

### Alicia Hammersly A Woman Who Wouldn't Remarry

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The Novel Writer

Miss Belcher intrudes.

will say for Roland Early that man could have been more for- and no man could have been more entertaining.

complimented me just enough make me feel comfortable. He urged me in my work with the best enthusiasm. He picked out pet phrases and paragraphs. He most telling paragraphs. He had me understand that he had fol- lowed my work all the long time he had been away with the ut- termost interest. He told me all kinds interesting incidents that little interesting incidents that happened to him. In the mean- time, he encouraged me to tell him about myself, my ambitions, my an- noyances, but I noticed that he said nothing about himself personally. I did not mention his wife to me. I felt that it was not for me to talk about her if he did not.

together I spent a most enjoy- able evening and had softened my criticism of Early greatly when he turned to go home.

was anxious to learn whether ad mentioned taking others of staff out to dine merely as a sub- ject to make my dining with him perfectly plausible, but I found he really was doing it. One at- tention, everyone in the office was to dine with Roland Early as Alice, however, was the only that was invited to his house and told me that Mrs. Early was in- gine in better health but seemed low in spirits.

is a very sweet woman, Alice," he said, "and her eyes followed Ro- land. She almost holds her breath when he speaks and I could help but notice that she made a slight excuse to pass his chair when she might touch him on the shoulder as she passed. And once she came back to where he was sitting she ventured to lay her hand on his hand and pushed her wrist up against his arm and I noticed that she was smiling and I thought that she was really enjoying it. I did not realize until one morning Miss Belcher told me and said: "I hope you do not consider it amiss, Mrs. Ham- mersly, but you must know that you are a young and pretty woman and that Mr. Early is one of the most distinguished and well-known men in the city. I am quite sure that you should realize how many times you have been seen together of late."

should have thought, Miss Bel- cher, that you would have spoken of

this to Mr. Early instead of me. You have known him much longer than you have known me and I am sure that he takes your advice on many subjects, personal as well as official."

"I would not venture to speak to Mr. Early, Mrs. Hammersly, about the way in which he amuses him- self."

"And I cannot, Miss Belcher, al- low you to interfere with my amuse- ments."

"Oh, if you are going to take it that way, Mrs. Hammersly, I have nothing to say, but I told you when you first came here that Mr. Early was a married man—unhappily mar- ried. Although I have never had a husband, I know enough about the masculine nature to know that when a man is unhappy in his home life he will seek amusement outside. He can do this with impunity, but to the woman who is his companion will be meted out the punishment of scan- dalous tongues."

"If I remember rightly, Miss Bel- cher, you have been out with Mr. Early."

"Only occasionally."

"Have you not always gone, Miss Belcher, when you have been in- vited?"

"Inwardly I called myself a cat for that question, but the woman made me so angry that I could not be dis- creet."

"I am only warning you, Mrs. Hammersly," continued Miss Belcher, "because I have heard many in- quiries of late as to who you are and what Mr. Early sees in you."

"You need have no fears for me, Miss Belcher, or no qualms of con- science if my reputation suffers from my own acts. If people talk about me detrimentally they will be telling untruths, for you know that Mr. Early and I have never been any- where together except in the most public places where we could be seen by all."

I was determined not to let this conversation affect me in any way. That evening I was invited over to Alice's to dinner. After Alice and Bill and I had talked ourselves out and I was putting on my wraps for home, Alice said:

"Alice, Miss Belcher has been mak- ing some very unpleasant remarks about you lately. I heard her tell- ing one of the stenographers yester- day that you were making a try for Rol Early. She added that she could not understand it, because she had told you that he had a wife living."

"I guess I have been going out with him more than I should, Alice," I admitted, "but it is rather hard for a young woman not to have some sort of gaiety in her life. You have been so serious of late."

"Bill, who responds to every emotion, every mood which you have, while I really am very lonely at times. I

### Woman Takes Peculiar Diet

SALEM, Or., June 25.—An opened pocket knife which had accidentally been dropped down her throat was removed from the intestines of Miss Emma J. Cole, of Stayton, by an operation performed late this morning at the Willamette Sanitarium. The patient came off the table in apparently good condition, according to word from the hospital.

The knife accidentally slipped from Miss Cole's fingers Thursday while she was in the act of cleaning her teeth with one of the blades, ac- cording to reports from hospital at- tendants. The knife was five inches long from the point of the blade to the end of the handle. As soon as the accident occurred the patient was placed in the care of Dr. Charles Brewer, of Stayton, who located the knife by means of an X-ray photo- graph. The knife passed through the body handle foremost, and due to its dullness the walls of the stom- ach and intestines were not punc- tured.

Miss Cole, who has been an in- mate of the state home for feeble minded, was paroled recently to relatives who live near Stayton.

### DANCE AT WINCHESTER.

Dance Friday night, July 1, at Winchester. Music by Ott's orchestra.

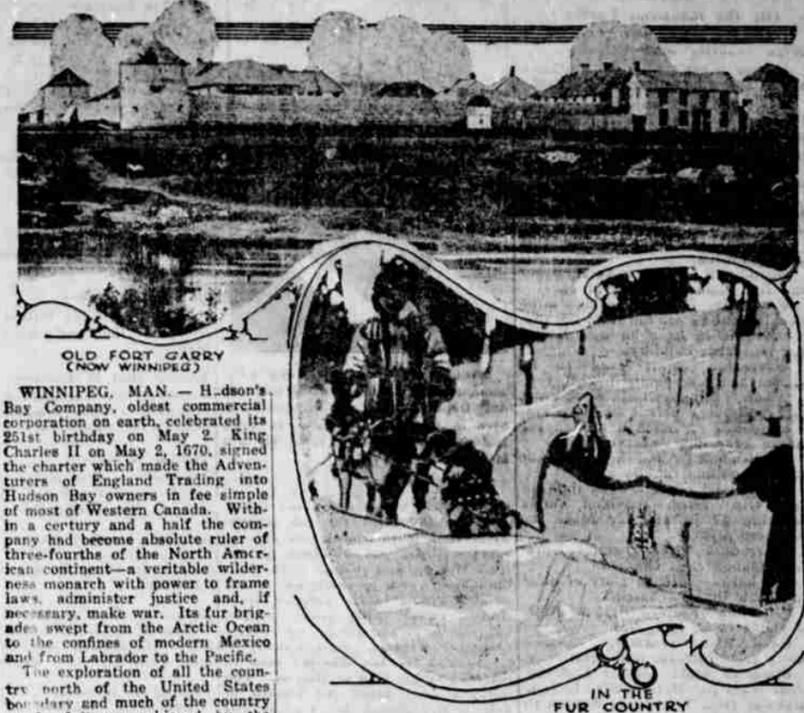
county farm to keep him isolated from others there. Food was taken to him and he was required to raise and lower a U. S. flag on a flagpole twice a day to notify the attendants at the county farm that everything was all right.

It is stated that he was known to be there late last evening and is thought to have got away about mid- night.

Mitrou caused considerable trouble a few months ago when he at- tempted to leave by train. He was placed in isolation at Portland and the Southern Pacific had to send a special car back with him. He said then that he wanted to go back to his old home in Greece where his family resides.

Later Bunker Hill residents protested his residence there and the county officials arranged to take care of him at the county farm. No guard was kept over him.

### FUR COMPANY ROUNDS OUT 251 YEARS OF ROMANTIC HISTORY



Winnipeg, Man. — Hudson's Bay Company, oldest commercial corporation on earth, celebrated its 251st birthday on May 2. King Charles II on May 2, 1670, signed the charter which made the Adven- turers of England Trading into Hudson Bay owners in fee simple of most of Western Canada. With- in a century and a half the com- pany had become absolute ruler of three-fourths of the North Amer- ican continent—a veritable wilder- ness monarch with power to frame laws, administer justice and, if necessary, make war. Its fur brig- ades swept from the Arctic Ocean to the confines of modern Mexico and from Labrador to the Pacific.

The exploration of all the coun- try north of the United States boundary and much of the country south of it was achieved by the predecessors of the Hudson's Bay Company and those of its great rival, the North West Company, which it was amalgamated in 1821. At the height of its power the area of its private empire was greater than that of all Europe.

In 1800 years the history of Western Canada was the history of the Hudson's Bay Company. The company was founded in 1670. It was until 1870 that it laid down the law and surrendered its power to the Dominion.

The settlement of the western prairies and the encroach- ments of civilization on its old trap- ping grounds confronted the com- pany with new conditions. It is now one of the great merchants of the Dominion with a chain of de- partment stores in ten cities across Western Canada. It is selling out to farm settlers all the lands re- maining to it in the three prairie provinces of its old empire. These lands are among the most desir- able in the West and are distributed through every township between the North Saskatchewan river and the United States boundary and the Rocky mountains and Winnipeg river. They are islands of virgin soil in the midst of the most highly developed farming regions in West- ern Canada.

But the company still remains true to its fur trade traditions. It has today 155 fur posts scattered throughout Canada. This is the largest number it has ever had in its two centuries and a half of his- tory.

### Baptists Plan a National Boycott

DES MOINES, Ia., June 25.—A national boycott against motion pic- tures is planned by Northern Bac- tists—unless the films reform.

Indications of sympathy with "blue law" agitation developed in to- day's session of the denomination's annual convention here.

The movie boycott was recom- mended in the social service com- mittee's report, presented by Rev. S. Z. Batten of Philadelphia.

Dance halls also came in for a scathing denunciation.

"Movies, as abundant evidence shows, are growing worse," the report said. "On all sides it is ad- mitted that the movie as now con- ducted is a grave moral menace."

"The pictures are often gross and suggestive; they portray crimes such as highway robbery, assault and murder. Many of them caricature ministers and make light of re- ligion. They suggest licentious ideas and contain constant incitement to sex curiosity."

The committee recommended strict censorship and, as a further step, a united strike until the films are purged.

"The dance hall," the report said, "even under the best of conditions, needs watching. Recently it has un- dergone a marked change for the worst in most communities."

### Roseburg Thieves at Grants Pass

The young thieves who visited Roseburg the latter part of last week entered the home of W. H. Fleher, ransacking the premises, showed up at Grants Pass Friday night and of their operations at that city the Grants Pass Courier has the following to say:

Such is being continued today for the person or persons who last night robbed the home of George Sabin, on Lawridge avenue, and attempted to make a getaway with the stolen articles in the car belong- ing to Sam Baker.

The car was left before the resi- dence of James Lium, with whom Mr. Baker visited last night. On leaving the house to return home, Mr. Baker found that his machine had been driven away. Seeing lights on the cross street running from the end of Lawridge to Sixth, he made an investigation, discovering the machine to be his own, without driver, but with motor running.

Evidently the thief had been in the car at the time it was first seen, for the lights were turned out before Mr. Baker's arrival. In the back seat were found two guns, two re- volvers, two suitcases, some clothes, a basket of eggs butter and fruit, a camera some quilts and a few smaller articles.

At about the time the car was found, 10:30, Mr. and Mrs. Sabin returned to their home to discover that the house had been thoroughly ransacked. An opened refrigerator with the contents strewn around first attracted attention. A small room in which a number of guns were kept, had been entered, and two rifles and a revolver taken. Further investigation revealed that en- trance to the house had been gained by removing the glass from a basement window. Marks on other win- dows showed where a Jimmy had been used in an effort to effect an entrance. A skeleton key was found in one of the doors.

Chief of Police McLean was called at once and given the details of the robbery. Many of the articles found in the Baker car were identi- fied as having been taken from the Sabin home. Two shirts, size 14 1/2 bore laundry marks which could not be identified by the local steam laun- dry. The name "Adrian Fisher" was marked inside each shirt. Two pair of breeches, of size to fit a boy or small man were taken from the machine and have not been claimed. A camera, a revolver, two quilts and an auto robe are being held by the police.

It is thought the robbers were frightened just as they were about to make off with the machine. The food, quilts and stolen tire pump would indicate a trip was contem- plated.

### Coos County Leper at Large

MARSHFIELD, June 25.—Aggelos Mitrou, a Greek, who has been con- fined in a cabin at the county farm near Coquille, disappeared last night and Sheriff Ellingsen is trying to lo- cate him today.

Whether Mitrou is trying to make his getaway out of the country or whether he jumped in the river to end his existence is not certain. Greek friends say that when they talked to him last a few weeks ago he said there was nothing for him to do except to commit suicide.

Mitrou was not guarded. His cabin is on a remote corner of the

### DOES NOT BELONG IN CITY

When the Arabian Musical Instrument, the Argihul, Comes to Town, it Degrades.

In Cairo the argihul is played at night in the old city, and on the streets of the underworld, lending its note and interpretation to love songs that somehow follow when everything else in life has been lost or left behind, writes Robert Hamilton Rucker in Asia Magazine. At an Arabian cafe an old man from the street will play and young men will sing while the coffee is being made. The argihul sings with each and talks with each, sympathizes, understands and seems so earnest as to make one half believe that the young man is singing from his own heart and that the argihul, long accustomed to such confidence, knows it full well.

But, like many of the country bred, it seems to degenerate when it comes to town. It falls upon evil ways; it sings of love to the loveless; it hovers about the low cafes. Its friend, the tabla—more pretentious, and perhaps more astute—changes its name when it comes to town and does not appear alone at night in dark, unfrequented streets. It is known as the darabukah, and is seen in the high-class cafes where favorites dance to the music it brings. It has more rhythm than melody; much volume but little feel- ing. It talks from the head and sings to the feet.

But the argihul is all sentiment and sympathy. Its place is the desert; its home, we knew as we listened there on the rugs in front of our tents, is in the wastes of the sandy plain and the stillness of the starlit night.

### ENDS SHOULD BE VARNISHED

Agricultural Department Tells How to Prevent Door From Sticking on Damp Days.

A door which sticks to the frame every damp day is not conducive to unfulfilled feelings on the part of those who use it. The forest products laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture at Madison, Wis., has made public a method which obvi- ates the difficulty.

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