# OF INTEREST TO THE WOMEN

## GIRL AND A MAN

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Chapter XXXV
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The heat was still intense when, at 6 o'clock, Agnes Morley climbed the stairs to her home.
The sun hung low in the west like a ball of fire, shining redly through the mist that had ian like a pall over the city all day. There was no relief in sight, the evening papers said.
Looking back over the past day, Agnes felt as if she could not have endured it had it not been for the pleasant hour of rest and refreshment that she had had with Mr. Bainbridge that noon. She wondered whether she would tell her aunt of it—then decided not to do so. Aunt Lucy might not understand. She had some oldfashioned notions about what girls in offices should and should not do.
As Agnes opened the front door with her latch key the stillness of the little flat struck her as unusual.
"Auntie!" she called.
But there was no reply. There was nobody in the living room, and as Agnes went into the adjoining bedroom she found that this, too, was mise found that this, too, was empty.
"Auntie!" she called again, hurrying down the narrow hall to the kitchen.
Here, she uttered an exclamation of horror. For, lying full length on the floor, was Miss Morley. For an instant the awful idea seized the girl that the elderly woman was dead. Then, as she ran forward, she saw that her aunt had fainted.
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Miss Lucy is Stricken

"But it is something." Agnes contradicted. "Please don't move yet. Wait, and I will bring a pillow to put under your head."

But when she returned with a pillow Aunt Lucy was standing up, holding fast to a chair and swaying weakly. "I tell you its nothing, nothing, she repeated.

"Come with me and lie down." Agnes cordered, putting her arm about the slight creature and leading her into her bedroom.

When she had undressed Miss Lucy and made her get into bed she slipped away long enough to run upstairs to the apartment of a neighbor who had a telephone. Here she called up Miss Lucy's physician and asked him to come at once. Returning to her aunt's room, she tried to speak naturally. "The heat was too much for you perhaps," she ventured. "What were you doing when you fainted?"

"I was beginning to get dinner, but I couldn't go on with it. I am sorry, dearle. But you must not worry. These attacks!" Agnes exclaimed. "Have you had one before to-day?"

Miss Lucy looked ambarrassed as

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