

The Luck of Alicia

By Ella Randall Pearce

Mrs. Heming peered down the luxurious length of the Baroque gallery and wagged her forefinger impatiently.

"Dear me, Charlotte," she said to her companion in a querulous tone, "Alicia has slipped away again. And I particularly wanted her to see this painting by Lake. Everyone is talking about its wonderful flesh tones and the symbolism. Actually, crosby, isn't it, when you come to study it?"

The other woman smiled dryly, but there was a covert twinkle in her middle-aged blue eyes. "I fancy Alicia isn't much interested in art, especially symbolic art."

"But she must be interested," Mrs. Heming's protest was emphatic. She scanned the shifting groups of visitors again and sighed. "I really don't know what I'm going to do with that girl, Charlotte. She has had every chance to make a social success, a good match, and she—she doesn't care! I tell you, if that girl marries anybody worth while at all, it will be sheer luck."

"Alicia seems to get on very well," commented the anxious mother's friend. "She enjoys life, if that's what you mean. But she isn't interested in the right things, the right people. She's sort of irrepressible, democratic—oh! I don't know just what to call it, but you understand."

She turned to the Lake picture, her eyes still troubled. Then she swayed nearer. "Why, Charlotte, I remember when Alicia was a little girl. We lived in Brooklyn then—you remember?"

In the best part of the town. But there was a little street ran back of our row, Clove Alley, they called it. It was made up of queer old-fashioned houses, and the people who lived there were queer and old-fashioned, too. And poor!"

Mrs. Heming drew another long sigh. "I shall never forget what a trial Alicia was then. She used to run away and play in Clove Alley. With a boy, too—a boy named Ready. He had curly red hair and the most impudent grin; and he set Alicia up to the wildest pranks."

"I remember of hearing of the Ready family," nodded Mrs. Heming's companion. "Wasn't there a lot of them?"

"Five children and a slipshod mother and a father who wouldn't work at much but inventions that never amounted to anything. The mother's voice vibrated with indignation over these disagreeable memories. "Why, Charlotte, that Ready boy sold newspapers at one time. And once—once I found Alicia helping him! Selling newspapers in the street!"

Mrs. Heming's friend had heard that story several times. She thought the references rather unfair. She was fond of Alicia, and she rather admired her for the independence and dash which characterized her. It was scarcely the girl's fault, she thought, if she could not be the sort of daughter Mrs. Heming would wish to have.

She recalled that she herself had considered the red haired boy from Clove Alley rather amusing. And she felt that all Alicia's chosen friends, those of later years, were at least a decent sort. They were all clever, too, though some might be said to lack polish and others lacked riches.

"I guess if Alicia's let alone, she won't invite disaster," she reflected. "And she may make a good match, after all."

"We must find her. Alicia must see Lake's picture before we go," Mrs. Heming moved haughtily down the long gallery, her friend close beside her. Then she paused, gripping her companion's arm.

"There's Alicia. Who's she with? In the corner—see her? They're almost out of sight behind that screen."

Both women saw Alicia, a slender, swaying figure, in rich blue draperies with a taupe fox scarf trailing from her shoulders. Under a fetching gray and silver hat, large and undulating, the girl's face was rosy and radiant. Her eyes sparkled like golden-brown jewels. Her lovely teeth flashed in playful smiles. She was talking with animation and listening with interest.

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A. F. and Harry Palmer motored to Coldwater, Mich. on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer and family visited friends here last week.

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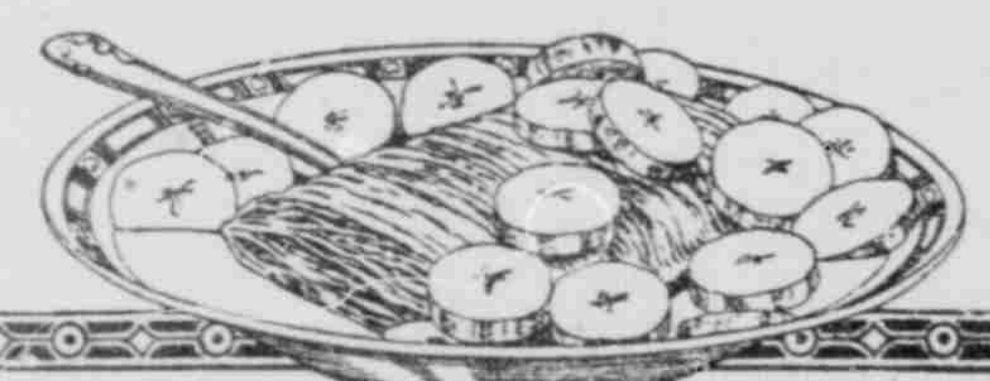
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