your business, but if you must know it is because we have got to have $600 for it. There!

42.

Lot No. 68 of Randall's subdivision, Birmingham, one of the best in the plat. Next to the park. Price $70.

44.

Fine West Park—the celebrated Collier Farm—100 acres in Southfield township. Buildings are well painted and in good condition. Fields are well fenced and the farm is divided into three compartments. House surrounded with large maple and elm trees. Stone wells with stalks for the pulleys. Large stone carriage room. Bank barn with granary, over-shot and cow-barn. Hog-house, with cement floor and 8 by 8 additional stalls, sliding doors, and cement floor. Large and handy hen-house, etc., etc. Horse barn with 10 box stalls and saddle-rack. Horse barn with box and other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Straw shed. Tool house, enclosed with sliding doors. Ice-house with sawdust filling. Sealing box, slat attached and paddock. Bull box stall with padlock, secure and strong, for this purpose and isolated from other buildings. Outside closet for house. Outside closet for hands. Fruit: Large and handy Kitchen orchard well trimmed and in good condition, the following: Greenings, Kings, Spies, Red Jonathans and Russets; 500 pear trees, 300 peach, 25 cherry, 25 plum, all of best varieties, 3 apricots, 3 quince, currants, grapes, strawberries, etc. 3 acres timber or wood lot. Water: Good well with force pump at house; good well with iron pump at stables; branch of River Rouge runs across entire south end of farm and is NEVER DRY. Farm is well tiled. Fences all in first-class shape, most of them entirely new. Condition of soil: Farm has carried an average of 40 head of stock during past five years. Never failed to get a crop. Now for the farm. This farm is on the line of the proposed Bloomfield & Orchard Lake Electric R'y, from Bloomfield Center to Orchard Lake. The price when this line was $65 per acre before the new electric road was thought of remains the same, although all the farms in the neighborhood have gone "skiing."

45.

Seventy-acre farm in Bloomfield. Buildings small house of little value, good barn. Good well, good fences. Fruit: A few peach and quince trees. Entire 70 acres heavily seeded to clover and timothy. A good bargain.

46.

The Evanceline Farm on west side of Woodward avenue between Birmingham and Royal Oak. Price $4,000. Easy terms. Only 18 acres. On line of Detroit & Pontiac electric railway. Fine soil, good buildings.

48.

Double house corner of Merrill and Henrietta streets, and also first house north of Henrietta on east side of Merrill street in Birmingham. Owner going west and will sell cheap and quick. This will be a profitable investment. Houses rent for $12 each. Now if all we say to you that this is one of the best bargains on our list.

50

Nice little home on Willets street belonging to a widow lady who owner wants to sell. Price $850. Can't tell you about it here. Ask us.

51

Farm of 29 acres with excellent buildings—two houses, barn, sheds, all modern and complete. Fifty rods from D. & E. electric railway. Never-failing stream runs through south part of farm. Will sell for little more than the cost of the buildings.

52

Good little home with new house and barn on Hood's Addition, Birmingham. Pretty and nice place. An even hundred dollars cash will secure this bargain. Terms and particulars on application.

53

House and 2 lots in Randall's addition, Birmingham. Price $1500. Mortgage for $500 can run.

54

Forty acres fine farming land and there's 10 acres of timber. Fine gravel deposit. Within ½ mile of electric road in Bloomfield. Price $2,000. Terms: Price will be made easy to suit purchaser.

Great think, if you are interested in any of these places, if you just think you would like to know more about any one or more of them, a postal card will do it. If you address it to

THE EXCHANGE BANK,

Birmingham, Mich.

Life Lost in New York Fire.

New York dispatch: Fire that destroyed the postoffice building in North Pelham caused the death of Edward Yocum, 13 years old, a newsboy, and the serious injury of his mother. The loss is estimated at $20,000.

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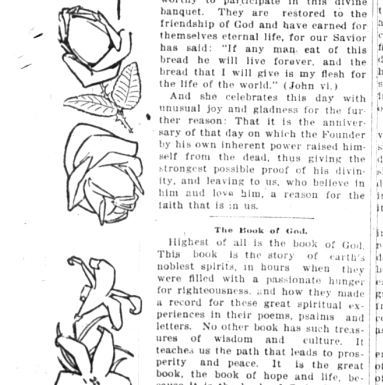
EASTER IN PARIS.

Twenty-five millions of kisses will be kissed in Paris during the twenty-four hours following upon Easter morning—25,000,000 on the basis of "the kiss you take is paid for that you give." But whether the joy be always mutual, and everybody considers himself and herself in everybody else's debt on that account, can't be said.

As to the 25,000,000, the mode of computation is easy enough: On an average each Parisian gives and receives ten Easter kisses, and while, doubtless, some cranks refuse to steal



"immortal blessings from red lips" for hygienic or other reasons, others, and plenty of them, exchange as many as a hundred or so kisses. As a matter of fact, there are certain theatrical and musical critics who get kissed as often as 250 times about Easter, and by mighty pretty women, too.

This avalanche starts rolling down the mountainside of hallowed custom and fashion at 12 midnight, the happy moment when the world, the flesh, and the devil—particularly the flesh—resume the right of way, after the long and tedious fast.

THE EASTER EGG.

The Easter egg has always been one of the most popular features of the Eastertide. It owes its origin, as many of the popular Easter observances do, to pagan tradition. It was held as symbolic of renewed life, and in the Christian church is an old emblem of the resurrection. In Germany, instead of the Easter egg, is presented an emblematic print, in which three hens are holding a basket, wherein are three eggs; whereas in Vienna the Easter egg is composed or silver, mother of pearl, or bronze, and filled with knickknacks of some kind.

Formerly in England the Easter egg was solemnly blessed by the priest, and, being elaborately colored, was often kept as an amulet. Easter eggs, or pace or pask eggs as they used to be called, have from time immemorial been prepared much as they are today, being boiled hard in water colored with red, blue, or violet dyes, with inscriptions, devices, or landscapes traced upon them. Some of the designs are very beautiful.

OF NOVEL DESIGN.

Perhaps the most curious Easter egg ever made was one ordered by a South African millionaire for his bride. It was made in London, was nine feet long and eighteen feet in circumference at the widest part. The shell of this wonderful egg was made of chocolate, most elaborately adorned. It was intended as a wedding present, and held the whole of an expensive trousseau for the girl she was to marry. It also had in it an enormous quantity of superfine confectionery.

It is said that the most costly Easter egg ever made in the country was ordered by a railway magnate for his little son. It was a miniature carriage, most exquisitely appointed, in the shape of an egg. The exterior was of the finest white enamel, and the interior of white, quilted satin. This dainty little vehicle was drawn by two tiny ponies in gold harness. A boy would be hard indeed to please if such a beautiful present did not fill his heart with gladness. But the boys of the present day are luxurious.

GIFTS OF THE CZAR.

Probably the most valuable Easter eggs in the world are those given by the Czars of Russia to their wives. Last Easter an egg was given to the Czarina which was, perhaps, the most beautiful and costly ever made. The egg inclosed a magnificent jeweled heart set in rare, many-colored gems and surrounded by twenty-five tiny miniatures, portraits of the members of the Russian royal family. An egg which she received on another occasion contained a miniature ship. It was made of pure gold and accurate in every detail, down to the smallest cable. This was mounted on a baryl, and it certainly would be hard to conceive anything lovelier. The amount of work this represented can be imagined when it is learned that it took a famous goldsmith ten months to make it.

MOTTOES FOR THE DAY.

The latest mottoes for Easter are as distinctive and appropriate to the season as any of the gift articles. They are little paper mache boxes, made in the shape of chickens, the downy, newly hatched kind. The heads of these lift off, and inside is found the cap and motto.

It is becoming more and more the custom every year for people who are fond of each other to send Easter gifts, and so the shops vie with each other in producing novelties appropriate for the season. Of course, the florists do the largest business of the year, as flowers are emblematic of the holiday. But many persons would rather give some remembrance which will last beyond the day.

SOME WORKS OF ART.

A most charming idea for a person who desires to give an Easter gift is to buy a papier mache, or preferably, a satin box in the shape of an egg. In this a present of some kind may be placed—a piece of jewelry or trinket of some kind, a pair of gloves, a pretty handkerchief, a lace collar, a bottle of perfume, or anything else that may occur to the giver. Most dainty little egg-shaped boxes are made of silver. The latter, filled with bonbons, are sure to please anybody.