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THE FLUTTER OF THE GOLDLEAF

A PLAY IN ONE ACT

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CHARACTERS

- PHILO WARNER, *a student*
HIRAM WARNER, *his father, the village grocer*
MARY ANN WARNER, *his mother*
DR. BELLOWS, *the village physician*
DR. SEYMOUR, *a city specialist*
REBA SLOAN, *a neighbor's daughter*

THE FLUTTER OF THE GOLDLEAF

SCENE: *Laboratory in the attic of the Warner cottage. At right, toward rear, entrance from down-stairs. A rude partition, left, with door in centre. Window centre rear. Large kitchen table loaded with apparatus. Shelves, similarly loaded, against wall near table, right. Wires strung about. A rude couch, bench, and several wooden chairs.*

Time, about 8 p. m. Lamp burns on table. MRS. WARNER comes up-stairs, puts her head inside the room nervously, then enters and looks about.

Mrs. W.

Such a mess! And the doctors will be here in half an hour! (*Tries to get busy but seems bothered. Crosses to table and looks at a little machine that stands upon it.*) *That's what's driving my boy crazy! If I only dared to smash it! The right sort of a mother would do just that! (Looks at machine with dire meditation.)*

Warner (without, roaring up the stairs)

Mary Ann!