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There must be moonshine

Fin de siècle.
Ethel Sargant, botanist
(Girton student 1880s)
builds a lab in her garden
in Reigate, on her way to
recognition, fellowships
(Linnean Society 1904,
Girton College 1913).

The Reigate lab, of course
has a source
of pure water: a still.

Garden shed
with a still? Local
excise officer takes to
dropping by unannounced.
Catch them at it –
there must be moonshine.