

TIED.

I am so tired to-day; I long to lay My head, for rest, upon the pillow green...

And thus my task complete. Of guiding baby footsteps up the height, And thus my task complete.

But, weary mothers, would I have it so? Would I? Ah! no, I could not sleep within my grassy bed...

And so I could not rest me after all; The grasses tall And snowy daisies could not bring me peace...

ORIGIN OF LENT.

Before Easter came the preparatory fast of Lent; and, in some form, it must have done so nearly if not quite to Apostolic times...

The power which rules the universe uses pain as a signal of danger. Just, generous, beautiful Nature never strikes a foul blow...

At last, when we have broken Nature's laws and disregarded her warnings, she comes, drums beating, colors flying right in front...

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is most probable that the other three similar names are framed to suit it, a very partial approximation to the real number of days being thus given.

A brief remark on some of the names may be added. Lent is merely the Anglo-Saxon Lencten, Spring (so Dutch Lente). In languages of the Latin and Celtic groups, the name of the season is some corruption of Quadragesima, so French Carême, Welsh Carawys.

Ash-Wednesday (dies cinerum) receives its name, because on this day ashes were blessed by the bishop, which were then received from his hand by the clerics and laics present.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent is called Mid-Lent Sunday (Mi-Carême), or Refreshment-Sunday, doubtless because the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 was the subject of the Gospel.

The Fifth Sunday is called Passion Sunday, because on it the subject of our Saviour's Passion is first specially dwelt on. The Sixth Sunday is called Palm Sunday, from the incident described in St. John xii. 13, and kept in memory on this day by the benediction of palm branches...

Once upon a time Congressman Le Fevre was taking a bath in the Senate bath rooms. While he was in the height of his tepid enjoyment and the perfumed soap suds were redolent around his rotundity, a messenger announced that there were some people above who wanted urgently to see him and at once.

"Who are they?" called the General. "I don't know, sah," was the answer. "I think they is some constituents of yours from Ohio, sah."

"Good heavens," exclaimed the General excitedly, "don't let them come near here; keep them away. If they find out in my district that I bathe in a marble tub and am rubbed down by a nigger instead of going down to the creek to wash and drying myself with my shirt, I'll lose a thousand votes."

The General has never denied this story.—Washington Post. MAX and Moritz were the only male youngsters in the family. The first named one day brought a dog home, a horrid, ugly creature, to the great disgust of the female portion of the household.

At length the oldest of the sisters persuaded little Max to take the dog back where he found it, or give it away, and gave him threepence for his trouble. Max strutted off with the cur, and returned in half an hour munching the remains of the last of the nuts he had bought with his sister's money.

"Well, what have you done with that ugly brute?" the latter inquired. "Guv it to Moritz," was the reply.—Illustrated Welt.

How to Stop Raisins Easily. Take a cupful of raisins at a time, put them in a bowl and pour boiling water over them, let them stand a moment, then proceed as usual to remove the seeds, which will drop out of the raisin perfectly clean without sticking to the fingers. It saves time and trouble, and you do not waste a particle of the raisins, and it cleans them as well.

He was a married man, and his wife was the head of the household. He had a friend who was in the same case, only his friend was apparently happy and comfortable, while he was just the reverse. He had long studied this peculiar difference between them, and finally he mustered up courage to go to his friend and ask him: "What is the way to be happy when you are under a women's thumb?" "Don't squirm."

THE Electrical Review suggests that our city authorities should put danger signals over all electrical subway manholes. Then when the unwary passer-by is hurled against Trinity Church spire, he or his heirs won't have so strong a suit for damages.—Scientific American.

In Florida where they manufacture ice with a machine, freezing takes place so gently that a spray of roses may be put into a tank of water and frozen into a petal from its place. There it lies imbedded in all its beauty of form and color.

THE difference between a fair housekeeper in an apartment house, and a damsel devoted to a pet kitten, is that one has the keys of her flat, and the other is very apt to possess the fleas of her cat.

Good Counsel. How true it is, as the Practical Mechanic says, thousands start well, but never finish one thing at a time. They have a dozen things on hand and no one completed. Time is wasted on unfinished work. Always finish what you begin.

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