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## Alicia Hammersley A Woman Who Wouldn't Remarry

By Idah McClone Gibson  
The Kated Writer

(Alicia Hammersley, nee Alicia Atwell and commonly called Alicia— is telling the absorbing story of her girlhood. On the morning of her own wedding day, she wonders whether she really knows the man she is to marry. Alicia's thoughts lead her to seek her mother for consolation. She finds her mother in the attic, seated before an old trunk, which is filled with "memories". As Alicia enters her mother is fondling a pair of baby shoes. Alicia's mother consoles her and points out the great happiness to be found in a marriage based upon understanding, but warns Alicia that it is something very different from the day dream of an engaged girl. On leaving the church after the wedding, Bart, Alicia's young brother, accidentally slams the automobile door on Hal's hand. Hal, forgetful of everything swears madly. He acts childish about it. He steps to the door of the car to direct the chauffeur to a hospital. In doing so, his heavy heel bruises Alicia's foot so badly that it bleeds. Both have their bruises bandaged at the hospital. They give up going to the wedding reception and drive to a hotel. In wedding finery and bandages, they create a sensation at the hotel. Hal goes to the grill with men friends, neglecting Alicia. The newspapers get the story and Hal and Alicia feel ridiculous over the affair.)

### Alicia's Matrimonial Education.

As Hal came back from the telephone after calling up Duane, I rose from the table and started toward the other room, thinking I would change my negligee for a walking suit before Duane arrived.

As I reached the door I heard Hal slip and land on the floor with a thud. He gave a cry of mingled anger and surprise. I turned quickly, and the sight that greeted my eyes convulsed me with laughter. Hal had slipped on the cheese sandwich which had dropped from his hand to the floor during the night.

"What are you laughing about?" he grumbled. "Is there anything in my falling that is funny?"

And then I explained.

"When you were asleep on that sofa last night, you were still holding in your outstretched hand this cheese sandwich," I said picking up the remnant. "You evidently had brought it from the grill when you came up last night, and while you slept, it dropped from your hand."

"Good Lord. You don't mean to tell me that I brought part of a stale cheese sandwich up here last night. Ah, old dear, I will never understand how any woman can really care for any man. We are a selfish lot, of brutes. Aren't we?"

"You don't believe a word you are saying, Hal. And if I should agree with you, you would think that I was ungracious. So, I am not going to. I am going to run away and make myself presentable before Duane comes."

"Presentable! Presentable! Why, you are the prettiest thing that ever lived, just as you are. What's the use of hobbling around on that poor little foot, and trying to dress? There'll be a doctor and nurse here pretty soon. We'll ask the nurse to help you get into something so that we can go for a ride. Or, you might put a long coat on over that fluffy-ruffle thing. Call up Bab and tell her to buy a pair of soft shoes for you."

Again he came over and pulled me toward him and started to exclaim: "It's a —"

"I put my hand over his mouth. 'Don't swear any more, dear. It isn't like you.'"

"But it is like me."

"But I never heard you swear until after the wedding ceremony."

"Alix, sweetheart, before marriage, a man is selling himself to his girl. I was showing off all my good qualities and keeping all my bad ones in the background. I presume, Alix, you were doing the same. Now, weren't you?" And Hal put his hand under my chin caressingly and lifted my face to his.

"If I did, I did it 'unconsciously,' I said honestly, and I wondered at the soundness of a marriage system, based on a code of deception. As I look back upon it now, from the vantage point of more mature years, I wonder if one of the reasons for so much divorce doesn't lie in the practice of concealing one's true character during the days of courtship. For when either party finds that the merchandise acquired by the marriage contract is not as represented,—if I may use Hal's business term—'isn't there just cause for dissatisfaction, I wonder?"

"Well," said Hal, "there is one thing I am sure of Alix, 'there is one thing I got acquainted all over again on a different basis.'"

Just then the phone rang.

"That's Duane. I'll run downstairs and see him."

I wondered why he didn't have Duane come up to our suite, but I said nothing.

My education in matrimony had progressed rapidly in the last twenty-four hours. First, I had learned that even on his wedding day, physical pain could make a man forget everything but himself; second, I had learned that the vocabulary my husband kept for his men friends was not of the polite order, with which he had regaled me; third, I had a faint idea that a man's memory of his duty to his wife was very short when he foregoeth with his men friends; fourth, I knew that unless I could keep my sense of humor intact my life was going to be one long endurance contest, and fifth, I was surprised to find how quickly a man's male friends responded to his S. O. S. call. Had I called up one of my women friends she would probably have been down after luncheon. Duane had come to Hal's rescue within fifteen minutes.

Mother did not wait for me to call the house, and it almost made tears come when I heard her voice.

"You poor child," she said, "you certainly have had your troubles. Bab tells me that your foot is in very bad shape."

"Yes mother, I want her to go and get me a pair of big, soft slippers, as it is badly swollen."

"I wouldn't try to use it today, Alicia," said mother.

"I couldn't if I tried" was my answer.

"How is Hal's hand," queried mother.

"It is getting better fast," I told her. "He is downstairs now, planning with Duane Benton to change our where to some quiet place where we can nurse our wounds and quarrel to our heart's content."

"Oh, my dear, my dear, you have not started already?"

"Not quite."

Before I hung up the receiver, I heard my mother sigh.

Tomorrow—Alicia's Shattered Illusions.

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