

Alicia Hammersly A Woman Who Wouldn't Remarry

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Roland Early's Story.

We make plans in this world only to see them go glimmering away on the road of reality.

I did not see Mr. Early the next day, for I found on reaching the office that he had taken an earlier train than he had expected.

Miss Belcher, looking very grim, handed me a sealed note from him the moment I entered. "This was done before the eyes of the whole staff and she spoke loudly when she said: 'Mr. Early said to tell you that he would write you more explicitly when he arrived in Chicago.' I was so furious with her that I could not speak. Just why the note should be sealed, I could not tell, as Miss Belcher had evidently typed it herself and it contained nothing but good wishes and encouragement for my future work with an explanation as to why it would be impossible for him to give me further instructions in person.

I had the presence of mind, however, to take the note into my private office after bidding everyone "Good morning" and stopping to chat with one of the sweetest women I had met.

Miss Belcher followed me into my office and closed the door mysteriously, saying, "Mr. Early was very much upset when he arrived at his house last night to find a telegram saying his wife was much worse and he took a much earlier train than he had intended."

I think I succeeded in keeping my face perfectly impassive, for she continued: "Of course you know that he had been summoned to Chicago by the serious illness of his wife."

"Mr. Early never spoke to me of his affairs and naturally I did not ask."

"Surely you know he was married?"

"I imagined as much, as it would be quite strange if a man as fascinating to women as Mr. Early had never married."

"Do you mean to tell me, Mrs. Hammersly, that you do not know the great tragedy in Mr. Early's life?"

"You forgot, Miss Belcher, that Mr. Early and myself are almost strangers."

"Well, I thought it was queer that you dined with him last night in so conspicuous a place as the Carville hotel, for everyone must have seen in the evening papers that Mrs. Early was ill in Chicago. I was quite sure that you had seen it."

"Like lightning the thought sprang into my mind: Judge Turner must have seen the paragraph and, at the risk of seeming rude to me and embarrassing Mr. Early, he had come over to the table and when he found that I really knew nothing about it he calmly seated himself to protect me, as well as Mr. Early, from the gossip."

"Mr. Early is a marked man in this city," said Miss Belcher.

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"Well, through no fault of his, of course, he is perhaps the loneliest person in the city. You see he holds such a conspicuous position that he cannot accept invitations to places or invite others to be his guests without occasioning a great deal of

comment."

"I don't understand. Is he separated from his wife? Is his wife not invited?"

"No. That is just the reason. She insists upon living with him and seldom accepts an invitation."

"Doesn't he want to live with her?"

"Oh, my dear, I see I will have to tell you the whole story. It was when Mr. Early was at college that it all happened. Mrs. Early is at least ten years older than he. Mr. Early, you know, was very poor and worked his way through. Mrs. Early, not on his blind side, and as she had a little money, she offered it to him for his education. He, being a very honorable gentleman, and knowing she was in love with him, told her that he could not possibly take it unless there was an agreement that they should marry at the end of his course."

"Of course you understand this was what she wanted all the time, but Mr. Early was despondent and almost despairing. His health had given out and it seemed to him the only way out was to make the agreement and then live up to it. But long before he was through college he had lost the little love he had for her."

"Who was Mrs. Early?"

"Of course you would ask, for you would imagine that a woman who would make an agreement of this kind could not have any particular culture or reputation, but there you are mistaken. Mrs. Early is the daughter of a professor in the college and she had been very much interested in Mr. Early from the first. Her home was perhaps the only one that he ever visited for relaxation. You know how charming he is, and I suppose she fell in love with him. At least he was her last resort."

"It seems to me, Miss Belcher, as though Mrs. Early has all the best of the argument up to date, even as you tell it."

"Do you think it right, Mrs. Hammersly, for a woman ten years older than a man to marry him at the beginning of his career?"

"Evidently she has not spoiled it, for he holds a very high position for a man of his age, and we both know many a man whose career has been ruined by marrying some little doll-faced damsel who, through selfishness and irresponsibility, has done worse than murdered him bodily, for she has murdered his soul."

"But you cannot see, Mrs. Hammersly, that Mrs. Early has made Mr. Early's life one long purgatory?"

"Not knowing him as well as you, Miss Belcher, I cannot quite understand why, if Mrs. Early is a woman of culture and taste, and as unselfish as she must have been from your story, why he is not perfectly willing to live up to his agreement with her."

Miss Belcher looked at me in silence and then went into her own office, slamming the door in a way that made me understand that she considered me impossible.

Tomorrow—Judge Turner Phones.

BAND CONCERT JUNE 16.

The Douglas county concert band will give a concert at the armory, Thursday, June 16, at 8 o'clock p. m. Fine singing and vaudeville will be included in the program. Admission 25 cents. This will be a good chance for everyone to support the band.

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News-Review Washington Bureau.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Young men of Oregon who have burning ambitions to become a cadet at Annapolis and West Point cannot all achieve their goal, but the government has another training organization and is now on the lookout for young men. In fact, to be quite frank about it the coast guard of the United States is anxious to get cadets to train at New London, Conn., for officers of this auxiliary in time of war and guardian of the merchant marine in time of peace.

Few people realize that the coast guard has a fully equipped academy where the cadets are trained most of the year and from which they start each summer on the annual cruise. Before the war these practice cruises including the ports of the English Channel one year, the Mediterranean another and the West Indian still another.

Trained in Aviation.

The coast guard cadets are also trained in aviation, and they receive the same allowances as the midshipmen in the navy receive (\$750 per year and rations). Cadet engineers receive \$75 per month and rations. It takes the ordinary cadet three years to graduate, and at the end of that he becomes an ensign in the coast guard.

A cadet engineer upon graduation after a year at the academy is commissioned as an ensign (engineer-in-chief). From that time on his promotion depends upon the service. Commissioned officers of the coast guard rank with the officers of the army, the navy and the marine corps. They receive the same pay and allowance.

Urged to Enter

All of the Oregon senators and congressmen have been invited by the service to urge young men throughout the state to enter the competitive examination June 27. Examinations will be held all over the country and the places most available to the Oregon candidates will be Portland, Ore., and San Francisco, Calif. There are many vacancies now existing, due to promotions and retirements, because of the active participation of this service in the world war as an adjunct of the navy.

Those who pass the examinations successfully will report at the Academy four weeks after the close of the examinations. Mental examinations for cadets, which will follow a physical examination will require three days and cover the following subjects: Algebra, geometry, plane trigonometry, physics, spelling, composition, geography and general information.

Special Course.

Ordinary high school graduates should be able to pass this examination. Cadet engineer candidates will receive an extra day to engineering, electricity and steam engineering. This part of the examination will be equivalent to that given for entrance in the ordinary colleges.

Age limits for appointments as cadets are 18 to 24 years and for appointment for cadet engineers are from 20 to 25 years. Some of the ambitious Oregon boys who have passed the age limits for Annapolis and West Point still have a chance in this examination.

Duties Defined.

In peace times the duties of the coast guard are the rendering of assistance to vessels in distress and the saving of life and property at sea and along coast and along the Great Lakes.

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FEAR LOSS OF ELK HERDS

Animals in Yellowstone Park Are Rapidly Disappearing, According to Official Reports.

Officials of the United States Department of Agriculture are alarmed over the threatened extermination of the elk herd in Yellowstone park. On the ranges of the park, where ordinarily thousands of these animals could be seen, only a very few have been observed this winter. Several theories have been offered to account for the marked shrinkage in the herd. Among these is the probability that the majority died from natural causes or had been killed during the last year. Another is that the open fall and winter caused the elk to remain in hiding in some retreat deep in the mountains and in the higher and more inaccessible portions of the park. Open falls in the past, however, have not caused the elk to abandon their usual customs and habits.

That there has been an alarming shrinkage in the Yellowstone herd during the last five years is an established fact, according to figures supplied by the Department of Agriculture. In 1914 it was estimated at about 25,000; in 1917, 17,500 were counted, and, if the figures for the present year, estimated by those close in touch with the situation, are true, there remains much less than half this number. In 1919, 3,900 head were killed in the Yellowstone band, the supervisor of the Absaroka national forest reports.

The Department of Agriculture points out that no herd of wild animals can sustain an annual shrinkage in numbers for any length of time and not face complete extermination within a few years.

DENIES WOMAN IS MYSTERY

Man Is Puzzling Himself for Nothing, Is Assertion Made by Writer of Gentle Sex.

After declaring to the reporters who met him in New York that the women of today care for nothing but having a good time and have assumed an attitude of pugna enjoyment, the English essayist, Gilbert K. Chesterton, is reported as moving majestically along the pier shaking hands with the custom officers and leaving Mrs. Chesterton to see about the baggage.

"My wife understands these things; I don't," he said, with a sweep of his stick.

It is evident from the report that, although woman may have changed much since before the war, as Mr. Chesterton says, some of the oldtime masculine attitude toward them remains. May Stranathan writes in the Pittsburgh Dispatch. In further proof of this, the Englishman goes on to speak in the same old prewar way about the psychology of women, using the familiar words, "I speak reverently as of a mystery, for a man never knows what a woman will do," and then he tells how she will act under certain circumstances.

The mystery about it is not in the psychology of woman, but in the fact that, having supposed that a woman would act in the way most natural to all humanity, he thinks it is mysterious because a woman does it. He describes a man as likely to act the same way under similar circumstances, but does not see any mystery in the masculine point of view.

Hear Heart Yards Away.

An amplifying apparatus described as so delicate as to permit a physician in one city to make a stethoscopic study of the heart action of a patient hundreds of miles away, was demonstrated to a group of army and civilian medical men at the army signal corps laboratories at Washington. The principle involved is similar to that used in transmitting President Harding's inaugural address.

The demonstration was directed by Brig. Gen. George Squier, chief signal officer. The stethoscopic apparatus, with electrical connection, was placed over the heart of one of the laboratory assistants and the heart beat was amplified many thousands of times, emerging from a phonograph horn and heard distinctly and studied by the physicians in a room some distance from that in which the subject was located.

The musket said to have been given to Alexander Selkirk when he was put ashore on the island of Juan Fernandez, 400 miles off the Chilean coast, has been going the rounds of British museums.

It was Selkirk's adventures upon which was based De Foe's famous story, "Robinson Crusoe." The musket is inscribed with the name of "A Selkirk Largo, 1771." It was purchased by Randolph Berens for \$10,000, but the owner has insured it for \$10,000.

Selkirk owned a tavern near Clapham, but died in 1728 at sea as a lieutenant aboard a naval vessel.

Washington Made Custom.

It was Washington's cabinet that established the custom for all future inaugurations to be made in public. When the time for Washington's second inaugural came around he was in doubt as to the proper method of taking the oath for his second term. He addressed a note to his cabinet asking for their opinion as to whether it should be public or private. The cabinet at that time was divided; Jefferson and Hamilton recommended that it should be private. Knox and Randolph reported in favor of making it public, which was done.

INDIANS NEAR TO EXTINCTION

Descendant of Osages Says Inter-marriage Has Weakened Them So Much That End Is Apparent.

John R. Spurrier of Oklahoma says that the Indian will be extinct in a generation or two. Mr. Spurrier, who is a descendant of the Osage Indians and whose wife is also of Indian blood, says that constant intermarriage is so weakening the tribes that the nation which numbered over a million at the time this country was discovered will soon be only a name.

"The extinction of the Indian is only a matter of a short time," said Mr. Spurrier. "Intermarriage is proving fatal to the tribes, and they cannot long survive it. With intermarriage comes the Americanization and the Indians who have adopted modern methods live in extremely comfortable style."

"The richest small group of people in the world are the Osage Indians, whose reservation is in Osage county. There are 2,200 Indians in this tribe, 500 of them being of full blood who still wear their blankets, but the remainder have forsaken the ways of their ancestors and have become extremely American. The reason for the great wealth of this tribe is that their lands happen to be situated in the midst of the largest oil fields of Oklahoma, and the yearly annual income per capita averages approximately \$2,500."

"The Osage Indians are the best educated tribe in the country, and also the best physical specimens. It was from this tribe that Buffalo Bill chose a number of his famous chiefs. The reservation of the Pawnee Indians adjoins that of the Osages and this tribe numbers 3,900, many of them prosperous and well educated."

Psychic Too Much for Her.

"I do wish this psychic, or whatever you call it, was over," said a reader. She put down a popular publication.

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