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## THE MAPLE LEAF DOES GOOD WORK

By **MARTHA WILLIAMS**  
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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-chenet hair — her greatest  
charm. Otherwise she was no more  
than a wholesome 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!  
Quick!" Valetta called imperiously  
from an upper window. The Sidney  
woman, her grandmother's, stood cheek  
to cheek with the prim Rosa cottage.  
Elspeth threaded the boundary shrub,  
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—she 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  
remonstrated. "Let me show you—  
confound you to your face with your  
face." As he spoke he drew her to-  
ward the ramshackle fountain, whose  
basin yet maintained a mirror sim-  
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. Using  
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 impertinence, 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! Impossible,  
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 frisk. 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  
film library, where a silver traveling  
task—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 his 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  
lover 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, seeing 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 covers,  
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-  
sonal yet apologetic manner. So  
she got up, slithering, 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. Fi-  
nally 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  
universally at the dawn of civiliza-  
tion, are recommended by a Wood-  
ward avenue shoe dealer as a solu-  
tion of prevailing foot ailments. "If  
everyone wore sandals," the dealer  
said, "there would be no need for  
corrective appliances designed to re-  
lieve fallen arches and other concomi-  
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."

## No Heat From Firefly

A scientist who has experimented  
with problems of light production in-  
forms us that the firefly gives off no  
heat which can be detected. An in-  
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duced by combustion and there can  
be no combustion without heat. The  
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.

**Heppner.**—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 informa-  
tion 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 14 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 Ochoco 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-  
lenn 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 supple-  
ment 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 tracks and the output of logs  
will be increased as rapidly as it is  
possible to get track and camps into  
shape.

**Monthmouth.**—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. Riddell  
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 kidnaping 20 children, were public-  
ly executed on the principal street of  
the Chinese city here Friday by the  
local military officials. Previous to  
the execution the prisoners were man-  
acled 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.

**Roads to Riches.**  
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 bio-  
logical evolution.

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