

THE GARDEN LADY'S STORIES

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THE WONDERFUL ADVENTURES OF A RAINDROP

By Ethel Allen Murphy

"The green things and flower things growing along our way were swayed to and fro as we brushed against them, and they seemed to be reaching out to stop us. Some flowers were so pretty and had such sweet looks that I wanted to stay with them, but there was a song that all my companions kept singing over and over that made me feel I must go on. This is the song they sang:

Oh, come on with me
To the deep, deep sea,
Where the wandering waters go!
Where the wandering streams
Fulfill their dreams
In the great tide's ebb and flow!

"So down the slopes we ran, sometimes stopped for an instant or turned aside by stones, around which we parted and joined again with a great rush and splutter, sometimes leaping over big spaces, down steep rocks, and making the green and white flying veils that you call the waterfalls.

"Then we ran on through deep woods and came out into meadows soft and smoothly sloping, where the red clover was growing. The red clover, you know, Garden Lady, such as the children plant in their gardens in the fall, because the plants hold the moisture—raindrops like me, you know, and keep the soil in place during the winter and spring months. Then in the spring when it is plowed under the clover adds humus to the earth. You see, Garden Lady, I've sometimes been sorry that I did not spend the winter, tucked away safe in the kind brown earth. Some of my friends did, and they had the most amazing adventures, and they met the old man of the garden, the mole, and they heard all about the little field mouse and her little underground home.

"We almost went to sleep while we were passing through the meadow-lands. But still we heard the song which had led us on calling to us again:

Oh, come to the sea! The deep,
green sea,
Where the waving seaweeds grow,
Where the wild sea creatures wander
free
And the proud ships proudly go!

"So we went on, through broad, flat lands, past farms and towns and cities. And here in the open country we knew that great blue space that you call the sky. We felt something speaking to us from it, as if we were kin to it.

"The stars dropped their images down to us, and we laughed, and rocked them to and fro, and tossed them from one to another. The lights from boats shone and gleamed down upon us and flung long red or green or white streamers of light down to us. We caught them like the boys catch baseballs, and carried them on, rippling and waving, and dropped them as we went laughing on. We were to have the biggest

adventure of all!
"The Moon Maiden spread wonderful white dreams upon us, and always when the moon was brightest our longing for the known, yet unknown, sea was the deepest. Could any Garden Soldier tell us why the moon made the streams long for the sea? Deep down in us we could feel the moon pulling on us, pulling on us to it!

Oh, come to the sea, the deep, deep
sea,
Whose waters still obey,
And ebb and flow, forever free,
Yet bound to the month's bright
ray!

"Great cities grew up along our way. And at night these cities seemed to bloom with flowers of fire. A million, million times brighter than the firefly's torch or the glowworm.

"But we went on in a deeper, broader, more powerful stream, and by our force we gave power and light to the great cities where thousands of soldiers in the United States School Garden Army were raising their wonderful gardens. We were proud of our million, million strength and because we were united, and all worked and pulled together, we were strong enough to bear on the great, moving shoulders of the muddy streams the boats that carried messages and gifts and letters from one great city to another.

"And something else we carried, too, because we carried the gifts of the plains to the mountains. We carried the golden grain from the fields to the people who mined the coal from the earth. The people of the plains and the meadows, and those who raised gardens and had orchards sent grains and vegetables and fruits to those who lived in the mountains, and forests. And the mountain folk and the forest folk sent great logs to build houses, and coal to warm the children's homes, and minerals from the treasuries of the mountains.

"No one of us, alone, Garden Lady, would have been of any use, but when we joined we made the rivers and the streams, and so because we were all together we carried the great boats. We were united in one great army, just like the boys and girls of the United States School Garden Army. Why, there isn't anything, Garden Lady, that the boys and girls can not do if they all are united and work together like the drops of water.

"As we carried the gifts from the mountains to the plains our stream that had been clear and sparkling grew yellowish with mud, tawny colored but grand in its bigness, and beautiful, too, when the sunlight and sunset colors, and moonlight and clouds sent their messages and dreams of beauty to us.

"Other streams joined us. Then there was great news of their adventures. These streams, too, brought millions and millions of earth grains or mud with them, and this dark-

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colored mud was a rich gift from highlands to lowlands; for sometimes in the Spring, when there were great rains and the white cold cover of the earth grew warm and turned to sparkling water, the big and little streams came hurrying down from all directions. Then our stream grew so big and deep and broad that it spread out over the banks, carrying great loads of mud with it. And when the water went back the land was made rich with a new layer of earth full of food for growing things."

(To be concluded next week)

CAKE 4 FEET IN DIAMETER

A cake baked to celebrate the anniversary of a store at Bonner Springs, Kan., contained 50 dozen eggs, 100 pounds of sugar, 60 pounds of butter, 125 pounds of flour, 10 gallons of milk, 7 pounds of baking powder and a quart of vanilla. The first layer of the cake was 58 inches in diameter, the second 36 inches and the third 25 inches. When it was cut 2,000 customers were given slices.

HOOVER WON'T RUN AS DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

Herbert Hoover again has answered "No" to a inquiry whether he would accept the Democratic nomination for President if it was offered to him. In a telegram to Chandler M. Wood, chairman of the executive

committee of the Democratic State committee of Massachusetts, Mr. Hoover said:

"Your published letter asking if I would accept the Democratic nomination has been received by me this morning, and I appreciate the im-

plied compliment. I gather that it was written prior to a statement of mine last Saturday, which appeared in Boston and other papers. You will no doubt, therefore, now appreciate that the answer to your inquiry is "No."



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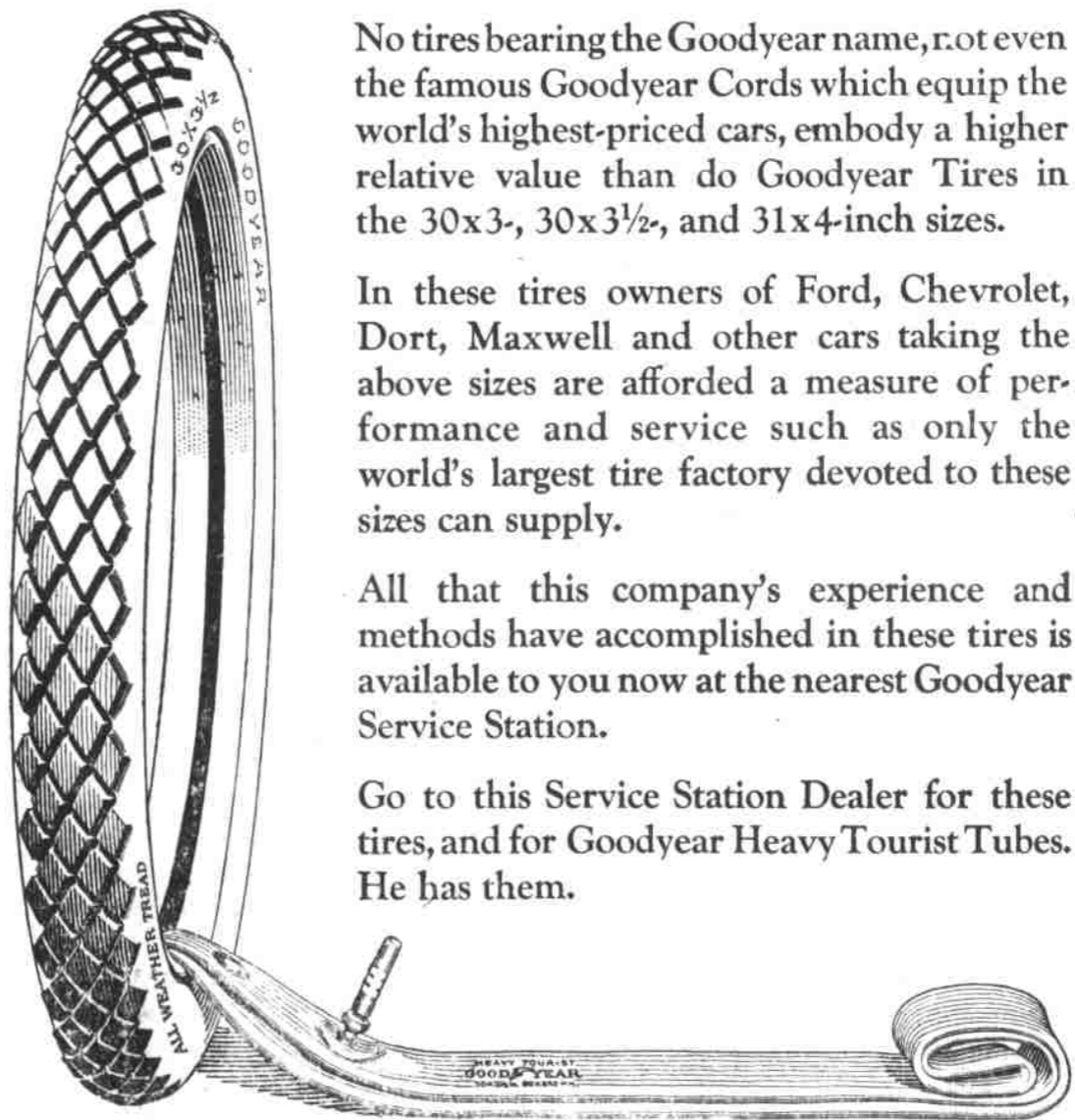


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