

# The White House Easter Egg Roll

The Monday after Easter is egg-rolling day. The White House invites you to join in the play. Every year, egg-rolling day is full of fun and good cheer. Here is the story of how it all came to be. It is a very special day in White House history.

A long time ago, when kids did not have school, they would play at Capital Hill. The kids would roll colorful eggs down the grassy hill, tumbling close behind just like Jack and Jill! Inside the Capital, under the dome, children ate lunch, and felt right at home. Many of the congressmen didn't like this at all. Picnic mess and eggshells cluttered their great hall! Then one Easter Monday, a policeman said, "No. A new law says, you must take your eggs and go." No picnics allowed; no one can pass. All egg-rollers must "Keep off the grass!"



THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. HAYES.

President and Mrs. Hayes would save the day, inviting the children to the White House to play. The President's backyard was the perfect place, hills for egg-rolling and plenty of space, room to jump rope, and picnic under trees, room to trade eggs and Easter memories.

Ever since that visit, each and every year, the White House Easter Bunny will appear. Chefs in tall white hats prepare for egg-rolling play, they have to boil and color thousands of eggs for the day. Children play Hide-and seek to find eggs in the hay.

