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Juliana.

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THE title of this sketch may be misleading, and since I do not want readers to be disappointed, I may as well say at the outset that it has nothing whatever to do with the heroine of any historical or romantic episode. When Ruskin published "Hints on the Construction of Sheepfolds" it is said the farmers eagerly bought the book, but were chagrined to find that it was meant for the clergy, and that the advice given therein had reference to the spiritual flock, not the laniferous. In order to avoid a similar misconception (sic) I must define Juliana, in approved dictionary style, as "Things concerning, or appertaining to, July."

Humanity has bestowed various names upon this season of the year. In the old Roman calendar it appears as Quintilis, the fifth month, since the year originally began with Martius. The history of early Rome being one of war and conquest, it was fitting that their first month should be dedicated to the god of battle. When the Julian calendar was adopted the months Quintilis

and Sextilis were renamed after Julius Caesar and Augustus. This habit of naming things after their chief men was characteristic of the Latins and illustrates their innate reverence for the past. The Anglo-Saxon names for July offer a contrast to the Roman and show the racial fondness for what is concrete. They called July "Hege-mónath" or the hay-month, no doubt thinking of their strenuous toil in the heat of the year. They also had a second name which seems to be a corollary to the first. Associated with the idea of toil in the field is the resultant thirst; and since in those remote days the quenching of thirst was a lawful and necessary thing they called the month "maed-mónath," the mead month. To all who toil with a three-tined fork this association of ideas will no doubt appear most sensible. Yet there are people who maintain that we cannot learn anything from the ancients!

The picture appended dates from the 11th century and is taken from Green's History of the English Peo-