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FRIDAY, APRIL 15th.

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Alicia Hammersly A Woman Who Wouldn't Remarry

By Idah McGlone Gibson
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Alicia's Old Home

Mother Hammersly did not refer to my condition in any way, although I knew that Hal must have told her the next morning when I did not get up for breakfast. Her silence rather hurt me, for, of course I felt that the fact that a baby was coming to Hal and me was the greatest thing in the world at that moment. She also received my announcement that I was going home without comment. Hal came home early in the afternoon and brought me the railroad ticket and handed me fifty dollars. "I wish it were more," he said, "but Altx, you know dad only pays me a very small salary and gives us our board and room."

"Do you think that is a good arrangement, Hal? I am sure that your mother is not satisfied with things, and I know I am not, Hal, I feel that I can never come back to this house to live, and I am sure that your mother does not want me to."

"What is the matter Altx? Surely you and mother have not quarreled, have you?"

"No, but I am sure that we will of we do not get away from each other. You know that my way of keeping house is very different from your mother's. I believe the houses and furniture were made for the comfort of those who live in them and not to be considered as tyrants, always crying out 'consider me, consider me.' You know Hal that we cannot possibly live with your mother anyway, very long after the baby comes. It would drive her crazy to have a baby in the house."

"I guess you are right, Altx. After you have been home a few days, and see your parents, you can come back and look up a house or some housekeeping rooms and we will try it alone. Are you sure that you will be able to keep our house?" Hal asked hesitatingly. "You know we will not be able to keep help."

"I know dear, it will not be as hard for me to work in my own house in my own way as it was for me to work in your mother's way. We are living in a new generation, Hal, and we must live in the present—not in the past."

"Come, dear, it is time for you to go. I will see what I can do while you are away," said Hal. "Oh, my dear, you do not know how I hate to have you go."

"Then you are happier, married, Hal?"

"I do not know that I am any happier married," said Hal honestly. "For I have always been happy, but some way, I can not think about myself without you."

At the time I thought that it was rather queer, but I understood just what he meant as soon as I got to my old home. After I had seen my Mother and Dad, Bart and Babs, I was ready to go back, even if I had to live at Hal's home for a while. I could not think of myself without Hal. To my surprise, I found that my father's house was not my home any more. I was not particularly interested in, and, with the exception

of my mother, no one seemed to be interested in my affairs. The short time that I had been married had completely changed the whole trend of my thoughts. Babs could not understand why I preferred to stay at home with Mother instead of showing my pretty frocks at the Country Club.

"If you don't wear them now, you probably won't get another chance," she warned. "If I were you, I would not like to be tied down with a baby so soon after I was married. Aren't you ever going to dance any more?"

"Of course I am Babs," I answered impatiently. "I'd like to dance this minute if Hal were here, but some way, the old crowd doesn't seem the same."

I did not realize at the time that the old crowd was the same and that it was I who was changed.

I was a little hurt that Duane Benton did not call to see me immediately. He was Hal's best friend. One afternoon I learned the reason, however, when he was placed beside me at dinner. I learned the reason.

"Hal wrote that I was intruding when I suggested that you go to Niagara on your wedding trip," he said in a rather aggrieved voice.

"Hal was not a good sport to tell you that Duane, without also telling you that I did not blame you. I did blame Hal for taking your advice without consulting me, that was all."

"I told him so too," said Duane, "but he seemed to think that you would be satisfied with anything as long as he wanted to do it. He remarked that you were always satisfied before marriage."

I did not say anything, for I had to acknowledge to myself that I always agreed with Hal before I had married him.

Duane looked at me curiously as I was silent, and said: "Great Scott, Altx, old Hal is a lucky man. I expect that you know you are the most beautiful girl here tonight. I've a good mind to flirt with you myself."

"Are you sure that I would allow you to, Duane?"

Duane lowered his voice to just the right pitch and cadence and said: "Wouldn't you, Altx?"

I felt my pulses tingle, and then I said to myself: "Don't be a fool, Altx."

"Do you think Altx," continued Duane, "that Hal is not having a nice little flirtation while you are away, my dear girl, I am coming around tomorrow to take you out in my new car. It's a bird."

Provisionally Babs came up just then and I did not have to answer, but I could not help from feeling that another of my theories about all men were false.

Since that time I have found out again and again that it is not true that men are greater friends to each other than women are to those of their own sex. I have never known but one of Hal's friends that have not tried at some time or other to make love to me.

I wonder if that is the average experiences of most married women?

Growers Interested In Cannery Merger

PORTLAND, April 12—Berry and fruit growers all over the Pacific northwest have been evincing great interest in the merger of the canning industries of Oregon and Washington in the belief that this will be the salvation of the berry growing industry, which is seriously threatened with an over supply. The over supply, however, is not of canned products, but of the raw material, and, with a great demand for canned fruits, the berry growers are eager to see some solution of the difficulty, whereby their product may be made available for the markets through operation of the canneries.

The opinion has been voiced freely that the growers are sure their interests will be conserved by the Oregon-Washington Canning and Preserving Company, due to the far-sighted financiers interested in the gigantic merger and their avowed purpose to see that the berry producing industry is fostered and is built up by paying fair prices to the growers.

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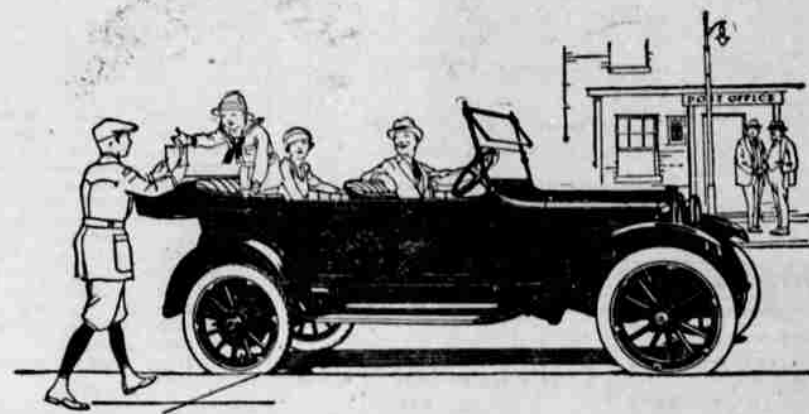
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