the wild thyme grows; and another almost equally noted is the bank on which the moonlight slept so sweetly in Jessica's time. The hospital is a fine up-to-date building for the benefit of lovesick swains. Special wards are provided for sufferers from blues, melancholia, palpitation, heart failure, and lover complaint. At the livery-stables, palfreys may be engaged for eloping purposes, or chargers may be hired by the lover of medieval tastes.

Time in Arcady is entirely a matter of opinion. To a waiting lover, the minutes may seem hours, while to happy hearts a golden day flies by as if on wings.
Side Trips: Indefatigable travelers may choose to climb the Delectable Mountains, which lie not far away. From Hymettus Hill, the highest peak of these, one-no, two -may go to the End of the Rainbow, and bask in the golden light of the Honeymoon shining aloft in the Seventh Heaven.

Carolyn Wells.

## The Joker

So you 're 'way down in the dumps-Blue, you say?
Think you 've played out all your trumps?
Oh, go 'way!

Life 's not like a game of poker;
In this game you use the Joker.
It's the card you hold the longest;
It's the one you find the strongest:
Laugh, and drive the blues away!
Laugh, I say!
Jean Dwight Franklin.

## The Wooing

(She)
Yes?
( $H_{e}$ )
Over yonder, pretty lady, Waits an olden tree;
Won't you where it 's cool and shadyCome and sit with me?
You may judge me but a booby, Yet I beg you come and see. I can sapphire find, and ruby, Under yonder tree.

> (She)

I think that you 're queer in your head; Such nonsense I never have heard.
But I'll come if you 'll give me your word That there 's something behind what you 've said-
I'll come, though I think you 're absurd.

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\left(H_{e}\right)
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Then I 'll show you, pretty lady, Where the water-cress
Holds a mirror, cool and shadyOh, but can't you guess?
Gaze-and think me not a boobyIn this little pool and see Eyes of sapphire, lips of ruby. Will you marry me!

Yes.
Witter Bynner.


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Halley's comet, with its millions of miles of tail, is sweeping into view in the evening sky on its seventy-five-year trip. Already astronomers have announced its appearance on time, and in April it will be visible to the naked eye. In May it approaches within a few million miles of the earth. It is named after Edmund Halley ( $1656-1742$ ), who determined its orbit, a new and remarkable accomplishment for that time, risking his reputation with posterity by prophesying its return in seventy-five years.


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