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In some country places, the milk maids borrowed silver cups, tabkards etc., picturesquely hanging them round etc., picturesquely hanging them round their milk pails, further adorned with ribbons and flowers. Then, carrying the full pails upon their heads, they donced before their customers, receiving a small bit of money in return. Some-times, a party of milkmalds drove a cow instead, the horns of the surprised "Sooky" festively gilded, and her femi-nine vanity no doubt in a futter of ex-citement over the flowers and ribbons adorning her body.

Another amusing custom was cheese rolling. In a certain English village, May day morning, three cheeses were carried on a litter decorated with flow-ers to the nearest churchyard, where the cheeses were rolled three times round the little church before being carried back to the village for a dis-tribution in generous pleases to enger

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Orstanders, Children not only had their May-pole dances but they also marched in proces-sions, carrying May gods—white willow wands decorated with cowslips—or the more elaborate May garland. The foundation for a garland is made by two hoops of osier or havel crossing each other at right angles, and com-pletely covered by flowers, while a pretty dollie dressed in white sits in the center as if the garland were a the center as if the garland were a Sedan chair. The garland—by means of a long stick passed through the hoops—was carried by two little girls dressed in their best bib-and-tucker, and followed by a girl and boy repre-senting the lady and the lord of May day.

The children sang verses, Finally, the garland was often hung by ropes from the schoolhouse to a tree, the youngsters playing ball over it-let us hope, for the sake of her nerves,

that the dollie was first removed! Sim-ple refreshments were then served, the money earned by the children's songs paying for them. The Queen of the May was, of course, the mistress of ceremonies, and, crowned with Howers and authority, sat at the head of the table under a beautiful bower. The woods are too far off for to picnic there, and even May dew hardly wash away the grime from faces. But they whiten the sooty their faces. But they whiten the sooty marks with chaik, decorate themselves with gill paper and tawdry facery, and, triumphantly carrying their shoves and brushes, parade the streets in happy, noisy parties. Some lucky bands have a fiddle or even a Jack-in-the-Green, a man conceased in a frame of wicker work covered with leaves and forwers

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the city of New York, where boys are taught to be sailors, is now on its annual cruise. The ship will visit England, France and Maderia and return to New York next September. It has on board more than 100 boys.





Some Old and Quaint Observances for the People of Modern Times

PERHAPS it is difficult for a west- ! ern youngster to feel a proper exuberance of spirits on the first of

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May, for in this land of sunshine, the first of May, with its blue sky, warm alr and bright flowers, comes hundreds of times during the year, says a speclal contributor in the Los Angeles Times. But "back east," where so many of the mammas, papas and pet auntles of your little native sons and daughters spent their childhood, a "real live" May Day, with its blossoming buds, jolly jumping of ropes and gay grinding of hand organs, sends the

rinding of hand organs, sends the frozen winter blood racing in a spring freshet of joy through your veins, and you understand why the keeping of May Day is a cherished custom hand-ed down through the centuries. The celebration of May Day in Eng-land came from India through the Dru-ids-the heathen priests, you know, who did not worship in churches, but in proves out in the open air. On their May Day the Druids built great bonfires in honor of the sun god, and long after-ward the Irish had a May custom of lighting fires at short distances and making cattle pass between them, while fathers held children in their arms and jumped right through the fire. Not only did the sun god have a birthday party on May Day, but the Roman goddesss Flora, who had given the earth all the beautifu flowers that the sun shone upon, was always the guest of honor, and leven when Chris-tianity taught the Daugish people that there were no beathen gods and gotthere were no beathen gods and god-desses, they still loved their May festi-

vities of sunshine and flowers. No one knows the date of the first May pole, but the earliest representa-tion of one goes back to the time of Henry the Eighth. This pole was plantin a mound of earth, and fastened it was St. George's red-cross banner to it was St. George's red-cross banner and a white streamer with a forked end, while the shaft of the pole was painted in black and yellow. Some be-lieve that the old May pole was a standard of justice, where the people assembled and, if necessary, deposed or punished their rulers. But most of the May poles were standards of fun and frollo, and many were the May-pole songs and dances. Here is one of the songs: songs

"Round the May pole, trit, trit, trot See the May pole we have got; Fine and gay Trip away,

Happy is our new May Day,"

Happy is our new May Day," Boys and girls used to get up at mid-hight, the thirteith of April, and go to the woods in merry parties, playing musical instruments and blowing horns. There, they would crown themselves with flowers, and at sunrise return lad-en with pretty branches, with which they would decorate the doors and win-dows of the village houses—different trees and bushes having special sig-nificance, the poor alder, for some un-fortunate reason, being always chosen for the house of a scold. Solitary maid-ens, young and old, would sleepily steal from their beds at dawn, and out in the fields and bathe their faces with the beauty lotion of May dew. Of course you've all read Kingsley's "Water Bables," and will be delighted to know that the poor little chinney sweeps in London have a frolic on May

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