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When the sap begins to flow,  
Ere the green begins to show,  
To the maple grove we hie,  
On a creaking wain, piled high  
With our kettles, pails and boards,  
And our dippers made of gourds,  
With a knife of whittle spiles,  
With an ax to use 'tween whiles,  
Chopping wood to boil the pot  
Filled from each sweet flowing slot;  
With an egg, "to clear," that grows  
Toothsome, as our Bobby knows,  
After passing through the sweet,  
Plus the fabled "peck" we eat.

Contentless, Caleb bears the pail;  
Hetty, somehow, goes with Caleb,  
With her gourd to dip the sap  
From the trough beneath each tap;  
How they drive and work, those two,  
Back and forth the whole day through!  
And their elders point them out  
Unto Bob, who hangs about  
Where the kettle, foaming, boils,  
Hoping for the skimmer's spoils.

Our knowing Bob has faith but small  
In virtue, whose reward is all  
Within itself, and so concludes  
To conjugate these unknown moods,  
"I'll bet they drink the sap," quoth he,  
"I'll watch behind this maple tree."



"STAND BEFORE THE PREACHER."  
Up saunters Caleb, and Hetty soon,  
With glowing faces like the moon  
At harvest time and eyes that see  
No peering orbs behind that tree.

The gourd dips up the flowing sweet,  
And Hetty lifts her face to meet  
Two lips that happen (?) in the way  
As Caleb kneels down—but not to pray.  
"Aha!" says Bob, beneath his breath,  
"Such goodness tickles me to death;  
But go it, Caleb, you're welcome, too,  
I'll take the skimmer's—same to you."

At eventide, when sugar grains,  
The youthful helpers—for their pains—  
In maple wax, for cooling, laid  
Upon tin platters, 'neath the trees,  
A treat that never fails to please,  
Then Bob, of course, his finger burns,  
As ere it cools the mass he turns;  
But Caleb and Hetty—well content—  
Sit watching till the heat is spent,  
When, forming in a sweet combine,  
With buttered hands, their lumps they twine

And work and pull, till creamy white—  
The maple wax appears to sight;  
With hands oft touching, eyes allam  
And hearts that beat a tuneful name,  
"My sweet!" 'twas not the wax they  
meant,  
For that to Bob's lame sister went,  
As his large share grew wondrous small  
And ne'er, in truth, grew white at all.

When the sugar'n' of is done,  
With our pots put out to sun,  
With our gourds hung up to dry,  
Cakes of maple piled up high,  
Caleb and Hetty stand before  
The preacher, where the white deal floor  
Fairlylike mosaic weaves



"THE BACK LOG ON THE HEARTH."  
With the sunshine and the leaves,  
Ah! the skimmer's empty now,  
Caleb chose best, you will allow,  
Sugar time again has come,  
Busy bees begin to hum,  
And the robin builds her nest  
On the maple's tallest crest,  
Whence she blinks one eye below  
As the sap begins to flow.

In the cottage 'neath the tree,  
Sung as ever snug can be,  
Still the back log on the hearth  
Crackles nightly, to our mirth;  
As the speckled corn we pop  
Into snow that makes it hop  
'Neath the ancient skillet lid,  
By its load of live coals hid;  
As we try with forks long thined  
Apples that the jam have lined;  
As we crack our nuts and jokes,  
Drinking health—we jolly folks—  
From the old brown pitcher's rim,  
Filled with elder to the brim,  
In one corner Hetty sits,  
Singing softly as she knits,  
Wooling sleep, while keeping time  
With her foot, to crooning rhyme,  
Tapping gently on and off,  
Rocking that same sugar trough.  
—Margaret Sullivan Burke in New York Herald.

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