

## The Luck of Alicia

By Ella Randall Pearce

Mrs. Heming peered down the luxurious length of the Barouch gallery and waggled her lorgnette 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 creepy, 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!"

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"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 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 richness.

"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.

They watched her awhile before

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STOEVERVILLE.

Aug. 26. Miss Helen Schafer is spending a few days with Mrs. Peter Hesch at Mishawaka, Ind.

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.

Mrs. Mabel Schafer and family of Palmar Prairie and Mrs. Emerson Palmer and son, Harry of this place attended the Old Fellows' picnic at Plymouth, Ind., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stover of Detroit, Mich., who were visiting friends here have returned to South Bend. Mr. Stover formally residing here.

"Isn't it strange we should meet here?" Alicia's voice was positively joyous.

"Quite strange, I should say," replied her mother; "and her voice had a fine tropical edge. 'Is Mr. Ready interested in art?'"

Alicia flashed her golden-brown eyes upon the young man and giggled behind her catalog.

"In a way," he answered promptly, his own lips twitching.

"I am looking about to find a good suggestion for an advertising poster."

"Oh!" Mrs. Heming was too deeply shocked for further speech.

She stood aside and coldly stared while young Ready took up conversation with her daughter.

"I heard your laugh just as I was going out," she heard him say. "It brought me back."

"If it hadn't" bubbled Alicia.

"Yes, if it hadn't" he echoed faintly.

They looked long into each other's eyes.

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"I remember of hearing of the Ready family," nodded Mrs. Heming scornfully.

"Why, Mother, we had a splendid time. Talking over our happy childhood days, you know; and all that has happened since."

"Is he still living in Clove Alley?" asked Mrs. Heming scornfully.

Alicia smiled in affectionate tolerance. "Bob's father left one practical invention when he died. Bob's no genius, but he has a good head for business. You've heard of the Ready Rims?"

"Of course. But I didn't know—

"Neither did I," smiled Alicia. "But that's Bob's business."

"Then he must be rich. Very rich." Mrs. Heming's features softened. "Is he married, Alicia?"

"Not yet," said Alicia, with an eloquent glance from her sparkling eyes that informed Mrs. Heming that, after all, fate might be kind to her wayward daughter.

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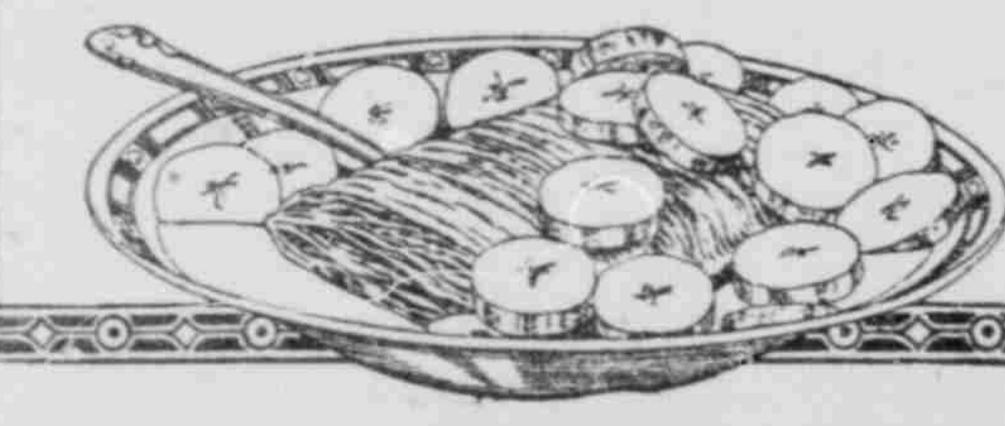
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