



# Martyr

Early in the thirteenth century it is... the great Piast family was the first person to light his torch from the fire which was drawn from the sacred flint from the tomb of Christ, and so greatly pleased were his whole clan that they resolved on the next holy Saturday to celebrate the circumstance with pomp and a display of fireworks such as to this day is a sign of Italian rejoicing.

Ever since, the family has spared no expense in marking the occasion. Year after year these demonstrations grew more showy, the family spending more and more, until at last it occurred to them to build a car, to be crammed full of fireworks, and that they proposed to place in front of the cathedral, lighting the whole mass from the sacred fire and causing it all to explode at the moment when the city bells (since about Holy Thursday) burst forth into merry peals at the stroke of midday, when he celebrated the stanzas of Christ's resurrection. At first a new machine was made every year, but after a certain time they determined to have a durable one, and accordingly built a huge triumphal car, carved and gilded, but it did not serve long, it, with several more, was burned.

The Pyrotechnic Car. But in 1822 (as an inscription on the inside testified) the car now in use was made. It has been partially destroyed and restored a number of times, until the inside is a patchwork of many kinds of wood, each piece being inscribed with the name of the carpenter who fixed it. It is a massive square structure, four stories high, made of great beams and boards.

There is legend of a crusader from Florence who visited the holy land in 1200, and was present at the procession of the Holy Sepulcher church. Anxious to bring this back to his native town unscathed, to protect it from the wind he rode the whole of the land journey on a donkey, with his face to its tail.

The devil tried, but unsuccessfully, to blow it out, and on his arrival home the taper was still alight. Thereupon he presented it to the city of Florence, only claiming as his privilege to be the first to take a light from it on Holy Saturday.

Another of Palestine's practices is the pilgrimage on Monday of Holy week to the River Jordan. At the pilgrims' ford are congregated thousands and tens of thousands of Christians, who, in the gray light of dawn, pour down upon the river or foot and horseback, straining every nerve to get to the waters quickly where, upon arriving, they splash in, dipping themselves together and supported on low, solid walls.

When the time for the celebration arrives this strange structure is packed with fireworks, adorned with flowers and four huge white oxen draw it through the streets to the front of the cathedral. Here there is a high altar at the farther end of the cathedral. At the end of this wire is a mechanical device, made of wood, with a wheel like the "columba" or dove.

The archbishop applies a light from the sacred fire to the dove, which, blowing down the wire, over the heads of the congregation, to the car and ignites the fireworks, which burst in explosions over the city and the surrounding country.

The peasants attach great importance to this ceremony and are extremely superstitious about the successful passage of the dove, for they believe that if the coming bird does not fly well, the year will be bad. Should it alight in any way on its passage to the car or not ignite the fireworks, it is considered a very bad omen.

Chicago is soon to have a hippodrome with a seating capacity of 10,000. The new building, to be located exclusively as a theater in 1915.

Fifteen miles an hour is the speed limit for automobiles in the Panama zone, unless the driver has a special order. At curves, forks and cross roads and on the streets of towns and villages, the limit is not over eight miles an hour.

The Mendocino choir of Toronto played in York City, Canada, for Cleveland and Buffalo in recent years, but will no concert this year. Dr. Vort, the conductor, has been granted a year's leave of absence to visit European musical centers.

Miss May Spohrer, 21, said to be the first woman stage driver in the United States, began her daily run between Cleveland and Buffalo, a distance of 30 miles. She has signed a year's contract to operate the stage between the cities, and the sign which will take her over an extremely dangerous and lonesome mountain road.

### BACKLASH A SIGNAL OF DISTRESS

When you have read it to suspect your kidneys are doing badly. Doan's Kidney Pills will cure you. Don't let your kidneys get so bad that you will have to suffer. Doan's Kidney Pills will cure you. Don't let your kidneys get so bad that you will have to suffer.

### CONVINCING TESTIMONY

"My Picture Tells a Story" "I was troubled with kidney trouble for some time, and after passing a gravel stone, I became so weak that I could not do my work. I tried many remedies, but nothing helped me until I took Doan's Kidney Pills. After taking a few boxes, my health improved so much that I was able to resume my work. I feel like a new man now." - J. H. Smith, Chicago.

### DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

What are your ideas about reforming the present state constitution? "About the same as everybody's," replied Senator Sorghum. "I have a general impression that the present personal and political friends are the only people who do not see it."

### Baking Economy.

The use of perfect baking powder. The housewife can derive an immense benefit from the use of perfect baking powder. In selecting a baking powder, she should look for the name "Baking Powder" on the wrapper, and not "Baking Soda" or "Baking Salt." The name "Baking Powder" is made of chemically pure ingredients of tested strength, and it is the only powder that will give you the best results in the least amount of time.

### Women to Wear Mantillas in Church.

Women of St. Francis De Sales Cathedral will introduce into this country the custom of wearing in church the graceful lace headpiece of the Spanish women in place of hats. The suggestion was suggested by Rev. Dr. O'Connor to the members of the Altar society and at the general communion of the society the scars will be worn.

### Men Grant Affleck Like Father.

Mr. Gen. Frederick Dent Grant commander of the eastern district is reported to have been stricken with an affection of the throat similar to the cancer that caused the death of his father, Gen. W. H. Grant. It is the first news of the general's illness since when it was learned that he had been granted a four month's leave of absence.

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

Chicago is soon to have a hippodrome with a seating capacity of 10,000. The new building, to be located exclusively as a theater in 1915.

### Washing Beggars' Feet.

In England, on Maundy Thursday, those who use the custom of washing the sovereign to wash the feet of as many poor people as corresponded with the number of his or her life. King James II, who had made the custom regularly perform this service, though Queen Elizabeth in her thirty-third year washed the feet of thirty-nine of her subjects.

### Her Majesty was attended by an equal number of ladies and gentlemen. The feet of the sovereign of the kingdom were first washed by young men of the laundry with warm water and sweet herbs; the queen then washed them with cold water and the cross on the instep and kissed it. This ceremony took place at Greenwich.

### Retteness in Character is as certain to break out on the surface as retteness in an apple.

Character is hidden, but it is as certain to break out on the surface as retteness in an apple.

### Lacks the Proper Spirit.

The preaching that never helps the man who has the blackache is not the preaching of Christ.

### Should Be Christian's Pleasure.

The Christian ought to have faith enough to praise the Lord, whether he feels like it or not.

### To get where sin can't shock you is to come very close to the place where God can't reach you.

### OPTIMISM A NATURAL TRAIT

Professors Can Not Help But See Millions in Luck Who Necessity Makes Him Sell.

### TWO WEEKS' TREATMENT AND MEDICINE FREE

Mark Twain once defined a miser as "a hole in the ground, covered by a liar." The general humorist, who is one of the most popular of the present day, is willing to sell it only because he lacks the capital requisite for its development. It is not necessary a liar, he is only an optimist. He does not mean to deceive anybody. He believes in the value of his property and describes it as he sees it. "In that copper hole," he says, "I have a representative of an eastern syndicate to the grazier prospector who was trying to sell his claim 'Permanence' was the reply: 'Well I should smile if you had Niagara for a water power, and the state of Arizona for a dumping ground, and hell for a smelter, you couldn't work that ledge out in a million years.'"

### USE ABSORINE, JR.

Remedy for the prompt relief of Asthma and Hay Fever. Ask your druggist for it. Write for FREE NORTHPROP & LYMAN CO., LTD., BUFFALO, N.Y.

### DR. J. D. KELLOGG'S ASTHMA

Remedy for the prompt relief of Asthma and Hay Fever. Ask your druggist for it. Write for FREE NORTHPROP & LYMAN CO., LTD., BUFFALO, N.Y.

### PURIFICO YOU WANT CURES CANCER

The Purifico Co., Prospect, Forestville, N.Y.

### THE HEART

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery

### W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES

\$2.25 \$3.00 \$3.50 \$4.00 & \$5.00 FOR MEN, WOMEN AND BOYS

### AREN'T YOU LOOKING FOR THIS

A Perfect Imitation of Oak for Floors and Interior Finish

### Carbolic Vaseline

The best dressing you can find for wounds, bites of insects, abrasions, the cure for chafing, itching.

### FOR PINK EYE

SPHON MEDICAL CO., Chemists, GOSHEN, INDIANA

### PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors all colors. They dye in cold water better than any other dye.

### PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors all colors. They dye in cold water better than any other dye.