

Lady DOCTOR

by PEGGY GADDIS

Meredith Blake, brought up by her grandfather, Dr. Jonathan Blake, in the small Southern town of River Gap, has been away for some time studying to be a doctor, and has just finished her internship. Jonathan has financed her medical training and has been looking forward to the day when she would come home to help him in his practice. However, Meredith, unaware of his plans for her, has accepted a post as assistant to young Dr. Evan Farley, to whom she is engaged. Accompanied by Evan, who's on his way to a new position in a city hospital, she arrives home to spend a vacation with Jonathan, her 18-year-old sister Rosalie, and her Aunt Matilda, Jonathan's sister and housekeeper. Rosalie, a saucy young thing, is currently interested in Lieutenant Tom Abernethy, an Army pilot stationed near by, but has been keeping him on tenterhooks. Meredith, shortly after her arrival, is dismayed to learn from Matilda that Jonathan is counting on her staying in River Gap. Though she feels deeply indebted to him for all he has done for her, she cannot bear to give up her own plans and bury herself in the thankless drudgery of being a country doctor.

CHAPTER V
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"I dare say," Meredith said drily. The telephone rang and Rosalie was on her feet.
"If that's Tim," she said, "daring to say he's on duty tonight, I'll find out whether Dr. Farley knows what he's talking about—in the line of getting away with murder!"
She went out as the telephone rang again.
Evan looked at Meredith and said tenderly, "Tired, Merry?"
"A little," she answered, then added swiftly, "Evan, don't say anything to Jonathan about—Midland City or about my working with you there."
He frowned. "But why not? You surely don't think he'd offer any objections, do you?"
"No, of course not; it's a marvelous opportunity for me, and under ordinary circumstances, he'd be delighted! It's only that—well, it seems he has some idiotic idea about my staying here."
"Then the sign at the gate wasn't a gag!" said Evan.
"No. Absurd. Isn't it?"

"SEE here, Meredith," Evan said sternly, "you're not by any chance thinking of staying?"
"No, of course not. Why I'd go mad shut up here!" answered Meredith, her voice shaking a little.
"Only—well, old Evan, and it seems he's gone to a lot of preparations for me to stay on. I'll have to break it gently to him that I've got a few plans of my own."
"Of course you have!" Evan said sharply. "You've got a rare gift; it mustn't be lost by being buried here. You know your place; Harbor Hospital for a few years and then research. It's a great future, Meredith."

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PLENTY CHICKEN FOR SERVICE MEN
Washington, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Men in uniform today were assured of plenty of Sunday chicken dinners for the next six months as result of a government order requisitioning all frozen chickens in storage as of 12:01 a. m. Thursday.
The War Food administration ordered owners of frozen chickens to report their stocks to designated army quartermaster centers within 10 days. They will not be permitted to remove or sell their supplies to any other customer until at least 70,000,000 pounds are procured to assure adequate chicken for the services.
The poultry also is destined for the War Shipping administration and the military hospitals. The WFA explained that army buyers had sought in vain to furnish enough chickens for two Sunday chicken dinners a month for the troops and finally had to resort to government requisition. Chicken is vital for convalescent servicemen in hospitals.

Sulfa Drugs Of Little Value In Battling Colds
Chicago, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—The sulfa drugs, powerful weapons in combatting many diseases, are of little value in curing the common cold, the American Medical association's journal reported today.
The report was made by three physicians—Russell L. Cecil and Wilson G. Smittle of New York, and Maj. Norman Plummer of the army medical corps. They recommended the use of sulfa mides only in cer-

"Maybe not, but anybody with an ounce of brains would know that it is criminal to look up a woman of your ability in this back-water," began Evan stormily.
Meredith stared at him. "Why, Evan? We're—we're quarreling! Isn't that silly?"
Evan looked a bit sheepish. "We are a couple of chumps, darling, only the very thought of your staying in this back-water knocked me out. Don't do it, Merry. After all the things we've planned, I couldn't quite take it."
"I won't," answered Meredith. "Only you must promise to let me tell Jonathan my own way."
"Of course, sweet."

THE next moment, Rosalie was back in the living-room, her eyes dark with anger, storm-signals flying in scarlet patches on her pert face.
"The—the bum!" she raked. "I'll tear him apart! Standing me up at this hour of the evening!"
Meredith's eyebrows went up. "I take it that Tim has—er—asserted himself?"
"He has been given night duty! Why, I could wring his neck!"
Meredith said coolly, "Well, after all, there is a war on and I've heard the army has a way of liking its men to obey their orders, rather than the girl friend's!"
"What burns me up is that he didn't have to do it," Rosalie raged. "He's replacing another cluck who got leave for a few days to go home and see a sick wife or something. It's not Tim's duty at all. And he knows this dance night!"
Meredith looked at the girl as they were a complete and not very pleasant stranger.

Then Rosalie looked suddenly at Evan—an intent, measuring gaze. Deliberately, she walked around him, inspecting him from all angles. And then she looked at Meredith.
"How's for lending me him tonight?" she demanded.
Startled, Meredith said, "What are you talking about?"
"About Evan taking me to the dance," answered Rosalie flatly. "If I could show up with him, it would set the other gals back on their heels plenty! And give Lieutenant Tom Abernethy something to think about. It would show him he can't stand me up an hour before a dance begins. How about it?"

MEREDITH said curtly, "Rosalie, you're being very silly and childish. If a man has a job to do—"

"Want to take me to the dance," she said archly. "I'm popular with the gals, so you won't have to dance with me if you don't want to, once we get there. And it would make Tim green-eyed with jealousy. How about being a pal and throwing a drowning gal a straw?"
Evan laughed. "It might be fun at that!"
Rosalie cried, "Oh, you sweet thing!"
She whirled to dash out of the room, but saw Meredith's face and paused a moment.
"You don't mind, do you, Merry?" she pleaded, suddenly sweet and gentle and coaxing. "Jonathan's dying to have a long confab with you, and anyway, Evan might like the dance. Be a lamb, Merry, and do let him go!"

"I don't seem to have much to say about it," answered Meredith coolly. "If he wants to go, he'll go!"
Rosalie grinned wickedly, swayed towards Meredith, and whispered, "Remember, darling, jealousy is so old-fashioned!"
The next moment she had danced out of the room and they heard her flying foot-steps on the stairs.
(To be continued)
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On the Radio Chains

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Time shown is PWT

Friday
5:00 p. m.—Terry and Pirates, BN.
Galen Drake, CBS.
5:15 p. m.—Dick Tracy, BN; Super-MBS; Bob Reese Orch., NBC.
5:30 p. m.—Jack Armstrong, BN; Harry W. Plannery, news, CBS.
5:45 p. m.—Louis F. Lochner, NBC; Capt. Midnight, BN; Norman Nesbitt, MBS; News, CBS.
5:55 p. m.—Bill Henry, CBS.
6:00 p. m.—Waltz Time, NBC; Three Rascals, BN; Gabriel Heavitt, MBS.
6:15 p. m.—Orville Fields, MBS.
6:30 p. m.—People Are Funny, NBC; Spotlight Bands, BN; That Brewster Boy, CBS; Double or Nothing, MBS.
6:55 p. m.—News, BN.
7:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, NBC; Durnie and Moore, CBS; John Gunther, commentator, BN; Dale Carnegie, MBS.
7:15 p. m.—Pulton Courier, MBS.
7:30 p. m.—Bill Stern Sports News, NBC; Stage Door Canteen, CBS; Lone Ranger, MBS; Swing Shift Polka, BN.
8:00 p. m.—Fred Waring, NBC; Love a Mystery, CBS; Honolulu Army Party, MBS; Paul Nelson, news, BN.
8:15 p. m.—Prestwood Lawton, commentator, NBC; The Parker Family, BN; Dateline, CBS.
8:30 p. m.—All-Time Hit Parade, NBC; Gang Busters, BN; Playhouse, CBS; Name That Song, MBS.
9:00 p. m.—Furrough Fun, NBC; Meet Your Navy, BN; Kate Smith Hour, CBS; News, MBS.
9:30 p. m.—General Malone, MBS; Thomas Peluso Orch., NBC.
9:45 p. m.—Pulton Lewis Jr., MBS.
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10:00 p. m.—News, NBC; Arch Ward's Forecasts, MBS.
10:20 p. m.—William Winter, CBS.
10:30 p. m.—Ambassador Hotel Orch., BN; Joseph C. Harach, CBS.
10:45 p. m.—Voice of a Nation, NBC; Orch., BN; Henry King Orch., MBS.
11:00 p. m.—Hotel Baltimore Orch., NBC; This Moving World, BN; Milton Charles, organist, CBS; Don Redman Orch., MBS.

Saturday
5:00 p. m.—Peluso Orch., NBC; Busca Orch., CBS; Cisco Kid, MBS.
5:15 p. m.—Boston Symphony Orch., BN.
5:30 p. m.—Dorothy Desmond, NBC; Beacon Symphony Orch., BN.
5:45 p. m.—Louis F. Lochner, NBC; Norman Nesbitt, MBS; News, CBS.
6:00 p. m.—National Barn Dance, NBC; Dorothy Allen, songs, CBS; Theatre of the Air, MBS.
6:15 p. m.—Edw. Tomlinson, commentator, BN.
6:30 p. m.—Can You Top This, NBC; Spotlight Bands, BN; Beauty Talk, CBS.
6:45 p. m.—Saturday Serenade, CBS.
6:55 p. m.—Harry Wismer, sports, BN.
7:00 p. m.—Million Dollar Band, NBC; John Gunther, commentator, BN; Royal Arch Gunnsong, MBS.
7:15 p. m.—Remember, BN.
7:30 p. m.—Grand Ol' Opry, NBC; Red Ryder, BN.
7:45 p. m.—Deane Dickason, news, CBS.
8:00 p. m.—Truth or Consequences, NBC; Thanks to the Yanks, CBS; George Hamilton Orch., MBS; Ray Haul, CBS, BN.
8:15 p. m.—Edw. Jorgenson, commentator, BN.
8:30 p. m.—Abies Irish Rose, NBC; Leon Henderson, news, BN; Inner Sanctum, CBS; The Law, Orch., MBS.
8:45 p. m.—Bernie Cummins Orch., MBS; Los Latinos, BN.
9:00 p. m.—Cowboy Hit Review, BN; Hit Parade, CBS; News, MBS.
9:30 p. m.—Curtain Call, NBC; Faces

and Places in News, MBS.
9:45 p. m.—Don't You Believe It, CBS; Ship Fights Orch., MBS.
10:00 p. m.—News, NBC; Wings to Victory, BN.
10:15 p. m.—Henry King Orch., NBC; Pasadena Auditorium Orch., NBC.
10:30 p. m.—Hotel St. Francis Orch., NBC; Barn Dance, CBS.
10:45 p. m.—Gus Arnheim Orch., MBS; Barn Dance, CBS.
11:00 p. m.—Hotel Baltimore Orch., NBC; This Moving World, BN; Bondwagon, MBS; Diana Gayle and Milton Charles, CBS.

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London, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—A documentary film of the north African campaign, the first jointly filmed by British and American camera crews, will be released soon, it was announced today.
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The out-of-pocket cost of selling war bonds is 133 of one per cent, Cooper reported.
"Rumors about the high cost of selling war bonds can be laid to ignorance or enemy propaganda," Zacharisen stated yesterday. "Only in America could billions of dollars be raised at such low cost."
Concerning cashing in of war bonds, Cooper stated that the number being turned in is much smaller than state headquarters had anticipated.
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1—Food fish
2—Cast aspersions
3—Vim
12—Hall
13—Dead
14—Part of "to be"
15—Ardor
17—Nippes
18—Strikes
21—Spirited
22—Wear away
23—Horse food
24—Negative
25—No vote

DOWN
1—Headpiece
2—Bugs
3—Rise
4—Vessel
5—Loop of rope
6—Eagle
7—Furial ending
8—Turned down
9—News organ
10—Age
11—Declared
12—Guide
13—Breakers
14—Positive
15—Wipe out
16—Instant pest
17—Stupid
18—Geometrical figures
19—Feelings
20—Faction
21—Preserving meat
22—Natri
23—Revolt
24—Slope
25—Rescuer
26—Faction
27—Paid athlete
28—Charged particle
29—Harem room
30—Cherisher
31—Agency
32—Toward top

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AND TRYING TO CLIMB UP THE SIDE, MAKES THE CRIB SHAKE AND RATTLE, TOO

BUT PERHAPS THE BEST SOUND EFFECTS ARE TO BE HAD BY SHAKING THE SIDES WITH HIS FEET

UNLESS IT'S BY HOLDING ON TO THE BARS WITH HIS HANDS AND JUMPING UP AND DOWN

SEES PARENTS COME IN, SLEEPILY RUBBING TO BE HAD BY SHAKING THE SIDES WITH HIS FEET

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