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rarely the clergyman has the benefit of the criticism. The Duke of York was at least honest, and the child-like simplicity of his well-known face added to the effect of his remarks. "All men are liars" announced the parson "so they are, so they are" murmured the Duke "but let us say just a little prayer for the women, for they are a great deal worse than the men." When we were exhorted to put not our trust in the flesh the Duke angrily said "tut, tut man, talk sense, we have roast beef seven times a week and couldn't get along without it, it's good healthy food even if we do get a little sick of it." When the hymn "What shall the Harvest Be" was solemnly announced on a cold winter's day, the Duke was greatly annoyed at the want of common sense displayed. "Any fool could guess that riddle at this time of the year" he cried, "the idea of sowing seed in the middle of winter—the man must be crazy." When the sermon had reached a length that strained the Duke's limits of endurance he gravely stood up on a chair and politely said "We've had quite enough thank you, quite enough"—and we generally had.

It is surprising how much may be seen in a short time if one will but observe closely. To illustrate the point we took mental notes of what we saw in the way of birds and flowers during a short stroll a few days ago. We were looking more particularly for birds, otherwise the list of flowers would be more complete. Birds seen—Crows, purple grackles, cow birds, migratory shrikes (five), robins, swallows, white bellied barn sand, chimney swifts, shore larks, meadow larks, sparrows, song, vesper, English, & white throated, Orioles, woodpeckers, golden shafted hairy downy and red headed, blue jays, American bittern, red shouldered hawks (5), red starts, Blackburnian and summer warblers, red eyed vireos, oven birds, cat birds, Wilson's thrush, spotted sandpipers

chickadees, several undetermined varieties of warblers, King birds, crested flycatchers, bobolinks, ruffed grouse, Kingfisher. Not only were these birds seen but many interesting things noted in regard to most of them, for example the drumming of the ruffed grouse—the determination of sand swallows to build in a knoll in a field, a most exposed and unsuitable location, in the preponderance of male orioles—the efforts of the bittern to escape detection by remaining absolutely still while under observation, and so on through the list. Six varieties of violets were noticed and collected among the commoner flowers the following observed: Wild Ginger (*Asarum*) Pepper root (*Dentaria*) Blood Root White and Red Trilliums, Hepaticas (*Acutiloba*), Squirrel Corn, Claytonia, Ranunculus (*Abortiva*), *Caltha Palustris*, *Polygala paucifolia*, Adder's tongue and so on. Black squirrels were also seen and it is quite certain that birds we have forgotten to mention were observed.

Baltimore Orioles, Oven Birds, Maryland Yellowthroats and Red-breasted Nuthatches arrived on May 9th.

Large numbers of Warblers, Kinglets, White-throated Sparrows, Summer Warblers and Brown Creepers appeared in Rockwood Grounds on May 3rd.

Seven weddings are scheduled to take place in Portsmouth at an early date.

Dr. Edgar, of Hamilton, visited Dr. Forster the latter end of May.

BIRTH.

Ross—At Hatwood, Portsmouth, on Sunday, April 29th, the wife of Hugh Ross, of a daughter.