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May.

The posies have come and the birds are all here,
Pouring forth their glad warbling in melodies clear;
The robin, the swallow, the oriole gay,
The bluebird, the wren and the bright-feathered jay;
And sweet-scented violets hide in the grass
To kiss the footsteeps of the children who pass,
While the clover and pansies look up to the breeze,
And pink-petaled blossoms look down from the trees,

—*The Ladies' Home Journal.*

BENEVOLENT.

Down East there resides a certain M. D. One very cold night, he was roused from his slumbers by a very loud knocking at the door. After some hesitation, he went to the window and asked,

"Who's there?"

"A friend."

"What do you want?"

"To stay here all night."

"Well, stay there, then," was the benevolent reply.

A YOUNG man at Niagara, having been crossed in love, walked out to the precipice, took off his clothes, gave one lingering look at the gulf beneath him, and then walked home. His body was found next morning—in bed.

A PHYSICIAN passing a marble-worker's one morning, bawled out to him: "Good morning, Mr. W.; hard at work, I see. You finish your monument as far as 'In memory of,' and then you wait, I suppose, to see who wants a monument next." — "Why, yes," replied the old man, resting a few moments on his mallet, "unless somebody is sick, and you are doctoring him—then I keep right on."

A MATHEMATICIAN being asked by a stout fellow, "If two pigs weigh twenty pounds, how much will a large hog weigh?" he replied, "Jump into the scales, and I will tell you immediately."

A GENTLEMAN met a half-witted lad in the road, and placing in one of his hands a sixpence and a penny, asked him which of the two he would choose. The lad replied that "he wouldn't be greedy—he'd take the smallest."

A WESTERN writer says that if the proper way of spelling tho is 'though,' and bo is 'beau,' the proper way, he thinks, of spelling potatoes is *poughteighteauzs.*

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SLIPPERY PLACES.

A clergyman from a neighboring parish, and one of his elderly parishioners, were walking home from church one icy day last winter, when the old gentleman slipped, and fell flat on his back. The minister looked at him one moment, and, being assured that he was not much hurt, said to him, "Friend, sinners stand on slippery places." The old gentleman looked up, as if to assure himself of the fact, and said, "I see they do; but I can't."

—Providence Post.

An Irishman tells of a fight in which there was but one whole nose left in the crowd, "and that belonged to the tay kettle!"

PRETTY HARD.

In the matter of picturesque expression there is no one to excel a bright Hibernian.

A judge was questioning an Irishman, says an exchange.

"He took you by the throat and choked you, did he?" asked the judge.

"He did, sor," said Pat. "Sure, sor, he squazed me throat till I thought he would make cider out of me Adam's apple.

A BIT.—A hungry boy looking at the pudding in a cook shop window, is, in one respect like a wild horse—he would be all the better if he had a bit in his mouth.

A YOUNGSTER from the country was walking along, and seeing a lawyer's office, walked in and inquired, "What do you keep to sell here?" "Blockheads," replied the lawyer. "Pretty good business," said the chap, "I see that you have got only one left."

NOT DOWN.

A gentleman, who had a very blundering servant, put down in writing every thing he wished him to do. Going to the country, one day, the master fell into a ditch. He called the lad, who, instead of hastening to his assistance, exclaimed: "Stop, let me see if it's down in my memorandum book." *—Exchange.*

WEST MYSTIC.

Everything very slow here.

Clarence Mullen has returned home from a short trip to New London.

Mrs. Frank Thompson and daughter have returned to their home in Quiambog after visiting at Mrs. John Chapman's.

Mrs. James Rathbun and Miss Lottie Rathbun of Noank spent Monday with Mrs. K. D. Sawyer.

Mrs. Mary Brand is still very seriously ill.

Mrs. Herbert Chapman and son have returned home after spending a month in Westerly R. I.

Mr. Maxon made a business trip to Willimantic last week.

Three large snakes were seen by Miss Mary Sawyer while searching for the first flowers that bloom in the spring.

Two young ladies drove to Poquetanuck last Sunday. They had a very enjoyable time, but think that the gentleman (who by the way was a lawyer) who directed them down *Gallup* Hill must have had an India-rubber conscience, for they found it the Rocky road to Mystic.

The Y. L. I. S. met with Libbie Sheldon on Saturday.

On May 6, in Central Hall, Mrs. William B. Penfield will produce the play "The Gypsy Festival," by local talent, after which a dance will be given.

Mr. Burrows from Juniper Cottage, Pequot, was in town Sunday.

GALES FERRY AND VICINITY.

Our former pastor Rev. I. V. Adams has gone to Tolland to preach.

Quite a large number of people were out last Sunday to hear our new pastor, Rev. J. B. Ackley.

The Easter Concert passed off very pleasantly, with a good attendance.

Choir rehearsals are held in the vestry one evening each week to practice new music for church service.

We are glad to hear that Mr. John Perkins is able to be out.

Work of surveying for the new railroad is still in progress.

Mr. Simeon Stoddard and wife have moved to Brewster's Neck to live with their daughter, Mrs. Edward Cook.

A very pleasant gathering was held at the home of Peter Hoffman Wednesday evening, April 14, in honor of the thirteenth birthday of his nephew, who has come from Brooklyn to spend the summer with him.

—S. F. C.

NORTH LANE.

J. J. Copp has purchased a new horse of Thomas Howe of New London. He likes it very much.

Mrs. Esther Bailey of Gales Ferry has moved into Mr. Copp's house near her son William Alexander.

Mr. Laet, engineer, has moved into Mr. Christie's house near Lester Town.

Mr. Lincoln Holloway has moved into his house purchased of the estate of the late Mr. Geer.

Manuel De Suza and daughter were thrown out by a runaway horse and seriously injured last week.

Peach, pear, cherry, and plum trees are full of fruit buds.

Mr. J. J. Copp's old horse "Don" strangled himself with his halter April 11. —*J. J. C.*

POQUONOC BRIDGE.

Miss Lucy Landphere has a new bicycle.

B. F. Manier has sold out his grocery business to R. W. Wells.

Mrs. Luther D. Avery has returned to her home after a month's stay with her sister and friends in New York state.

Mrs. Percy Morgan has been to New York to attend the marriage ceremony of her neice.

Friday evening, April 30, the people of this village had an opportunity of hearing a concert by the only Edison electric phonograph in New London County. It is owned by J. E. Dauchy of New London. The proceeds were for the benefit of the church.

The Thomas Avery Society C. A. R. held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Daniel Morgan Saturday evening.

The Sewing Society is in a flourishing condition and the meetings are all well attended.

Judson Burrows' health still continues to improve.

Mrs. James Gardner has been seriously ill for some time past.

Clarence Gracey has been purchasing a new bicycle.

LOCALS.

Edward Chapman and son Harry are building a hen-house for Rufus Chapman.

Mrs. E. S. Thomas and daughter Addie visited friends in the place on Friday.

Miss Emma Chapman spent a week in Groton recently with her sister, Mrs. Charles Marquardt.

L. E. Daboll and wife of New London were in the place on Sunday.

Ruby Gardner has been visiting his grandmother at Poquonoc.

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William Prescott and family of Waterford were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eckerlein on Sunday, the 25.

Miss Elsie Daboll, who has been suffering with a severe attack of malaria for the last two weeks, is rapidly improving.

Mr. Bloomer, the Elecutionist and Impersonator, gave an interesting entertainment at the school-house on Tuesday evening, April 27.

Grace Lamb is at Mrs. Dewey's while her mother is caring for Mrs. Trail at Poquonoc.

Mrs. Esther Colver, Mrs. J. D. Burrows and Agnes called on Mrs. G. W. Daboll on Friday.

Miss Bessie Daboll visited friend in Mystic during her vacation.

A baby girl has arived at the home of Charles Gottschalk.

Albert Bennett and wife spent Sunday with Alfred Clark at Poquetanuck.

Plowing and planting keep the farmers busy this nice weather.

BURNETT'S CORNERS.

The Wells girls have recently had their house shingled.

Mr. Thomas Pollard died Apr. 18. He was buried the 21.

Mr. John Braman died Apr. 17. He was 85 years old.

The line walk is running quite steadily just now.

The road *fixers* have been making a dust heap of our roads lately, and teamsters, bicyclers and people on foot are thinking about it. Their thoughts can not be printed here as there is a law prohibiting it. Who likes the road-scraper? I have found no one yet who thinks it makes roads better.

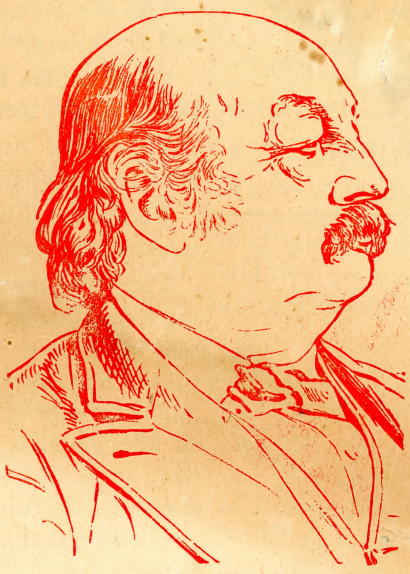
Mr. Warren Burnett got out quite a number of railroad ties last month. D. N. Caswell hewed them. He is an expert at the business.

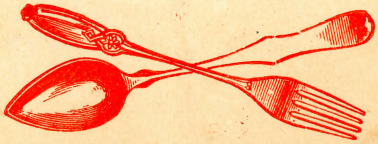
There was a Puritan supper at the M. E. Conference Rooms on the 28. The waiters were dressed in Puritan costumes. About $18 was taken in.

Mr. Cooper will stay at the M. E. Church for another year. He is very well liked, is a deep thinker, and a very strong speaker.

Miss Grace Adams is visiting her brother Rogin in Mass. He is a professional violinist.

Spring seems to be very backward. —*E. E. W.*





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