

# Buds AND Blossoms

By  
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"I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow."--Jer. 31:13.

As a child, did you think you were "Mary, Mary, quite contrary?" Well, it seems to me that flowers were given such fascinating names, you felt you were a part of this beautiful, magical world, and fitted into all the nursery rhymes.

What about Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Brown Eyed Susan, Violet, Rosey, Forget-Me-Not, Love Lies Bleeding, Bleeding Heart and Job's Tears? Sweet William met all the ladies at the flower socials. We lived in a make believe world of imagination, but it added to our happiness.

It is time to enjoy your magazines and seed catalogue, and to start forcing branches indoors. Crab apples, cherries, quince, pussy willows, forsythias, jasmine, oak tree branches and maples make lovely arrangements.

Cut the branches and mash the lower part of the stems with a hammer. Stand them in a foot or two of water in a cool room, and keep the branch sprinkled until it forces its buds out. You may still stay indoors and enjoy the great outdoors.

This week, for our Buds and Blossoms poem, we bring you a sample of Ben King's humor and whimsy, titled "The Pessimist."

Nothing to do but work,  
Nothing to eat but food;

Nothing to wear but clothes  
To keep from going nude.

Nothing to breathe but air,  
Quick as a flash 'tis gone;  
Nowhere to fall but off,  
Nowhere to stand but on.

Nothing to comb but hair,  
Nowhere to sleep but in bed;  
Nothing to weep but tears,  
Nothing to bury but dead.

Nothing to sing but songs;  
Ah, well, alas? alack!  
Nowhere to go but out,

Builders and Finance, Incorporated to Reuben S. Hart and wife, Edna J. Hart. Property in No. 7 township.

Mrs. Ethel H. Gaskins to Phil Gaskins and wife, Thomasine T. Gaskins. Property in No. 8 township.

Tryon Realty Co. of New Bern, Inc., to James H. Baldrée and wife, Dorothy A. Baldrée. Property in Tryon Village. Craven County to Harrell M. Carpenter and wife, Mary S.

Nowhere to come but back.

Nothing to see but sights,  
Nothing to quench but thirst;  
Nothing to have but what we've got;  
Thus through life we are cursed.

Nothing to strike but a gait;  
Everything moves that goes.  
Nothing at all but common sense  
Can ever withstand these woes.

Carpenter. Property in No. 5 township.

Robert L. Clark and wife, Stella Ray Clark, to Mary Davis McNeill. Property in No. 6 township.

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Joseph David Vandiford and wife, Grace E. Vandiford, to John P. Hoyle and wife, Dora D. Hoyle. Property in No. 2 township.

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ship.

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