

# On the Hot Wave's Crest

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Young Dr. James tightened his belt with a scowl as he heard the ambulance rattle sound. The lights which dotted the grounds of the hospital were already filled with victims of the heat. His own head whirled, and his pulse throbbled violently, and there were four hours of restless slumber still before the scorching city.

The electric ambulance rattled, jolted and nosed under the portico of the great hospital and then, with its clang of warning, threaded its way between cars, trucks and delivery wagons. People eyed it with curiosity not unmixed with awe. There was no telling what mischief would come next. And, unmindful of

fore reaching the hospital, and a terrific rumbling sound greeted their ears, mingled with shouts and screams. It was all over in a second—the runways attached to the heavy tray dashed straight into the ambulance. The driver burst through the air. Dr. James felt a blow somewhere, then he realized that he was stumbling blindly toward the sidewalk with that deathlike figure in his arms and something very hot trickling, trickling into his eyes.

It was two days before it all came back to him, clear and suffocating as an awful nightmare. He clutched the nurse's hand.

"Where is she?"

"Maud—Miss Allen—"

"Oh, maybe you mean the girl you snatched out of the ambulance just in time. She's coming round, I guess, though she had a dreadful prostration."

"I must see her at once," he said in his old, peremptory fashion.

"Well, just wait until you can raise your head from the pillow. You'll get a medal or honorable mention for that work, Dr. James. You are quite the hero of the hospital."

"I want something more than medals," said the young doctor grimly. Then, while the nurse wondered, he fell asleep.

It was two days more before he could be pulled into Maud's room, and very white and ill he looked, propped up in his invalid chair. But they set the bed for Maud, and there, for Maud told him how she had wanted to wait, merely to see that he had not inherited his father's weakness and lack of ambition, and how when her father had died suddenly, leaving his affairs badly entangled, she had left all for the creditors and come to the big city to live one line of work for which she felt fit.

**A Story of Joaquin Miller.**

A story is told by one of Joaquin Miller's friends of a meeting between the "Poet of the Sierras" and Mrs. Lanetry. She was stopping at the home of a mutual friend in San Francisco, who was anxious to bring the two celebrities together. Invitations were issued not only to Mr. Miller, but to a number of other literary lights as well. The hour came, the guests assembled, all but the poet himself. At last he was discerned approaching, dressed, as usual, in overalls, the red flannel shirt which he affects, and the immense grey southerner which he invariably wears and which he has to have made to order. The servant opened the door. The poet entered, but without removing his hat. This he kept on until directly in front of Mrs. Lanetry, who stood at her hostess' side. Then, with a courtly gesture, he doffed his hat, flinging a perfect shower of rose petals at the beauty's feet, accompanying the action with the words, "California showers red roses on the Jersey Lily."

**An Odd Jewish Ceremony.**

In the Jewish Encyclopedia is an account of a queer ceremony of the taking off a brother's shoe by the widow of a brother who has died childless, through which ceremony he is released from the obligation of marrying her. The ceremony is described as follows:

The yabam (brother-in-law) must have his right foot, on which the shoe is placed, washed very scrupulously, and after he has strapped it on he must walk four cubits in the presence of the judges. Then the chief of the judges reads the following passage, which the yabam (brother-in-law) repeats word for word: "My brother-in-law is placed, washed, washed very scrupulously, and he will not marry me." Then the yabam is required to repeat the sentence, "I do not wish to take her." He then presses his right foot against the floor while she takes off the straps and throws it some distance away. Then she places herself in front of the yabam, spits on the floor in front of him and repeats these words after the presiding judge: "So shall it be done unto that man who will not build up his brother's house, and his name shall be called in Israel 'The house of him that both his shoe loosed.'"

**Her Test.**

An Oregon newspaper man says he was once traveling in the back country of Oregon, and going to a little inn for lodging, was surprised to see a large picture of Dr. Edward Everett Hale on the wall. The woman of the house explained it thus: "Well, you see, a good many strangers come here and want me to keep 'em, and I don't know anything about 'em, but if they know Edward Everett Hale's picture I know they're good for something, and I let 'em stay."

**Professional Swearer.**

A man stepped from a car in the elevated station, ran at the swinging doors and burst them open with his suit case and tore down through the passenger about into the Union depot. He took the stairs in a few jumps, nearly knocked down several men as he rushed through the waiting room and reached the platform in time to see the rear end of his train disappearing around the curve at Bluff street. Then he halted, the suit case dropped to the floor, he took off his hat, wiped his forehead and began to swear loudly. Just then one of the depot passenger directors stepped up to him and said:

**Shopping in Japan.**

Japanese eccentricities makes it a serious matter going to a Japanese shop unless you are going to buy silk handkerchiefs—the only things foreigners buy often enough to spoil the manners of the shopkeeper. You get out of your rickshaw, and the rickshaw boy explains your high and mightiness. Then all the attendants in the shop salam till you wish they would get up and let you catch their eye and explain what you want. When they do get up the Japanese equivalent of the shopwalker and three or four counter jumpers in rotation ask you to repeat your order while they offer you five cups of tea. It is Japanese tea, and there is no milk or sugar, but you can have salted cherry blossoms if you want it. It is a good shop. This is the Japanese way of offering the customer a drink. Good Japanese shops contain nothing except the attendants. When you have got as far as explaining what you want the proprietor gives orders to attendants. Of they go at a run—good servants always run—and bring back the goods tied up in faded green silk handkerchiefs or green cotton cloths.

**The Legend of St. Denis.**

St. Denis was a wanderer in the wilds of the Thessalonian forests for the space of seven years. The strange foods that he ate and the constant companionship of nothing but beasts and birds had a startling effect. His fingers grew claws, and his hair became as the fine feathers of an eagle's neck and breast. Finally, when nearly heartbroken by the changes that his wild life was making in body and mind, he wandered over to a fine looking millinery store and ate heartily of the fruit. The tree was enchanted, and partaking of its fruit brought a change more terrible than all his other transformations—he lost every semblance to a man, instantly changing his shape and likeness to those of a deer. He lay down under a tree and bemoaned his fate in these words: "I was of late a man, but now a horned beast; I was a soldier, but now a prey for dogs. My bed of down I must exchange for moss, and musk for heaving winds." While thus lamenting his fate the tree spoke to him in words of cheer, informing him that in seven years he would be a man again, "which," the account says, "did truly come to pass."

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