

Alicia Hammersly A Woman Who Wouldn't Remarry

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A Trying Night

I staggered toward a chair that sat near the door as Hal's father told me he would find my husband in a gambling house.

I must have been very pale, for father Hammersly came in and said: "You poor child! I did not mean to frighten you, but I think you should know. Ever since you have been gone, Hal has been out almost every night. Nothing kept him at home. You will not understand my worry, when I tell you that I think, my dear, that you were a great mistake by leaving him."

"If he is so mad about cards, he probably would have come just the same had I been here. I did not know he played cards until the other day when one of his friends told me. I can't understand, either, why he should stay away from the office he surely, he can play at night."

"You say he was not home to his supper?"

"I have not seen him since he left this morning."

I could not tell Hal's father that I had seen his son coming out of Nell Marshall's gate in the afternoon, particularly as I knew that Hal had not seen me.

"I wish you'd put on your things, Alice, and go after him with me."

"Oh, I can't. I can't. I can't do that. Surely he will come home with you."

"Probably, Alice, but my idea is that if you go, you will shame him."

into staying away from such a place. "But Hal would be very angry with me."

"He has no right to be angry with you, my child. And, this gambling fever of his has to be nipped in the bud some way."

I could see that Father Hammersly was greatly exercised, although he finally decided not to go after Hal.

He stayed with me for some time, and it was nearly twelve when he left.

In my heart of hearts, I could not feel that Hal was so thoughtless as to play cards on the first night of my arrival home, and for the next two hours my imagination played all sorts of tricks with me. I saw him lying with a bullet in his head, in some doorway. I saw him lying beside a railroad track, unconscious. I saw him in every possible accident that could come to him, and was pictured in my brain.

The minutes of that night engraved themselves indelibly on my memory. I wonder sometimes, now, how many other women have waited and watched through a long, weary night for men to return.

At last I turned out the light in the living room and sat beside the window where I could see the dimly lighted street. My ears were so keenly attuned to every sound, that I detected the steps of every pedestrian while he was still several blocks off. I knew that not one of them was my husband.

And then I tried logic, saying to

myself, "Don't be foolish. Go to bed. You can do nothing until morning. I have spent many unhappy hours, in my life, but I do not think that there was ever one so full of horror and soul torture as the first night my husband stayed away from home."

I tried to think what I should say to him when he came home. I found that I was ashamed to meet him—ashamed for him. I almost hated him as I thought he, knowing that I would be waiting, had wretchedly elected to stay away. For the first time since I knew that a baby was coming to me, I wished it were not so. I thought over and over again the episode at Nell Marshall's and at last I came to the conclusion that Hal had never really cared for me.

And then I heard his footsteps in the distance. He was coming on very rapidly. The sound grew louder and louder. Could I believe my ears? Hal was whistling.

I sprang into the corner of the darkened living room as I heard his key in the door. But, as it opened, the light from the hallway shone in straight upon me.

"Why, Alice, what is the matter?" I thought you would be asleep long hours ago."

"Do you know what time it is Hal?" I asked tragically.

"Never mind the time, Alice, let's get to bed."

Continued Tomorrow.

SPORTS CHATTER

Entry blanks for the United States 220 yard senior breast stroke and the 440 yard junior four man relay have been issued by the Olympic club of San Francisco. The blanks have been mailed to all large athletic and swimming classes and clubs throughout the country. The races will be held at the Olympic club tank on Wednesday, April 20th. Entries must reach the Olympic club by April 14. Entries are expected from the Multnomah club, Portland; Crystal Pool Seattle, Los Angeles A. C.; San Diego rowing club, and it is possible that the Illinois A. C. of Chicago, will enter a man in the breast stroke event.

The coming summer promises to see a brilliant season of aquatic events at Coronado, Southern California. This famous racing course just off the Coronado hotel will be the scene of a number of swimming championships. In June and July, when some of the southern California titles will be decided, and arrangements are now being made for a big aquatic meet on July 4th, at which time it is probable that some of the Pacific coast titles will be decided. Besides the swimming, the San Diego rowing club will stage its annual regatta over the Coronado course, and the senior crews have already started training over this very course in preparation for the annual

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Farm Values Are On the Increase

PORTLAND, April 18.—The value of farm property advanced nearly \$300,000,000 during the ten-year period from 1910 to 1920, according to a bulletin just issued by the United States bureau of census. These figures included increases in land values, buildings, machinery and livestock.

Buildings on farms during that period nearly doubled in value and a similar advance was shown in livestock. The value of implements and machinery used on the farm trebled in the same period, thus indicating a big advance in up-to-date methods among Oregon farmers.

The value of farm property in 1920 was shown to be \$318,559,751, compared to \$28,343,782 in 1910. The value of the various items going to make up farm property for the year 1920 was shown to have been: Land, \$586,242,049; buildings, \$88,971,235; implements and machinery, \$41,567,125, and livestock, \$101,779,342. The figures for the year 1910 were as follows: Land, \$441,686,102; buildings, \$42,880,207; implements and machinery, \$13,205,645, and livestock, \$101,779,342.

The number of farms in the state was shown to have increased from 45,502 to 50,206.

The report showed the vast possibilities for future agricultural development. Only 22.1 per cent of the land area of the state was in farms, and of the land in farms but 24.3 per cent was improved. The average acreage on each farm was shown to be 269.7 and the average improved acreage on each farm only 97.9.

No figures for the production of Oregon farms for the year 1920 were available, but the report gave the figures for the preceding year. The total value of all crops produced in the state in 1919 was \$131,884,639. This amount was divided among the following crops: Cereals, \$53,980,152; other grains and seeds, \$1,366,901; hay and forage, \$41,835,706; vegetables, \$11,762,494; fruits and nuts, \$20,373,412, and other crops, \$2,565,974.

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