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THE MAPLE LEAF DOES GOOD WORK

By MARTHA WILLIAMS

A red leaf, pure flame-scarlet, cir-
cled softly down upon Elspeth's bare
head, making an enchanting harmony
of color against her cloud of wavy
golden-chestnut hair—her greatest
charm. Otherwise she was no more
than wholesomely pretty. She knew it
—sighing over the fact. What chance
had she against the tropic beauty of
Valetta, glowing and velvet, dark as
ate red roses? Steadfastly she asked
of Fate the question. As steadfastly
came the answer: none at all.

Leigh Granville was Beauty's vowed
night, with rich, well-born, dowered
with eerie charm.

"I want you, Elspeth! Come!
Julck!" Valetta called imperiously
from an upper window. The Sidney
house, her grandmother's, stood cheek
by jowl with the prim Ross cottage.
Elspeth threaded the boundary shrubs,
her head so high, so level, that the
maple gift lay undisturbed—thus she
came, flame-crowned, face to face with
Valetta, newly dismounted at the lawn
gate. One glance—he had laid hands
upon her shoulders, turned her to face
him, and was laughing down at her.

"At last! Trapped at last. Always
knew you were a beauty, but too con-
trary to show it—"

"I see! You've got a crazy fit!" Elspeth
flung back at him. "I'm just the
same as yesterday."

"Shame on you for a fibber!" Leigh
admonished. "Let me show you—con-
founded you to your face with your
face." As he spoke he drew her to-
ward the ramshackle fountain, whose
basin yet maintained a mirror em-
blance. "Look! If after this you dare
not to wear scarlet I'll have you sent
to a nunnery for keeps."

"Why, how nice!" Elspeth retorted.
"Anything for a quiet life—"

"Elspeth! I called you!" Valetta
shrilled high above them.

Leigh raised tranquil eyes to her,
saying: "Did you? But you know I
was Johnny-on-the-spot! Of course
she can't leave me."

"Unless she comes I can't go with
you to the Bromley dance tonight,"
Valetta almost shrieked. "The new
frock I ordered is such a mess I won't
be seen in it."

"Be seen without it—and put out
all eyes," Leigh commented. "That is,
unless Elspeth will wear red leaves—
and nothing else."

"Stop such disgraceful talk, young
man! I aim to keep respectable com-
pany, or none," Granny Sidney
chuckled from the side porch. Rising
sixty, she kept her head, eke her fig-
ure, and a wit so pretty it had more
than once made Valetta fume. "Run
along home now," she added to Leigh,
"so I can find out if there's anything
wrong with Valetta's frock—or only
her disposition."

It turned out both needed adjust-
ment. Valetta was even more jeal-
ous than her Spanish coloring war-
ranted—she had called Elspeth first
out of sheer impudence, but to find
that thus she had thrown her in
Leigh's way was intolerable, especially
since she had seen and heard what
passed. Elspeth her rival! Impossi-
ble, she would have said an hour
earlier. Now she was raging. Leigh
seemed to her the fit reward of pa-
tience. She had played with other men
years and years; he had all she sought
in a husband—money, brains, position,
inborn leadership. As his wife she
would queen it in any company.

Hate hot and fluid as lava filled her
heart. She wanted to fly at Elspeth's
throat as she sat stitching deftly at
the mistle frock. What right had she
to put on that magic maple leaf?

She lay face down for hours, racking
her brain, her lava-wrath the while
hardening into desperate purpose.
After the hardening she slept soundly
for an hour, and woke refreshed, also
nerved for anything. Nerve was need-
ed. She slipped shadow-silent to the
dim library, where a silver traveling
flask—her grandfather's—remained as
he had left it long years before.
Opened, it gave out aroma bespeaking
its age and era. Time had shrunk
and strengthened the liquor within.
Smiling craftily, she hid it, smiling
fearfully she dropped into it something
even more potent, then crept back up-
stairs to perfect every detail of her
mad plan.

It was too mad to fail—she meant
to make Leigh drink the drugged
liquor till he was quite as mad, else
unconscious, then she would take the
wheel and drive like the wind—any-
where away from all her world. Stop-
ping presently at some remote inn, she
would beg shelter for her husband,
suddenly ill. When Leigh came to him-
self she would be sitting in watch,
eager to confess, to show him where
love for him had led her—and threaten
to kill herself unless he agreed to
marry her in the next town. Spoiled
and cynical he might be, yet still he
had a soft heart. Then, too, there was
his vanity. All would, all must, be
well. A triumphant home-coming after
the sensation of the running away
would make a beautiful climax.
Writhing betwixt hope and fear, she
made covert preparations, then flung
herself down to wait the interminable
hour before dressing for the dance.

For ten minutes time trotted hard
withal for her, then out in front came
a throaty shout, throatier laughter,
bellowed greetings, and resounding
back-slapping. Valetta knew their
meaning. One person only in all the
world could thus make of his arrival
a noisy solemnity. Andrew McDuff,
the one man she had never been able
to whistle down the wind, had found,
and followed her.

"Run right down—unless you want
me to come fetch you," he roared up
the stairway. Valetta went, like some-
thing hypnotized. When she had been
kissed three times, slapped on either
cheek, and hugged till she cried with
pain, Andrew explained: "Honey, I've
got to go cross the big pond—you like
that sort of foolishness, so I've come
to take you with me. Hustle and pack
—I want to catch the midnight train
back. Say, can I scare up help—a best
man, a parson and a bridesmaid for
you?"

"You surely can," Leigh said heart-
ily. "Here am I, aching to do my
darndest. Matrimony is, I hear, con-
tagious. I want to start a wave that
will sweep the country."

And that was that—and all of it.

How We Get That Way!

Show Wrong Interest

Sister had been up late the night
before, and when the alarm clock rang
at six-forty-five she snuggled down for
those ten extra minutes that would in
the end mean hurry—hurry—hurry.
But the fates were against her. For
just as her chin got well into the cov-
ers, the front-door bell went buzz-buzz.

Of course she knew it was the lady
in the apartment across the hall. No
one else sounded the bell in that per-
emptory yet apologetic manner. So
she got up, shivering, and put down
the window, pulled on her wrapper
and undid the lock.

"Oh, I'm so ashamed to disturb you
at this hour!" came a piercing whisper.
"Come in," said Sister, as cordially
as if her hair were not still up in
tight knots.

"No," hissed the other, standing just
so that the door could not be closed
and a chilly draft played around Sis-
ter's ankles; "no, thank you; I can't
possibly come in. I only wanted to
ask you if your heat was on."

Sister felt as if the heat had never
been less on, but she managed to
answer calmly that she'd see. At that
moment the household cat came out.
Sister had turned to feel of the near-
est radiator, the forbidden door was
wide open, and Alley popped through.
That meant a quarter of an hour's
search, and the clock ticked on. Finally
Alley was caught, Neighbor
brought inside the door, and Sister
turned again to the steam-heat sys-
tem. No, she said, it wasn't on yet.

"What time is it, do you think?—ah,
I mustn't keep you," was the lady's
next move. "Five minutes past seven,
you say? That can't be right, do you
think? I feel as if it must be later.
But would you mind seeing if the other
radiators are warm? Ours are stone
cold. I suspect the janitor of being
lazy!"

The others weren't on, either. The
lady was jubilant. She had proved the
management in the wrong.

How do we get that way? By being
so much more interested in what
ought to be than in what is, that we
are almost glad when it isn't!

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Turning Back

Ventilated sandals, the kind worn
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ward avenue shoe dealer as a solu-
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tants of modern footwear. Not only
that, but the human race would be
decidedly better off. Much money
would be saved. Walking, an exer-
cise that is sadly neglected, would be
popular because it would be painless."

—Detroit News.

No Heat From Firefly

A scientist who has experimented
with problems of light production in-
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firefly simply has, as a light produc-
ing machine, a much higher efficiency
than any machine man has been able
to make. It shows what enormous
possibilities of improvement there are
in our own methods of light produc-
tion.—Washington Star.

Dark Secret

The minister of a certain church
called upon a woman, a member of his
congregation, and finding no one at
home, slipped a card through the let-
ter box after scribbling upon it the
words, "Sorry to find you out."

When the woman returned home,
Mary, the maid, met her at the door
and presented the card with a whis-
pered: "Here, mum, I took charge of
this. It would never do for the mas-
ter to know the minister's found you
out."

"Resurrection Bone"

Writings of Jewish rabbis of a by-
gone age refer to a certain bone in the
human body, known by the name of
"Luz." This bone is also spoken of
as the resurrection bone and was be-
lieved to be the nucleus of the resur-
rection body, because of its fanciful
indestructibility. According to the
common belief, this bone could be
neither dissolved, broken, ground to
pieces, nor burned. Its location is a
matter of much dispute.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Hoppper.—Heppner school will open September 8, and from present in- dications enrollment will be a record- breaking one.

Enterprise.—This year's wheat crop, now being threshed and brought to local mills and warehouses is of good quality, though the yield is only a little better than half of normal.

Salem.—The 1923 crop of Oregon prunes held by the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association has been cleaned up, according to announce- ment made at the offices of the as- sociation Saturday.

Salem.—Coyote puppies picked up in Oregon by tourists have proved a nuisance in some of the eastern and southern states, according to infor- mation received at the offices of Dr. W. H. Lytle, secretary of the state live- stock sanitary board.

Reedsport.—E. Done of South Range, Wis., was seriously ill at the jail here Sunday as a result of having drunk a quarter of a pound of com- mercial ether. He had bought the drug here, saying that it was for use in starting an automobile.

Forest Grove.—Decision to proceed immediately with the construction of a modern building for the club and for public affairs has been reached by the Forest Grove Woman's club and modifications in plans already prepared have been outlined to hasten the work.

Prineville.—With 16 fires raging in extent from two acres to 150 acres caused by lightning during the elec- trical storm Saturday night, with humidity down to 18 and with another electrical storm threatening, officials of the Ochocho national forest spent a busy Sunday.

Albany.—A severe electrical storm, the first in this section for three years, put out all electric lights in the city at 10 o'clock Saturday night, re- ported the Mountain State Power com- pany, which supplies the current. All local telephones also were reported out of commission.

Klamath Falls.—The Klamath Falls- Lakeview highway was closed by a serious slide near Olene Friday night, caused by the collapse of an irriga- tion flume above the road. It is estimated that \$4000 will be required to repair the damage and the road will be entirely closed for several days.

Salem.—A light thunder shower late Sunday night broke the long dry spell that has prevailed in the Salem dis- trict. The shower lasted less than 15 minutes and was accompanied by an electrical display. No damage result- ed from the lightning here, although a number of fires in the forest were said to have been started from this source.

La Grande.—W. V. Demoss, con- fessed thief of wheat from the farm of Grover Grimmert, near here, is in the county jail, having failed to raise \$500 bond, awaiting sentence. Demoss took a load of club wheat to market instead of fortyfold, which he had asked prices on earlier, and the mil- lion became suspicious, calling the sheriff.

West Linn.—Willamette postoffice was entered early Saturday when several registered packages and mer- chandise valued at \$350 were stolen. The value of the mail matter had not been determined late Saturday. The stolen merchandise consisted of wo- men's and children's silk hose, men's shoes, neckties, dress goods and case lots of groceries.

Toledo.—The Lincoln county fair will be held this year on September 3-6. With weather conditions more fa- vorable than in former years and keen interest created, the active fair board indicates one of the best ex- positions yet held. The livestock ex- hibit especially will be larger than ever, and another new livestock barn will have to be constructed to sup- plement the two recently built.

Mill City.—Logging operations have been started by the Hammond Lum- ber company at camp 17 near Detroit. It is expected they will get out about six cars a day for the present as they are hampered by the recent fire which burned out seven of their bridges. Work is being rushed on repairs to their trucks and the output of logs will be increased as rapidly as it is possible to get track and camps into shape.

Monmouth.—With the grain harvest practically completed in this section, the yield per acre of both wheat and oats has been exceptionally high for a dry season. Wheat will average about 25 bushels per acre and oats about 30 bushels per acre. Riddel Bros., who farm about 2000 acres, re- port that some fields of oats yielded over 40 bushels to the acre. The clover crop is scattering and light, hulling having been started last week.

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Chinese Are Executed.

Shanghai.—Two Chinese, convicted
of kidnapping 20 children, were pub-
licly executed on the principal street of
the Chinese city here Friday by the
local military officials. Previous to
the execution the prisoners were man-
aged and paraded through the streets
with placards attached to them, tell-
ing of their crimes, after which they
were shot in the presence of several
hundred persons.

Ex-Senator Drops Dead.

Jackson, Mich.—Ex-United States
Senator Charles E. Townsend dropped
dead Sunday night at the home of
Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Harris, where he,
Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. E. S. Loomis,
her mother, were guests. He was 63
years old.

The California state board of edu- cation failed Wednesday to decide the question of what should be done with high school textbooks that are under fire by certain religious groups be- cause they present the theory of bi- ological evolution.

Roads to Riches.

Don't be jealous of your friend's
success. That will not help to make
you successful. Remember that some
men are born rich, others have riches
 thrust upon them, and the rest of us
 have to hustle.

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ing the mind steady on its keel, and
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in length and the course is laid out
on an old road winding through the
hills of the Thuringian forest.