

[For the Maple Leaf.

TO THE MONTH.

"Then came fair May,——
Deck'd with all dainties of her season's pride,
And throwing flowers out of her lap around."—SPENSER.

Welcome May ;
With thy springing buds, and thy opening flowers,
With thy shady groves, and thy fragrant bowers.
Oh I welcome thee, May.

G'adsome May,
With thy clear blue skies,—thy light sitting clouds,
Which dreamily float in the azure that shrouds,
And deep curtains thee, May.

P'asant May.
Sweet little brooklets, let forth to their play,
Murmur glad music, and joy on their way,—
They rejoice in thee May.

Joyous May
Around me is breathing ; a southern wind
Blows thro' my garden so gentle and kind,
And tells me of thee, May.

Hopeful May.
The cold and damp earth is warmed by thy heat ;
Death springs into life, when touched by thy feet,—
Thou great prophetess, May.

My own May
Truly tells of a new second birth ;
When we shall be free'd from the winters of earth,
And live always in May.

PERIOLUS.

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CHEMICAL EFFECT OF LIGHT.—Wet a piece of paper, in a weak solution of salt and water ; dry, and then wash it with a strong solution of nitrate of silver ; dry it in the dark, and when dry, expose it to the sun's light ; though colorless before, it will now soon become black. A picture may be made by placing a dried plant, bit of lace, &c., upon the paper, previous to its exposure to light.