

The Double Scoop

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Alicia Randall was twenty-seven. She had gone through many stages of development since her twentieth year. One of the most charming debutantes in her set, her popularity remained undimmed as new debutantes came dancing after her.

It is to be remembered that Alicia was a young woman first class. Under her calm eye, Alicia Randall had a certain superior spirit. She was a girl of the feminine life who had not only all men under a thumb, but who was also a woman of the world.



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"Not only that," condescended the charming Miss Barlow, "but I would even marry him if necessary. Father says he's rather a splendid chap."

"And you want me to introduce you to that?" murmured Alicia. "Exactly," laughed Miss Barlow. "So it was that within two weeks the entire staff was 'on,' and when Rhodes entered the editorial office he would be greeted with cheers and loud laughter."

"What I want to know is this," said the irresistible Amy, "is he vulnerable?" "I don't understand," spurred the puzzled Alicia.

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Webster Rhodes only grinned good naturedly and went on his way usually with the fascinating Miss Barlow. She phoned him, she noted him, she called for him in her racing car, they drove together, laughed together, and he was entertained at the Barlow household whenever it was possible for him to be there.

Week after week of this followed, and Alicia stuck to her job with the same old regularity. But Webster Rhodes in secret was just the same as always, but she said to herself that she was not doing too badly. He was a man of the world, and she was a woman of the world, and she was a woman of the world.

Puzzled Alicia stared at her and waited another hour, then looked out again where Webster Rhodes sat idly, his feet propped up on the desk, and he was looking at her with a certain interest.

"What's the idea?" his hoarse companion inquired. "Impressionistic study." "Do you mean to tell me that is a finished painting?" "Certainly."

"What are you going to call it?" "A village street from the rear seat of a motorcycle."

Tracing Slain by Watches. The first number of a new casualty list has just appeared in Germany. It contained the number of watches found among the belongings of men killed in action who cannot otherwise be identified.

Sights. Old Wayback—Ole Bill Klidder's son Rufe writes from France that he don't get a chance to look around scarcely for watchin' the sights. Whadja reckon the feller means? Mrs. Wayback—Wall, I am certinly surprised at your ignorance, Hiram Wayback. Don't you know the young feller's one of them cannon plinters?

YANKS CARD INDEXED

Subjected to Close Scrutiny in England and France.

Men Are Specially Picked Out to Fit Into Huge Military Machine.

With the American Army in England.—When a soldier leaves the United States he should not feel certain he is going to win glory on the battlefield in France. Whether officer or enlisted man he is subjected to further scrutiny in England and in France and into the little corps of keen-eyed and careful officers have completed the examination no one can tell just what part of the big army machine he is going to fit.

From this lot are selected the men who will go to the front in shape of men. Men who are good in every way are picked out to go to the front. Men who are not good in every way are not picked out to go to the front.

DOING WAR WORK



Lady Norman, wife of Sir Henry Norman, private confidante of the British parliament, is now engaged in war work for the English wounded.

His Drastic Action. "It seems to me that motorists passing through here are extremely reckless in their driving," said the hypercritical guest.

Well, responded the landlord of the Putnam tavern, "constable Slack put a cork in it, and went racing on a snail over him and went racing to the westward. But then, your betcha, he crawled to a telephone, called up the captain of the home guards at Wagonville, and ordered him to get his company out and take the next train out of here or alive."

MANSION AGAIN DOING BIT

Wadsworth House, Famous in Revolutionary War, Used for Military Purposes. Cambridge, Mass.—The Wadsworth house at Harvard, which served George Washington when he was about to take command of the continental troops, and in which he wrote messages to congress, Richard Henry Lee and General Schuyler, is again doing its bit.

FIND SIGNS OF PEACE ON BACKS OF LOCUSTS

Connellsville, Pa.—A perfect "P" on the backs of locusts found at Spruce Hollow means "peace," according to some of the veteran natives. The "war" locust is proverbial and many persons are pinning their faith now on the "peace" variety of the tribe.

RECRUIT BALKS AT THE JOB

Declared He Had Only Agreed to Get Kaiser and Couldn't Take On Whole Germany.

"Are you willing to go across and fight the Germans?" asked an interviewer in the recruiting office in former cafeteria No. 2 of a young Florida negro at Camp Dix, whose personnel record he was completing, the query being one of the formal questions put to every recruit.

"Ah don't know 'bout dat, boss," answered the colored boy. "Ah thought 'yer jes' wanted me to go get the kaiser. Bin a-banker-in-to fix that ole fat face, but does yuh mean yuh want me to lick da whole gang?"

The interviewer explained the situation. The young negro's home board had told him they were going to send him to Europe to "get the kaiser" and he came to camp thinking it was a single-headed job. His face brightened when he found that in his personal part he would have the backing of several million allies.

TO DRIVE AWAY MOSQUITOES

Kansas Professor Makes Public Preparation He Claims Is Effective Against Pests.

Campers and tourists who are harassed by mosquitoes can find relief by use of a repellent, points out George A. Dean, professor of entomology, Kansas State Agricultural College.

Where it is and circumstances will not permit of sanitary means of control, an effective repellent can be made by the use of one ounce of cedar oil, two ounces of citronella and two ounces of spirits of camphor.

An Unheralded Event.

An announcement has appeared in the newspapers investigating that it has almost passed unheeded. The size of the news is altogether out of proportion to its importance. The single paragraph was to the effect that the swinging bridge over the Suez canal at El Kantara, about 35 miles south of Port Said, had been completed.

Good Business.

Some one with an eye to business has had the good idea of establishing outside a munition factory in Great Britain, a milliner's shop with the latest in hats and bonnets for girls. After long hours of work, it is easy to imagine how attractive such a shop window would appear to the girls; the difficulty is, probably, to find sufficient shop attendants at the busy hours to sell hats and bonnets to eager buyers.

An Observing Frenchman.

Besides being good fighters, the French are keen-witted and observing. In Normandy there is a sign up at the entrance of a field: "Horses taken to grass. Reasonable rates. Horses with long tails, I franc a day. Horses with short tails, 50 centimes a day."

Americans Open Korean Mine.

The Seoul Press announces that an American mining party has been sent to work for a gold and silver mine at Chalong, in Kuyongmyon, Yangdok district, South Korea, with a capital of 1,000,000 dollars. The mine is believed to be up just in time to see that flower exceedingly rich in gold and silver, the vein of ore being from 11 to 23 feet in thickness, and the concession being 8,000,000 tsubo in area.

MARINE TELLS OF FIRST FIGHT

Had Empty Feeling Inside When He Went Over the Top.

BOCHE IS COWARDLY-FIGHTER

"Afraid to Take His Own Medicine," Says Marine—Describes Work of Devil Dogs in Battle at Chateau Thierry.

Paris.—He was a United States Marine. He hailed from Chicago, and he judged his age to be twenty-two or twenty-three. I did not learn his name, but during the short hour we spent together he poured out to me his personal impressions of the fighting in which he had taken a share, at Chateau Thierry.

Had Empty Feeling. "What were your own personal feelings the first time you went over the top?" I asked. "Well," slowly, "I suppose I was frightened, I had a sickening, empty feeling somewhere inside me. Just before we were to start our fighting—'Now, boys, there's no need to feel bad about it. These men over the other side are feeling just as bad, in fact a mighty sight worse, I remember his words distinctly, because they were the last he said, except to be commended to start. We had to advance through a field of green who's seppy with dew, so that we got our feet through and could hardly keep our feet on the slippery ground. Our captain and lieutenant were killed right at the start, and also the first sergeant."

Strain of Flying. A post-mortem is the name which is sometimes given to nervous troubles brought about by the strain of flying. It has been said that an airman's life consists of "long spells of intense fear."

One of Uncle Sam's Boys.

Although he had twice been unable to make his way through a steam-filled compartment, Walter D. McLean, a chief machinist's mate national naval volunteer, United States navy, made a third go at it, and with success. In doing this he prevented a much more serious accident, and for his valor has been commended by the secretary of the navy.

The Blessing in Disguise.

Girl—How much for a marriage license, please? Registrar—Ten shillings. Girl—I've only got five shillings with me. Registrar—Then you're lucky.—London Opinion.

Dry Egypt.

Scientists have discovered an immense amount of underground water in Egypt and plans are under way for boring an extensive system of wells for use in dry seasons.

Set for About Five.

What kind of an ornate stock have you, Smith? "Two years old, chubby, full of ginger, and with lungs like a fire gong."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Vaulting.

"Speaking of vaulting ambition—" "Yes?" "Ferdie wants to be a champion at the high jump."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

FRENCH GO BACK TO CANDLES

Scarcity of Materials Used for Lighting Has Led to Revival of an Ancient Art.

While the war has wrecked some industries in France, it has at the same time created new ones and revived older crafts. An excellent and interesting example of the latter is the art of candlestick making, which has taken on a new lease of life. Even in some of the big towns there are houses which are not supplied with gas, whereas before the war petroleum or spirit was used for lighting purposes. Now that the use of these is restricted closely, recourse has to be made to the old-fashioned candle.

This is true in the country especially where candlesticks are in great demand, and every one is buying them according to his means or fancy. At first they were made of copper, but when that metal became scarce brass was employed. Some of the modern examples have several branches and are very artistic.

LONG FAMOUS IN HISTORY

Vicissitudes of Old City of Jerusalem May Be Said to Be Without a Parallel.

The capture of Jerusalem by English troops recalls the tragic and fascinating story of that day, which carries us back through the mist of ages to the days when the throne of David was established within its walls. From that day we pass to the glories of the temple built by Solomon, which for centuries was to stand as the center and pivot of the Jewish nation and faith. The time came, however, when her days were numbered, and the drama of Calvary was followed a few years later by the onslaught of Titus, the Roman emperor, who encompassed the city round on every side and leveled it to the ground.

Round its ruined walls Saracen and Crusader were to fight continuously for its possession, and Christian knights looked from all lands to the rescue of the holy places, until in 1099 Godfrey de Bouillon defeated his enemies and was chosen as the first Christian king of Jerusalem.

Following this, for a considerable period the city remained in Christian hands, until in 1517 it was captured by the Turks.