

BLOSSOM TIME.

Spring came with tiny lances thrusting, And earth was clad in peeping green; In russet bark, the twigs encrusting, Tenderest blossom points were seen; A robin courier proclaimed good cheer; Summer will soon arrive for I am here.

A LADDER NIGHT'S WORK.

While in command of a small scouting party in Arizona I went into camp one bright day on the Rio Puerco, very near the New Mexican line. The tents had been pitched and the animals sent out to graze under a strong guard and I was walking before my tent, impatiently waiting a summons to dinner, which I knew by the strong odor wafted from an adjacent coffee pot would not be much longer delayed.

to a carbine of my own I would willingly lend or give them one, but all the weapons in the command, even those on my person, belonged to the Government, and that the orders respecting them were so stringent that I was utterly unable to accommodate them.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS. When He Loses Patience—A Cheerful Disposition—A Cold Blooded Threat, Etc., Etc.

third party movement," answered Mr. Ferguson, glaring at young Hankinson. —Chicago Tribune. THEIR NUMBER IS LEGION. Miss Passee—"I hardly know how it is, but I must follow the fads. Now, every one is wearing birthday rings and—"

WISE WORDS. Motherhood is woman's throne. No woman is really beautiful until she is old. Most women are ambitious; they want to be men.

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