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

AN UNINTENTIONAL LISTENER.

While the mood enveloped me I pulled the unfinished story from my typewriter and answered Allen Henderson's letter.

"I am using this medium, Allen dear, to write you because my thoughts are more lucid when I use the typewriter than when I use a pen. The typewriter stirred me greatly. I am deeply honored and more than a little humbled to know that I am the first woman you have asked to be your wife, but I feel that I would be doing you a great injustice if I accepted you.

"I am very fond of you as a friend but I fear that we would come to hate each other if we were bound by closer ties. You are in love not with me, but with the qualities with which your imagination endowed me.

"I am far from that perfection that you think you see in me and I fear that I am already too old to make myself over. If my years are not many I have lived much in the short months of my married life, and in the years since while I have been trying to make my own way in the world.

"You say that the letter you wrote me was different from that you would have written at twenty. This letter, my dear Allen, is very different from what I would have written in answer to your twenty year old letter. We have both reached the age where reason instead of impulse is the propelling factor of our lives. Oh, Allen, I wish it were not so. I would give long years of my life if I could have the feel and thrill again of love as I first felt it and I sincerely wish that I had had the slightest glimmer of it when I read your letter, for had I done so I would have known that I still was capable of loving.

"Forgive me, Allen, and forget me. And if in future years, when this episode is but a memory, you can come back to me and be my friend agin, do so. I shall be very happy if that can be.

ALICIA HAMMERSLY."

Hastily I sealed this letter and tokk it downstairs. I intended to ask Duane to post it for me.

To my surprise there was no one in the living room. I walked out through the door down toward the sea, from where I heard voices. I heard Bab say to Duane: "Oh why did you do it, Duane? Why did you do it?"

"You always knew that I sometimes drank to excess. I thought you didn't care."

"Oh, Duane, Duane how could you feel that way? I thought that after we were married you would understand. Indeed, you remember the night before our wedding you took me in your arms and promised me that you would never drink again.

"Truly, Alix's dinner was most unfortunate and it has been a tragedy for all of us. I thought at the time that it would not hurt if you drank more than was good for you because we were all so much excited, but I have noticed that ever since that time you are more and more often under the influence of liquor. Do you know that tonight I was really afraid to have you take Judge Turner back home for fear something would happen on the way."

Then I heard Duane answer quickly: "Don't be a goose, Bab. I never am so full that I cannot drive a car."

"That is what they all say, Duane."

"Oh, oh, I know. But don't you remember, too, your brave talk before we were married? You said you hated a woman who was always trying to force her ideas upon her husband. You said that you would go your way and I could go mine as long as we loved each other. I haven't neglected you for any other woman, have I, Bab? We decided we were both old enough before we were married to take care of ourselves. Let's keep to that decision. We said we would not fall into the pitiful habits of other married people. You especially said you would not nag. Well, I am taking you at your word. I may have been drinking too much lately, but I have been working my head off and the truth is I am bored to death."

"Duane, has it been a mistake after all? Don't you love me any more?"

"Don't be a fool, Bab. Of course I love you ;love you just as every other man loves his wife, but I can't help being bored—can I?—and consequently I seek a little relaxation. You are a splendid wife. I know it. Perhaps that is what bores me; you are so darn good. I expect you are better than the average, but I guess I am tired of the whole business. What makes you worry about a cocktail too much? That is the least thing I can do. I might do worse."

"Hush, Duane, I think I hear Alix. I would not have her know for the world."

Know? Know what? You don't think she is a fool, do you? Surely she knows that you and I are not getting along as well as we did at first, but I guess no married couple does, do they? If I remember right, she and Hal had a perfectly dreadful time during those few months that they were married. But, like all of you women, now that he is dead she has probably whitewashed his memery. In her eyes he is probably the one perfect man, in spite of Nell Marshall. If she doesn't know about us it is time she did. Let's go and tell her now. She knows more about men than you do. She would probably give you some good advice. You are always walking along on theories. She must have had many experiences that would help. There is something about her that attracts all of us. Henderson is hard hit now and he has always been more or less of a woman-hater."

"Duane, Duane, you would never say that if you were not drunk."

"Perhaps, but isn't it a good thing to hear the truth occasionally?"

Tomorrow—Bab Doesn't Understand

TRESPASS NOTICE.

All persons are hereby warned not to hunt or otherwise trespass on my ranches at Happy Valley and at Green. Any person violating this notice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

S. C. MILLER.

Broccoli Growers Form Organization

Fifteen broccoli growers, representing 176 acres met yesterday afternoon for the purpose of forming a temporary organization. There were about 100 acres not represented at this meeting. It was agreed to cooperate in the purchase of boxes and the selling of the crop. The growers plan to sell for cash, as far as possible, instead deferred payments. S. D. Cooley, Harry Winston and R. C. Brown were appointed to draw up plans for organization and Harry Winston, C. H. Bailey and Foster Butner were appointed to obtain data in regard to the purchase of crates. A resolution was adopted asking County Agent Haslett to canvass the growers not present to secure their acreage for the organization if possible.

PUBLIC SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, on Monday, August 15th, 1921, at 2:30 p. m. o'clock, at the old J. Green residence, on the Pacific Highway, about 4 miles south of Roseburg, Oregon, sell at public sale to the highest cash bidder, one Willys-Knight five passenger touring automobile, with equipment, motor No. 3709, serial No. 12812.

I. H. CASTLE.

Historic Road to Be Opened as Trail

The historic old road between Oakland and the Bohemia mines is to be opened up in the form of a forest trail, according to an announcement made by Forest Supervisor Ramsdell. This was one of the first roads ever built in Douglas county being constructed very shortly after the mines were discovered. After a shorter route was built in from Cottage Grove the road was abandoned and it is now badly overgrown, second growth fir trees of a diameter of eight inches are reported to be growing in the roadway now. The grade still holds up well, however, and a trail can be built through at a nominal expense. The Douglas county fire patrol is to cooperate with the Forest Service on this job and it is hoped to have the trail open soon. The fire patrol will clear and improve its portion of the road through to the forest boundary, near the head of Rock and Canton Creeks, and the forest service will then cut its section through to Twin Rocks. There is already a good trail from Twin Rocks through to the mines.

SOLID TRUCK TIRES pressed on, also GOODYEAR solids in stock at The Roseburg Garage.

Baptists Hold Annual Picnic

The annual picnic of the Baptist church was held yesterday afternoon and evening in Bellows grove. The Ladies Aid Society held their program in the early part of the afternoon. The younger people were occupied with games, contests and sports. In the evening young and old came together for that old time favorite out of door sport, the eating of a bountiful dinner. The women had evidently used all of their culinary genius in assembling all of the good things which occupy the fondest dreams of small boys.

After dinner C. M. Page acted as toastmaster and called on several for stories. Responses were made by Misses Beulah Jarvis, Margaret Page and by Messrs Butner, C. F. Hopkins and H. L. Caldwell. All who attended agreed that it was a fine picnic.

Tax Revision Bill Almost Completed

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Representative Mondell, house republican leader, told the United Press today that the house ways and means committee will complete the tax revision bill Monday. Should the committee give complete approval to the bill the house intends to rush the measure through next week. The senate finance committee adopted the American valuation plan as the basis for the tariff bill, with only slight modifications. Republican members are supporting the plan unanimously, with the republican members of the house ways and means committee, who were present, also agreeing. The committee reached a virtual agreement to eliminate the dyestuffs embargo proposal.

Goodrich Tire Service. See us. C. A. Lockwood Motor Co.

Deathbed Statement Clears Murder Case

(By Associated Press.)

SPOKANE, Aug. 12.—The purported dying statement of a woman who was reported to have declared she shot and killed Reno Hutchinson, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., here in 1906, was said by the police to shed much light on the murder mystery which has baffled them for fifteen years. According to a statement made by a resident of Vancouver, B. C., the woman declared she shot Hutchinson by mistake for a banker of Spokane, who was formerly head of a bank in Vancouver which failed, losing her money. She did not learn of the mistake until after leaving the city and feared to return. The name of the intended victim and the woman making the confession were not made public.

Hutchinson Well Known.

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—Reno Hutchinson, whose mother and three sisters live here, was well known in association circles in Oregon. The murder created a great sensation. The assassin left no trace and no motive was discovered.

Police Making Further Search

(By Associated Press).

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Police believe that three persons are implicated in the death of Father Heslin. They are searching for a man and a woman, while William Hightower, believed to be the third member of the party, is in custody. They expect to have the second man soon and are still hunting for Dolly Mason. The letter written by Hightower, the suspect detained, addressed to Dolly Mason and which remained uncalled for, was opened by the police. It was found to contain a request for further facts regarding the store the casual visitor is alleged to have given her and announced the finding of the location of the grave.

Hightower broke down and sobbed when a delayed telegram announcing the death of his wife in Stillwater, Oklahoma, was read to him. A man answering Hightower's description is alleged to have gone to Father Murphy, a Sacramento priest, with an infernal machine which he suggested could be used by the Irish Father Murphy was uninterested.

PRUNE MEETING.

Special called meeting of all prune growers, Aug. 20th, at 2 o'clock, at the city hall.

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K. M. Mears Occupy Pulpit Sunday

K. M. Mears will speak Sunday morning at the South Methodist church in this city. Mr. Mears was pastor of this church before leaving Roseburg and during his long residence here made many close friends who will be pleased to know that they are to have the privilege of listening to a sermon from him Sunday morning. The gentleman intended leaving the city yesterday, but was persuaded to remain over Sunday and occupy the pulpit at the M. E. church, South.

Land Thrown Open To Ex-Soldiers

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—More than two hundred farms on government reclaimed lands on the North Platte and Shoshone irrigation projects will be open to veterans, it is announced. The former will be opened on September 9th and the latter September 16th.

"Pass the Buck" To League Nations

PARIS, Aug. 12.—France and Great Britain decided to refer the Silesian question to the league of nations. The question involves the drawing of a boundary line between Poland and Germany and threatened yesterday to bring a break in the allied council meeting.

Trucks Causing Damage to Highway

SALEM, Aug. 12. — Overloaded trucks traveling at high speed representing approximately 1.5 per cent of the entire vehicular traffic of the state are responsible for practically all of the damage inflicted upon the highways of Oregon, according to Herbert S. Nunn.

In other words, Nunn puts it, 98.5 per cent of the automobile and truck owners of the state are paying for hard surfaced roads which the remaining 1.5 per cent wears out faster than it can be repaired.

Nunn' figures are taken from a recent survey of traffic on state highways which shows that 3.2 per cent of the total vehicular traffic represented by trucks of 1.5 tons capacity or over. Of these Nunn estimates that practically one-half are overloaded trucks which travel at high speed, a condition which Oregon highways are not built to withstand and which, according to Nunn it would not be practical to meet.

To build a pavement which would withstand the terrific impact of an overloaded truck would represent a cost that would be entirely prohibitive, Nunn states. No amount of license fees would be sufficient to repair the damage wrought by this class of traffic and the only way to solve the problem is to eliminate the overload entirely and curb the speeders.

Tests covering a long period of time show that the average large truck traveling the highways of this state carries a weight on its two rear wheels greater than that carried on the average freight car traveling the railroads of the country, Nunn declares.

Oregon roads, according to Nunn, are built to withstand all ordinary traffic. Light vehicles, Nunn insists do little or no damage to hard surfaced roads regardless of their speed but there is no practical way of providing a hard surface roadbed for the overloaded heavy truck.

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Will Get Reward But Is In Cell

(By United Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—William Hightower, heralded as the man discovering the body of Father Heslin, spent last night in a prison cell, and will probably be charged with the priest's murder. It is also probable that he will be paid the $8000 reward for discovering the body. The police claim that there is a strong chain of circumstantial evidence connecting Hightower with the crime. His movements at the time of the kidnapping are regarded with suspicion.

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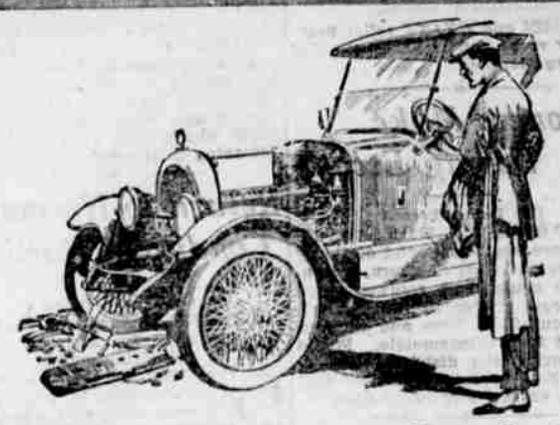
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