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MAY IN THE WEST
COUNTRY.

TORRINGTON WELCOMES THE "MERRIE MONTH".
500-YEARS-OLD MAY FAIR.

-Devon-

Picture.:- And here is a real old-fashioned English May Day.
Torrington, Devon, has observed this custom --

--of dancing through the streets for five-hundred years.
Youngsters and grown-ups all take--

--part. The butcher, the baker, and the candlestick-maker
shut up their shops to go on this 16th century razzle. There's
* charm about the joyousness of it all. gaiety, without--

--vulgarity describes it I think. The maypoles in the old
market square provide a unique--

--spectacle. Its freshness and simplicity is stimulating
in these sophisticated--

--times. The weaving of the barber's pole with brightly--

--coloured ribbons held by the dancers is but one of--

--the devices to start the month of May merrily. Oh to--

--be in Torrington now that May has come.