

BALLARD WOMAN WARBLES THROUGH HER SKY-SCRAPER

**Claims to Have Seen Fifty Elks Initiated--
Attended Lodge for Eight Months by
Reaching a Window Where She Out-
peeped Peeping Tom of Coventry.**

(Mrs. Inez King in Seattle Times.)

"I have seen at least fifty candidates initiated into the Elks," said Mrs. Inez King, the plucky and enterprising little woman of Ballard, who, for the past eight months has been watching the goat of the Ballard lodge of Elks frisking about the hall in its endeavor to entertain the new members of the lodge.

This statement was made to a reporter for the Times by Mrs. King today. While she has been asked to make an agreement that she saw nothing regarding the secret work of the order, and this too by an officer of the supreme lodge from Saginaw, Michigan, she declares she has a right to talk for the protection of her husband.

"Persons say I could not do this," she said, "but just to show them I put a board across the narrow alley last night and it was there this morning so the boys could see it. Probably no other woman in Ballard could do this, but my constant training has developed my muscles and therefore it was an easy task for me."

Elks Were Careless.
"At first I noticed that the members were a little careless with their windows and I thought that if they were not particular I might as well have a little fun with the rest. That was several months ago. I went out one night to see what was going on. I saw the members in their robes and a few things that aroused my curiosity."

"Dances and meetings are held in the hall on the evenings that the Elks are not in session, so I noticed that the members, perhaps, were not over watchful in preparing the windows on evenings when they met. I call the roofs of the adjoining buildings my back yard and have been in the habit of going out there evenings when I had nothing else to do."

Sees Opening Session.
"When I first noticed that the Elks were in session, I went out and saw a part of the opening session of the lodge. There are several Elks staying at my house and they were in the habit of joking about the fun they had with such a man or someone I knew. I thought they were so funny that I would get a few jokes for myself, so the next time they initiated a candidate I went out on the roof and put the board up to the window."

"The antics I saw there are not for me to tell. I intend to keep the pledge that I have taken as long as the Elks do what is right by me. I do not want to become an Elk, but simply want to be recognized."

Knows Ritualistic Work.
"To get back to the subject, I began to get interested in the work and thought that it was fun to see the work. I gradually memorized the ritualistic work and have the obligation by heart. If they are willing to give me the obligation I will reverse the process and the candidate will give the obligation to the officers."

"When the time came for my husband to join the lodge, I thought the members might think that he had told me about the work and given the secrets away. For that reason I made up my mind that I would tell what I knew, in order to protect my husband. Two of the members came to the house with my husband and to them I gave signs, grips, passwords and many secret things, and they were mystified. They could not explain the affair. I told them and then asked to be recognized as a member."

Couldn't Run the Bluff.
"They then began to defy and try to baffle me, but they took the wrong stand. If they had tried fairly to get me to keep the secrets and not say anything about knowing the work, they would have found that I was as willing as anyone, but when they began to get defiant, I became the same."

"I told some of the women that I knew the secrets, but never told a

word of the things I knew. There is not a woman who knows a thing about the secret work except myself, that is unless she has found out from some other source, for I have said nothing."

"I will say that I know all the orders, signs, work, passwords and everything that has transpired in the Ballard lodge for the eight months previous to the night my husband went into the lodge. I have seen several different things happen there and they are very amusing. After a time it got rather monotonous to me and now it appears only the same routine of work that it does to the members. I am sure of one thing, I can give my husband points on the secrets of Elkdom, and can give much of the work that is not in print."

Demands Recognition.

"All I want is to be recognized honorably. I do not care to become a member of the Elks or to associate with them in the lodge room, for I do not think that is the proper place for a woman, but now I know as much as any of them and want the obligation and desire to be recognized in the position I take. If I take the obligation I shall live up to it, just the same as I have lived up to the promise I have made in the past."

"I am willing to make any demonstration of my knowledge of the secrets of the Elks to the proper persons, and am further willing to show them how I succeeded in getting the secrets I know. I am ready to do this in order to protect my husband. I do not want anyone to think he has been telling the secrets of the lodge, and I feel that those who came to the house on the night he took the work can say that I knew all about it, and, in fact, he had no chance to tell me anything, for at that time he had not been initiated."

Talks for Her Husband.

"Whatever I say at this time is simply for the protection of my husband," Mrs. King reiterated. "I never intended the matter should get to the public, but now that it has become so widely known, I want to place my husband right, because I would not have a single person think he has broken the obligation he has taken."

"I think that when some of the boys came down town this morning they saw the board in position and could see from that the way I did my secret work. No one thought for a minute that a woman could do this, and that is the reason they are so much mystified by the facts which they cannot deny."

"I will say that I have not been examined by a single Ballard Elk. I told them that when the proper time came, and the proper persons were present, I would demonstrate my ability, and this I have done. I should not have made a statement, if the matter had not been made public exclusively by the Times, and now I make it only to protect my husband, whose interests in this matter I consider are far greater than mine."

When the people of Ballard went to their various places of business this morning they saw a board extending from the roof of the building next the old Elks' hall to the window of the hall. It was an innocent-looking object, spanning the narrow space of the alley, and to the ordinary passer-by it had no significance.

To the Elks of Ballard it had a world of significance and showed to them that the defy they had sent to the plucky woman who had obtained the innermost secrets of the Elks by her enterprise and courage was answered. They had said the feat was a physical impossibility. She placed the board there to show that they were wrong.

Mrs. King put the board across the alley last night to show what she could do. She declares she can do it again. Mrs. King is a woman of great physical development. She has considered that by developing her muscles she would be able to all the better maintain her health and for that

reason is stronger than the average woman of her age.

Her bump of curiosity may be a little larger than many other women's but there are many in the world who would be glad to stand knocking at the doors of the Elks lodge as this enterprising little woman now stands. They may lack in the one, but they certainly have the wish to know what the boys are doing to "hubby" when he rides the goat.

Second Woman to See the Sights.

But one other woman in the world has been so entertained, mystified and enchanted by the wild and woolly wonders of the interior of a lodge room. She has many times seen the sacred elk, the goat, the wild-eyed wildcat of the forest, the red elephant and the deer bounding about the miniature precincts of the domain of the Elk. She has heard the wild exhortations to better action and seen the backward and "scary" ones persuaded on in their journey to the throne of the great and most sacred leader of the bunch.

Secret Becomes Tiresome.

The blast of the terrifying trumpet, the roar of the tigers and lions, the groan of the great elephant have become so familiar to her that she now desires new and more exciting experiences. Like all followers of the most scintillating Elk, she is now tiring of the routine work that is in all secret orders, and only delights at the moment when the fun is at its height.

Mrs. King stands in a unique position. She can tell the boys and her husband's Elk chums some of the things they never dreamed would come to the ears of a woman. She met them on the first night of her husband's home-coming from the lodge and told them a few of the secret things her husband had not fully got straightened out in his mind. The grips, signs and passwords passed in lightning profusion until the members became frightened.

All Were Surprised.

No wonder they were surprised. No wonder the cold sweat of the mystery came upon them. No wonder they felt the cold hand of the uncanny creeping over them. They did not think Mrs. King was a mind reader, a witch or a possessor of divine communications. But she certainly had a thing or two in her possession that were not intended for her.

They hid themselves to the man who has the fate of the great Elk in his hands and to him poured out their tale of mystery. He, too, got such a bump in his imagination that he did not know what to do. He sought some way to explain the affair.

It was all real. There stood the handsome little woman before him giving signs and other secrets until his head swam. Her smile of confidence startled and overpowered him. Her calm way almost drove him to the limits of believing that he stood in the presence of a witch or one to whom some divine voice had told a great and terrible secret.

His Head Swam.

Things began to swim about him but at every stroke of the strange fate he saw the same wonder the same unexplainable mystery woman who knew as much about the secrets he thought were only confined in the breasts of the true worshiper of the antlers and elk head.

Something "ha" got to be, and that right away. Such an affair was not to be prated about the streets of the great world. He well knew that there were hundreds and thousands who would like to know just one quarter as much as the woman who stood before him. There were hundreds and thousands who had given their good coin to know what she had learned by the exercise of a little enterprise.

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