

camp. What a restful rural sight! The birds were fairly bubbling over with melody, the sweet vesper sparrows, perhaps, carrying off the palm.

April 11. Heard a brown creeper gaily singing as he wound around a mossy ash. Saw two black squirrels chasing each other round the dead top of a tall maple. A flying squirrel came out of a hole and descended gracefully to a bass-wood stub nearby. On striking the stub the squirrel went down to a brush heap. On agitating this it crawled to the foot of a beech and going to the top, passed to the foot of its home tree and so back to the nest.

April 14. Today Dirca doffs the brown fur cap he wore throughout the winter and gaily shakes his golden forelocks in the sun. Saw four red-backed salamanders. Hylas are incessantly harping in the pool.

April 23. A ruffed grouse built its nest among beech leaves in a brush pile, a hen had a nest four feet from it. The first egg laid by the grouse was accidentally destroyed by a person going to the hen's nest. The grouse then laid in the hen's nest and they have laid five eggs apiece.

May 3. Saw ruffed grouse making its nest near the ridge.

May 6. Followed the "Peeper"—little tree toad, (*Chorophilus triseatus*.) Owing to some ventriloquial power the creature is hard to locate. I found this individual on the grass, on the edge of a pool with its throat much inflated, peeping vigorously, and occasionally uttering a gurgling trill of longer duration.

May 7. Exceedingly warm, quite like June, leaves bursting on every side. What a keen delight is afforded the one who takes a wood-walk today. Butterflies glancing and pirouetting over the blossoms, bees on the Claytonias and Violets, the juneberry hanging her graceful leaves on the forest's skirts, squirrels chattering and birds bubbling over with song. An irresistible march onward of nature's various forces.

June 5. Father saw dead *Procyon lotor* (raccoon) in pasture. I saw live *Mephitis mephitis* in woods. At sight of me it retreated to burrow in a knoll and on my standing still it re-