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spoke up Ben anxiously. "Ruined by bugs and

been having an awful time fighting pests. He can't control them."

pests. He can't control them." Peggy gasped with surprise. She knew this wasn't true, for at her urg-ing, the Birds had cleared out the food destroyers and saved Farmes Dedcode groups

Dalton's crops. "That's queer! Father hasn't written us a word about it," exclaime

insects. He'

Bill. "Probably he is too busy or too sick." answered the driver. "Yot know, of course, that the Giant he hired has proved a worthless scamp He doesn't do any work and is eating your father out of house and home. Peggy was amazed at this, for she knew the Giant was working like

hero to gr "I can't understand that." cried Ben "Father in his last letter said the Giant was doing as much work a three ordinary men." "He was just trying to keep yo from worrying," continued the driver "I'll bet he hadn't told you he way slek and discouraged." "No, he hasn't," responded Bill ver The was a rating of stores of the second of t "No, he hasn't," responded Bill ver seriously. "Ive been afraid for father, health." "If it were my father I'd go back to him in a hurry," suggested the driver "But we can't; we're soldiers and we've had our last furlough betore going across," answered Bill. "That wouldn't keep me here if my father were sick and killing himset trying to work a big farm alone." trying to work a big farm alone, went on the driver. Peggy was puzzled and a bi alarmed. She could not understand alarmed. She could not understant why the driver should talk that way She knew he was not telling the truth but why should he worry these twe soldier boys. She wouldn't let him do it. As the driver struggled with s bit of bad road she leaned over to Ben "Don't be frightened at hearing my voice," she whispered. "I'm the its voice," she whispered at hearing my voice," she whispered. "I'm the in-visible fairy who got the Giant to take your place on the farm. That mar isn't telling the truth. The Birdi have saved the crops and your father is better than he has been in year because the Giant has taken such because the Giant has taken such load of work from him." Ben was startled when he first heard her voice. Then he listened eagerly She put her hand in his as she fin ished. She knew he recognized whe she was and believed her. He whis-pered to Bill. "This fellow is lying to us. He's trying to get us to desert. He's a German spy!"

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the while it into real purposeful action, "I will tell Philadelphia'" Jerry flurted out wrathfully, and then looked about quickly to see if any one had heard him, but everybody was too busy Hearing in that confused hum of talk and telephone bells was too difficult for any to notice a remark not should in Surg cars.

"Wanted, a leader." Jerry had turned arain to his advertisement. And there was no leader, he reflected pessimisti-cally. "From that time onward through the day prognostications of politicians and reports of the ward workers were power-bas to cheer young Archer. Nothing could now remove from his mind the sonviction that the campaign of the frown Meeting party had carried in it the needs of defeat from the beginning— mething excent actual returns from the othing except actual returns from the

When the first of these began to co n at 7 o'clock they gave a doubtful inswer, but by 9 their intonation was clearer. The Town Meeting party was to be beaten. Jerry read the handwritto be beaten. Jerry read the handwrit-ing on the wall and gave up early. Hough he lingered for another hour at Town Meeting headquarters, while men bout him were still fanning themselves with false hopes, offering explanation fier explanation, taiking about fraud. alking about intimidation, taiking about false returns, and taiking about imme-liate plans for judicial contests; but this all only irritated Jerry. The fact was the neonic the people had not d Jerry. The fact was-the people had not

part, of course, Jerry's depression In part, of course, Jerry's depression in the mere physiological reaction from that vast strain of extra labor he had indergone, for the business at the fac-ery during these seven weeks he had riven along in his old irresistible way firm and often he had gone from his net political meeting at night to his leak at the works, where daylight had aught tim still grinding. Now, there-ere, he was physically jaded as well as wirfunally disapointed, and feit the redden weight of the whole combined has crushing down upon his native timism.

niam. elling an impulse to drink his cup of mess alone lerry slipped away from quarters and the company of the ds who had been fighting with him. ike up a position on the curb in sequenciers and the company of the inde who had been fighting with him. Inke up a position on the curb in original street, where for two hours, from original the mass of spectators, reading from the mass of spectators, reading original stream of the stereoficon results on the tops of low buildings op-original stream of celebrants of victory. wapid, yawping, redfire-burning fol-tors of those political freebooters to nom Jerry had opposed himself with his might. In endless, noisy procession, on foot, magons and in automobiles, large and mall, that were loaded with humanity in hood to the carriers, with bands, the transparencies, with hands stolidly ding sticks of Orock free, with threats in endless, collise of the stored of irray political campaign. The crudeness, the triteness, the lack imagination in the transparencies-ment at the old reliable Twentieth"; Twenty-eighth stands by its fa-the stores B. Stands by its fa-the store The stores B. Stands of the stores of the stores B. Stands by its fa-the store The stores B. Stands by its fa-the stores and streamed offended insulted

n. vas disgusted, offended, insulted his cheap and rather mechanical sam. It struck him presently, that these were the voters, the voters of Philadelphia. It was men of his own class, young or clubs or business houses, whose at to be won in order to carry ion; it was this vast stream of hily elemental that did not think us that felt a great deal, which parsuaded and enlisted. Mental over his own apseches in the wast is was been moved in the total have been moved

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(Tomorrow it will be told what Ben and Bill do to the spy.)

