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Alicia Hammersly
A Woman Who Wouldn't Remarry
By Idah McGlone Gibson
The Noted Writer

Alicia Hammersly, nee Alicia Alwell, and commonly called Alix—is telling the absorbing story of her girlhood. She is engaged to Hallet Hammersly. On the morning of her wedding day, she wonders whether she really knows the man she is 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 that the great happiness to be found in a marriage based on understanding, but warns Alicia that it is something very different from the day dreams of an engaged girl. Alicia meets Nell Marshall, an old sweetheart of Hal's. Alicia prepares dinner as usual one night and awaits Hal's return. He was due at six. By eight he had not come. By nine Hal's father calls. Alicia then learns that Hal is at Whites Gambling house. Dawn was breaking when Alicia worn out with her night of worry and anxiety, hears Hal's footsteps on the street. He made but light of his neglect, and dropped, exhausted into bed. Alicia sat the remainder of the night out, thinking. She wondered about the child that was coming to them. Hal, weary from his hours at the gambling tables, unmindful of the explanation due Alicia, and without a thought of the child that was coming, went, suddenly to bed. Long after Hal was asleep Alicia stood by the window watching the dawn. At last she fell asleep on the divan to be awakened by a contrite Hal at eight. Having seen Hal at Nell Marshall's the previous afternoon, without Hal having seen her, Alicia chanced to ask him where he had spent the previous afternoon. He replied that he had attended some races. The untruth of this shocked Alicia far more than an open admission would have done. Alicia and Hal quarrel furiously over Hal's returning home so late, and his neglecting her. Alicia declines to accept his apologies and assurances that he will not repeat the performance. Hal is astonished and perplexed at her anger. Hal still persists in playing cards nights, although he is not out late. Nell Marshall leaves to take up a stage career. Alicia was always in need of funds because of Hal's card playing. The shame of it finally made her tell Hal that she must go home for the birth of her child.

A Mother's Advice

"But you know, my dear, that I probably cannot be with you at the time if you go home to your mother" objected Hal. Why not go to a hospital here?"

"I would rather go home Hal. I cannot stand it without my mother any longer: she will understand."

When Hal found I was determined to do this, he arranged for my mother to come after me. When she arrived, he tried to persuade her to stay with me instead of taking me home.

"I can't do it, Hal my boy" she said. "Besides, I think it will do my little girl a lot of good to get away. She is not looking as well as I wish. You are not very far away from us and can come at any time within six hours."

I dread to acknowledge it, but I do not think I had been as happy in months as I was the day I got on the train to go home with my mother. I had not dared to tell her what it seemed to me to be tied down by a child while the man was free. I did not dare tell her that I did not want my baby.

The morning I was leaving, I had found in Hal's pocket, a letter from Nell Marshall, telling him how well she was getting along and enclosing a check for $250. It was then that I found from her letter that he had given her $500 when she left. I really would not have objected to this although it seemed to me that I needed it as much for my comfort as she did at the time; but it grieved me to know that Had had not faith in my common sense, enough to tell me.

I was further humiliated by having him hand me a little roll of bills as I got on the train saying: "My dear, here is a little windfall which I had this morning. I will send you more as soon as I can." As I counted them, I found just $250.

"What's the matter dear? What did you say?" asked my mother. And then I knew I had laughed.

To mother's question I answered "I did not speak mother."

"But I don't like that scornful little laugh you gave Alix. It does not seem like you" said my mother solicitously.

"I guess it's like me,—like I am now, perhaps."

"Alix, aren't you happy?" said my mother. "You should be very happy."

"Yes, I guess I'm happy enough. Mother," I said suddenly, "when did you find out that marriage and love were very different from each other?

She looked at me long and earnestly.

"What do you mean, Alicia. Are you afraid of what is coming to you?

"No. I am not afraid of bearing children. What all the mothers of the generations before me have borne, I can bear. But I am afraid, mother—very much afraid—of the long years of wedded life that stretch out beyond. It is all so very different from what I expected. I seem to have lived centuries since the day I was married."

"Alix, I thought you loved Hal."

"So did I."

"Don't you know whether you loved him or not?"

"No. Neither do I know whether I love him now."

"Oh, my child, my child. I should have explained to you a wife is just as different from a sweetheart as night is from day. The transition, my dear, is always hard for the woman. It hurts, but the time will come when you will know that there is nothing holier nor sweeter in the world than the position of wife and mother. You will have lost by that time all the restlessness and want of romance which you now seem to think necessary for your happiness."

"Contentment, my dear, is a passive—perhaps you might call it prosaic—state of mind but when you reach it, you will know that you have reached that heavenly state which only comes to women through experience."

Continued Tomorrow

Relay Carnival Will Be Staged

Next Friday and Saturday, the famous University of Pennsylvania Relay carnival will be staged at Philadelphia. From a small beginning less than ten years ago, the Penn relays now occupy a place on the sports calendar that is unsurpassed or unequalled. It is without argument the largest athletic meet in the world, and is international in character from a competitive standpoint and is world wide in its fame.

The relays decide the college and school championships in various events of the year, and this year, the largest number of institutions and athletes have entered, surpassing by large numbers the record established last year. One hundred and eleven colleges and three hundred schools are represented, a total of 411 institutions. These institutions are represented by more than three thousand individual competitors.

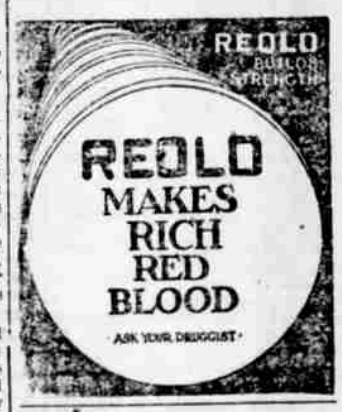
Last year, Oxford sent its relay team. This year an all star French University team is to compete. The Frenchmen have been on hand for the last ten days and their manager is doing everything in his power to get his men into shape. The Frenchman has to have his "vin rouge" and in this instance the "frogs" were unable to get their daily quota of wine, just as Mr. Volstead some time ago decreed otherwise. Just what the French will do under the circumstances is problematical from their manager's point of view.

All of the big colleges of the east have entered their best men in the different events. Harvard, Yale and Princeton the big three are all very strongly represented. Pennsylvania, of course, will enter teams and individuals in every event. Landon, of Yale, the present Intercollegiate and Olympic games high jump champion, will be one of the stars competing in the events and in all other events, Olympic games men are entered. An announcement has been made from Philadelphia, that Yount, of Redlands, California, and Jenne, of the Washington state college a. tllman Washington, are two of the entries. Yount will travel the hurdles and Jenne will go int the pole vault. Charlie Paddock, champion sprinter, of the University of Southern California was invited to compete, but local sentiment held Paddock in Los Angeles to compete in the Southern California A. A. U. contests.

International flavor is added to the meet by the entries of other foreign teams than the French. The Toronto and the McGill Universities of Canada have both entered teams and, as both these colleges are strong in various events, their energy will lend added zest to the meet.

Additional events have been put on the program this year, the most notable new event being the medley relay for the scholastic championship of the United States.

As important as these relay games have been in the past, the program next Friday and Saturday is unquestionably superior to any of its predecessors. Not only is the entry larger, but more champions and genuine stars are entered than ever before. The games have through a series of years developed into an event of International popularity and are looked forward to each year not only by this country by by athletic followers the world over.



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