

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Will Wills and James Hooper are busy making maple syrup. Their camp is near the Hope Mine East of Crystal Falls and the boys say they have succeeded in charming the sap by means of music so that it flows readily and will have quite an output of sugar for their credit.

Mrs. Bridget Gray, a lady of eighty seven years of age, stepped off the Watersmeet passenger train between Spread Eagle and Florence while the train was running at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. How she escaped being instantly killed is a mystery, as there were railroad ties strewed all along the track about the place where she fell. The only injuries she received were slight bruises on the shoulder, head and face. Mrs. Gray is the mother of Mrs. Edward Sweeney of Crystal Falls and was journeying alone from Nebraska to visit her daughter. She cannot explain how it happened and it is surmised that she was "sleep-walking" when she walked off the train car.