## THE BLEDINGTON MORRIS

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BLEDINGTON - it is necessary to distinguish between old side and
  the young side raised by the Fool & Fiddler.

Order of Figures: usually Foot-Up, Half-Gip, Whole-Gip Half-Rounds.
Whole Hey probably used only in Trunkles & omritted in dances with ½ heys. Hooks used by Young Side instead of galleys, hook is the turn not the 2 capers eg. hook into hey. In Half-Gip hook-legs were sometimes used but more often it was done with a back-step something between Fieldtown hop-back-steps & shuffles done at W
     something between Fieldtown hop-back-steps & shuffles done at ½ speed. Young side "hooked to rule" in all figures is turned the same way as in a hey. Dances end with hook-leg and jump.
   Processional - Hey Away
      2 double steps hook & 2 plain capers - repeat sterting other foot.
  Then 2 ½ capers & 4 plain capers. Danced in one line ad lib.
Possibly ending with hook hey etc as Saturday Night.
Sidestep Dances - Idbury Hill Maid of the Mill Forning Star Old Forning Tossed Up. Chorus - sidestep to left, couble step, sidestep to right feet together jump or another double step. Young side did
  a hook moving forward into hey. 1/2 hey then repeat to place.

Over the Water to Charlie -sidestep dance but because of tune
    only a caper in what there is of a 4th bar.
  % capers -Flowers of Ediaburgh
2 % capers then 4 plain capers % hey & repeat to places
Partners Cross - Gallant Hussar
    1st chorus - partners change places with 2 sidesteps & a hook to
      face front then they on wrong side. Repeat to places.
 2nd cherus - 2 %capers instead of sidesteps.
3rd cherus - 2 forecapers to slow music instead of sidesteps.
4th cherus - 2 upright capers
Corners %through or 2 by 2 - Bonnets O'Blue, Cuckoo's Nest William & Nancy i) %through
Lst cherus - corners in turn ways (releath in her) the call of the cherus - corners in turn ways (releath in her)
    1st chorus - corners in turn wave (make their bow) then all caper
      & jump or hook-leg into Khey. Repeat to places.
 2nd cherus - ½capers instead of waves.

3rd chorus - forecapers 4th chorus - upright capers.

ii) 2 by 2 as i) but all face up and do it pair by pair, after ½hey all face down and repeat to place.

Heel 2 Toe - Monks March, We Went Go Home Till Morning Step throughout t H t , t H t , danced as ½through above
    except after each corner has done his caper, all do a caper.
 Corners Through - Trunkles
   Salute - corners meet & retire with double step. %caper, hook
      back to place and 2 plain capers.
   lst chorus - 4 sidesteps across & a hook to rule. Then corners salute again in turn and corners back again with sidesteps.
2nd chorus - % capers instead of sidesteps.
3rd chorus - forecapers 4th chorus - upright capers.
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Leapfrog - Glorisher- without regular figures.

Dance starts with whole-rounds, walked each man in turn bowing at top hook out at end. Then sidestep & May repeated. Old side, 4 sidesteps alternate directions Young side, very long sidestep
   (3 bars) and hook into hey.
   2nd time through - forecapers at top instead of bowing
  3rd time - upright capers at top.
4th time - lcapfrog at top - 3 over 1.1 over 3.6 over 5.etc.
End dance on sidestep & Kheys.
Sticks or Clapping
Constant Billy - chorus - evens hold sticks horizontally, at chest level near the ends & odds strike on 2nd beat. This reversed.
  Then clash tips butts tips butts & 1/2hey. Repeat to places.
Young Collins - usually done with sticks.
i) sticks (a) dib butts 3x strike tips 3x, dib butts 3x strike
butts 3x /2hey. Repeat to place Alternatively.
(b)hit tips on ground 3x strike tips low 3x strike tips on ground 3x again clash tips high 3x %hey and repeat to places.
ii)handclapping -instead of sticks this may be stepping with it.
b.b.b.-/r:r r+r r+r.-/b.b.b.-/l+l.l+l.-. then %hey stc.
Progressive dance - Saturday Night
  1st part -2 double steps bakstops ft together jump, done twice.
2nd part -sidestep to left double step sidestep to right, double
    step 2 %capers, 4 plain capers.
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Start in order 135642 & enter dance progressively.No.1 starts facing up by himself. en pass on capers. Then No.1 is near top again is 214365 all hook left into column formation than a whole-hew(possibly rounds and hey) and hook-leg & caper out.

