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SFX: HANGS UP. PICKS UP AND DIALS BU 8-9970

AGNES: Is that Henschly Hospital?

RECEPT: Henschly Hospital.

AGNES: Nurses registry.

RECEPT: Who is it that you want to speak to?

AGNES: I want the Nurses Registry at once. I want a trained nurse. I want to hire her immediately -- for the night...

RECEPT: I see. What is the nature of the case, madam?

AGNES: Nerves. I'm very nervous. I need soothing and companionship. You see, my husband is away and I'm...

RECEPT: Have you been recommended to us by any doctor in particular madam?

AGNES: No, but I really don't see why all this is necessary. I want a trained nurse. I was a patient in your hospital two years ago and after all, I do expect to pay this person for attending me...

RECEPT: We quite understand that, madam, but these are war times, you know. Registered nurses are very scarce just now and our superintendent has asked us to send people out only on cases where the physician in charge feels it is absolutely necessary...

AGNES: Well, it is absolutely necessary! I'm a sick woman -- I -- I'm very upset... Very. I'm alone in this house -- and I'm an invalid -- and tonight I overheard a telephone conversation that upset me dreadfully. A woman is going to be killed when a train crosses a bridge...
(beginning to yell) ... in fact, if someone doesn't come at once I'm afraid I'll go out of my mind!

RECEPT: (patronizing) Well, I'll speak to Miss Phillips as soon as she comes in. And what is your name, madam?

AGNES: Miss Phillips? When do you expect her to come in?

RECEPT: I really couldn't say. She went out to supper at eleven o'clock?

AGNES: Eleven o'clock! But it's not eleven yet! OH! Oh, my clock has stopped. I thought it was running down. What time is it?

RECEPT: Jus fifteen minutes past eleven.

SFX: TELEPHONE CLICKS

AGNES: (whispering) What was that?

RECEPT: What was what, madam?

AGNES: That. That click just now -- in my own telephone -- as though someone had lifted the receiver off the hook -- off the extension telephone downstairs.

RECEPT: I didn't hear it, madam. Now about this nur...

AGNES: But I did! There's someone in this house -- someone downstairs -- in the kitchen -- and they're listening to me now. They're list...

SFX: TELEPHONE DISCONNECTS

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