

SCENE

Enter procession. Each one bears
a large spruce bough in his hand.
Redruff marking time on his drum.
The following is the order :

MOLLY AND RAG,
REDRUFF AND BROWNIE,
SILVERSPOT AND HIS WIFE,
VIXEN AND TIP,
BINGO AND THE COYOTE,
LOBO AND BLANCA,
WAHB AND THE MUSTANG.

As they march around the stage
they sing :

We are the lords of the forest
Since ever the forest began,
We rule and we fight, and we fighting die,
But will never be ruled by man.

We bow to the laws of the forest,
So live our allotted span,
For the only wealth that we value is health,
And we'll never be ruled by man.

(For music see page 70.)