MRNS IN BRIEF.

(1). Picture: Lovely daffs, lady ! Acres of them. While it's -- -- winter in the hills, it's daffodil time down here.

This golden harvest is fully a--

--month earlier than usual this year, and that's said to be

-- sure indication of an early summer. Pretty--

-as a painting, isn't she - - er - it !

(2). Picture .: - Mr. Illion of Preston is an--

-- adventurous soul. He plans to visit weird--

-- countries where the feet of the white man haven't trod, and--

--where his hands have never paddled. Barring hitches he starts in two months time for the--

--unknown. And here's hoping his mascots work.