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HOPPING IN KENT - - Gathering the hop harvest gives profitable holiday to tens of thousands.

-Paddock Wood-

Picture:- A great army of fifty-thousand invades Kent for the hopping season ! It is a working holiday. It means change of air with "small change"--

--at the end of it. Is Babs dreaming of hops - or milk,--

--I wonder ? Whole families are engaged in stripping the vine of its flowers, so that the honest working man can have--

--his glass of medicine when he feels like it ! The best pickers--

--are the women; some of whom have "gone hopping" every summer for--

--as long as they can remember. (That's not very long in this instance !)

Good workers can fill as many as four baskets an hour. At this rate they earn--

--about ten shillings a day. That's better than the dole ! There is a wonderful harvest to be--

--gathered this year - - so you may drink your lunch in comfort, knowing there's plenty more to come !