

# WOMAN'S AFFAIRS: WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE

## LOSES TORGE FOR SON'S SAKE

### British Squire, Aware of Wife's Infidelity, Refuses To Bring Suit.

## QUEER WILL DRAW UP COURT REFUSES SEPARATION BECAUSE HUSBAND KEPT AWAY TOO LONG.

An amazing story of a father's vain sacrifice for his son has been unfolded in London. For twelve years he forbore to divorce his wife for unfaithfulness in order that his might benefit by a peculiar will made by the boy's great-grandfather. Finally when application was made for divorce, the courts refused to allow it on the ground that he delayed too long.

The father's name is Joseph Rickard, a Devonshire squire. His wife, Mary Louise, is the granddaughter of William Langman. Langman's will, the basis for the useless sacrifice, provided that the first son of the Rickards named William Langman should be sole heir. Rickard and Sidney Bond, a neighboring farmer, were made trustees of the will. Bond qualifies as the villain of the Devon romance.

The Rickards were married in 1893. The only child of the marriage was christened Joseph. At the time of Langman's death and the reading of the will, Mrs. Rickard and Bond became intimate and eventually she accompanied him to London, where they lived together for some time.

Rickard was informed of his wife's misconduct and began chancery proceedings to remove Bond from the trusteeship of the will. Eventually both Bond and Rickard retired. Rickard then consulted his lawyer and gave him instructions to proceed with action for a divorce.

Then followed the decision to sacrifice his own happiness for the sake of his son. His attorneys advised him to defer divorce proceedings, because in case it was granted Mrs. Rickard might marry Bond and become the mother of a boy who would be named William Langman, thus fulfilling the terms of her grandfather's will. In case of no other issue, Joseph would come into the property of the first, second, third and fourth grades at 4 o'clock, adults tonight 8 o'clock; French, Spanish; rhythmic dancing.

Dunbar Civic Center, First and N streets northwest. French instruction will be given this afternoon at 3:30 by Dr. Basile G. O'Connell, professor of French, Georgetown University. The class has started with a good membership and is open to all free on Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

Minor Normal Community Center, Georgia avenue and Fairmont streets northwest. The Household Arts Club will present Frank Alton Parsons, president of the New York School of Fine and Applied Art in the first of a series of four lectures on decorative art. Parsons' subject for tomorrow night will be "Our National Industrial Art Problem and Its Solution." Tonight, 8 o'clock; Boy Scouts, sewing, dressmaking, conversational French, typewriting and shorthand, gymnasium.

Garnet-Phelps Community Center, Phelps School, Tenth street between U and V northwest. Tonight: Laborers Co-operative League, Pleasure Club, Women's Exchange.

Randall Community Center, First and I streets southwest. Activities tonight: Community Chorus, Boys Athletic Club, chair caning class, French club, literary society, club room for children, Douglas Co-operative league, S. W. Civic association.

Lovely Community Center, Twelfth and D streets northeast. Tonight: Buffalo athletic club; Delta social club, typewriting and stenography, sewing and needle work circle, syndicate social club, young men's business association.

Birney Community Center, Nichols avenue and Howard street southeast. There will be a monthly meeting of the Ladies' Intercommunity Club at 8 o'clock tonight. The "Willing Workers" club will also meet at the same hour. The Birney chorus will practice tonight at 8 o'clock.

Burrville Community Center, Division avenue between Corcoran and Dean streets northeast. The Burrville Community Chorus will give a special arranged concert tonight for the purpose of purchasing new books for the club. Tonight: Parliamentary law has been added to the regular activities for Tuesday nights, also the community chorus, Boys' Athletic Basketball Club, Boy Scouts, Young Men's Athletic Club; games; Girl Scouts; knitting; millinery, Crochet Club; dressmaking.

West Washington Community Center, Phillips School, N street between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets northwest. Among the new activities at this center on Tuesday nights are: The West End Relief Association; Girls' Reserve Club; Bible Club; Athletic Club, Juniors and Seniors; Sewing Club; Boys' Club; Glee Club; Injunctive Pleasure Club; Douglas Co-operative League. Register for membership or for affiliated club activities with the secretary, Miss Stella A. Galkins, on Tuesday evenings.

The Georgetown Civic Association will hold a special and important meeting tonight at 8 o'clock, and the president will be in the presence of all community people who are interested in community advancement.

Wilson Normal Community Center, Eleventh and Harvard streets northwest. The Florida State Society will meet tonight at 8 o'clock. The committee has arranged a program. Tonight: Gregg shorthand and dictation; advanced and elementary French, elementary and advanced Spanish, English speaking for foreigners, dressmaking and millinery, beginners' dancing instructions, 8:30; advanced dancing instructions, 9:30; general social dancing, free to Community Club members, 9:30.

East Washington Community Center, East High School, Seventh and C streets southeast. Tonight: Millinery, dressmaking, Boy Scout band, Carbery Boy Scouts Troop No. 87, Community Social Club dance.

Thomson Community Center, Twelfth and L streets northwest. Tonight, 7:30: Washington Opera Association rehearsal, Gregg shorthand, dressmaking, millinery, dictation, elementary and advanced Spanish.

W. V. Brown Community Center, Connecticut avenue and McKinley street northwest. French and dramatics for children at 8 o'clock this afternoon.

Southeast Community Center, Tyler School, Eleventh and G streets southeast. Mrs. N. Hall will give a birthday party in honor of her little daughter from 7:30 to 9 o'clock tonight. The children will be entertained by games and refreshments will be served. The parents accompanying the children will have a social hour from 9 to 10:30.

Johnson Community Center, 10th and M streets northwest. Activities tonight: Community Chorus, Boys Athletic Club, chair caning class, French club, literary society, club room for children, Douglas Co-operative league, S. W. Civic association.

## PROMINENT WASHINGTONIANS PARTICIPATE IN DRAG HUNT



A drag hunt, as a preliminary to the revival of fox hunting at the Chevy Chase Club, was held yesterday morning by prominent Washingtonians. The hunt was started from the American University and wound up with a breakfast at the Chevy Chase Club.

School street, between Irving and Park Road. The president of the Community Association, Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter, and the community secretary, Mrs. John A. Hunter, will entertain the executive board of the association in the Community Club room, Thursday evening, December 9, at 8:30. Refreshments will be served, and all members are requested to be present. The dressmaking and sewing club will not meet until after the Christmas holidays. Regular Tuesday activities: Beginners, intermediate and advanced French for children at 3:15 this afternoon; rhythmic dancing for children of the first, second, third and fourth grades at 4 o'clock, adults tonight 8 o'clock; French, Spanish; rhythmic dancing.

## An O. Henry Story

### A Municipal Report

(Continued from Yesterday.)

I gave him two one-dollar bills. As I handed them over I noticed that one of them had seen parous times. Its upper right-hand corner was missing, and it had been through in the middle, but joined again. A strip of blue tissue paper, pasted over the split, preserved its negotiability.

Enough of the African bandit for the present; I left him happy, lifted the rope and opened the creaky gate.

The house, as I said, was a shell. A paint brush had not touched it in twenty years. I could not see why a strong wind should not have bowled it over like a house of cards until I looked again at the trees that hugged it close—the trees that saw the battle of Nashville and still drew their "proceeding" branches around it against storm and enemy and cold.

Azalea Adair, 59 years old, white-haired, a descendant of the cavaliers, as thin and frail as the house she lived in, robed in the cheapest and cleanest dress I ever saw, with an air as simple as a queen's, received me.

The reception room seemed a mile square, because there was nothing in it except some rows of books, on unpainted white-pink bookshelves, a cracked marble-top table, a rag carpet, a hairless horse hair sofa and two or three chairs. Yes, there was a picture on the wall, a colored crayon drawing of a cluster of pantries. I looked around for the portrait of Andrew Jackson and the pine-cone hanging basket, but they were not there.

Azalea Adair and I had conversed, a little of which will be repeated to you. She was a product of the old South, gently nurtured in the sheltered life. Her learning was not broad, but was deep and of splendid originality in its somewhat narrow scope. She had been educated at home, and her knowledge of the world was derived from inference and by inspiration. Of such is the precious, small group of essayists made. While she talked to me I kept brushing my fingers, trying unconsciously, to rid them of the gully of the absent dust from the half-calf backs of Lamb, Chaucer, Hazlitt, Marcus Aurelius, Montaigne and Hood. She was exquisite, she was a valuable discovery. Nearly everybody nowadays knows too much—oh, so much too much—of real life.

I could perceive clearly that Azalea Adair was very poor. A house of the world was not much else. I fancied, too, divided between my duty to the magazine and my loyalty to the poets and essayists who fought Thomas in the valley of the Cumberland. I listened to her voice, which was like a harpsichord's, and found that I could not speak of contracts. In the presence of the nine Muses and the three Graces one hesitates to lower the topic to mere cents. There would have to be another colloquy after I had regained my commercialism. But I spoke of my mission, and 3 o'clock of the next afternoon was set for the discussion of the business proposition.

"Your town," I said, as I began to make ready to depart (which is the time for smooth generalities), "seems to be a quiet, sedate place. A home town, I should say, where few things out of the ordinary ever happen."

It carries on an extensive trade in stoves and hollow ware with the West and South, and its flouring mills have a daily capacity of more than 2,000 barrels.

Azalea Adair seemed to reflect. "I have never thought of it that way," she said, with a kind of sincere intensity that seemed to belong to her. "Isn't it in the still, quiet places that things do happen? I fancy that when God began to create a earth on the first Monday morning one could have leaned out one's window and heard the drops of mud splashing from His trowel as He built up the everlasting hills. What did the noisiest project in the world—

## girl's further squeals and unintelligible words.

Azalea Adair rose without surprise or emotion and disappeared. For two minutes I heard the hoarse rumble of the man's voice; then something like an oath and a slight scuffle, and she returned calmly to her chair.

"This is a roomy house," she said, "and I have a tenant for part of it. I am sorry to have to renege my invitation to tea. It was impossible to get the kind of tea I always use at the store. Perhaps tomorrow Mr. Baker will be able to supply me."

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

## Marriage Licenses

- James Cox, 38, Fort Myer, Va., and Nellie Gordon, 30, of this city. The Rev. W. A. Jones.
- Randolph M. Burrows, 21, and Bessie Green, 21, both of this city. The Rev. W. H. Haggerty.
- Wilfred R. Sult, 21, of Upper Marlboro, Md., and Ethel E. Pumphrey, 18, of this city. The Rev. J. E. Wheeler.
- John Fau, 25, and Isabelle Cole, 27, both of this city. The Rev. J. A. Taylor.
- Daniel Gray, 44, and Cecilia Curry, 28, both of this city. The Rev. T. T. Taylor.
- John Fau, 25, and Mary Green, 24, both of this city. The Rev. J. E. Miller.
- Joseph E. Edwards, 47, and Emma Slye, 39, both of this city. The Rev. A. Willbanks.
- George Indart, 45, and Anna M. Schoetter, 44, both of this city. The Rev. T. S. Lee.
- Herbert H. Ruff, 23, and Lillian I. Gates, 19, both of this city. The Rev. W. A. Haggerty.
- Robert F. Hanner, 30, of Greensboro, N. C., and Anna E. Lynch, 34, of this city. The Rev. M. P. J. Egan.
- Augustus Johnson, 45, and Sarah Byrd, 25, both of this city. The Rev. A. Willbanks.
- Waite L. Locke, 24, and Ruth E. Rogers, 20, both of this city. The Rev. H. E. Briggs.
- Richard F. Thomson, 22, and Jean K. Haeste, 24, both of Rockville Centre, N. Y. The Rev. J. H. Jetties.
- Herman L. Givens, 24, and Nellie Hartz, 22, both of Georgetown, Del. The Rev. H. Schroeder.
- Elijah S. Smith, 33, and Mary A. Culbreth, 24, both of this city. The Rev. T. J. Brown.
- Franklin Jones, 89, and Jean Lewis, 50, both of this city. The Rev. W. H. Davis.
- John W. Wilson, 45, and Julia Day, 40, both of this city. The Rev. W. Nicholas.
- Ernest G. Clarke, 26, and Minnie Lyles, 22, both of Alexandria, Va. The Rev. C. A. DeVaughn.
- Edward C. Staley, 27, and Edith R. Wise, 18, both of this city. The Rev. H. E. Briggs.
- Henry R. Woodhouse, 25, of Occoan, Va., and Caroline E. Luford, 21, of this city. The Rev. J. Fletcher.

## The Marriage Mill

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A PAINFUL INTERVIEW.

Dinner at the Osbornes' that evening was a gloomy affair.

Mrs. Osborna preserved a chill dignity which dampened even Myra's determined efforts to be cheerful and casual. Jane was ominously silent, but the burning spot of color on each cheek, and the glance half-puzzled, half-angry, that she sent to Fannie occasionally, told Alison as plainly as words that the news of Edwards' desertion had been broken to her.

Alison herself was silent, more from a feeling of futility and hopelessness than from resentment at her mother-in-law's attitude. She could not resist contrasting this dinner with the first she had had with her husband's family when she had been a very recent bride.

She looked across the table at Fannie, still flushed and tremulous with happiness, and she experienced the same feeling of pity with which Fannie had regarded her on the day of her wedding announcement.

Here was more grief for the marriage mill!

It was not until after dinner, when coffee was being served in the library, that Larry's mother abandoned her chill silence.

"I think it is time we were coming down to business," she said quietly, setting down her cup. "Now Alison, what is this talk about a divorce?"

Alison sipped her coffee for a moment before replying, then she answered with equal quiet:

"My life with Larry has been a succession of disappointments and misunderstandings. He has failed to show proper consideration for a wife. Only a few nights ago he deserted me in a theater in town and went back to Maplewood with another girl, leaving me penniless and unprotected. It was only by a fluke that I got back at all that night."

Jane leaned forward, her eyes snapping.

"I should say it was—since your escort was Warren Bradley."

Alison started in spite of her effort at control.

"Who told you that?"

"The whole of Maplewood knows! Everybody's watched your carriage on with that Bradley man! We don't blame Larry, a bit for leaving home."

Alison sat up with flashing eyes.

"Blame Larry for leaving home?" she echoed indignantly. "It was I who left Larry! Yes, and he begged me on his bonded knees to stay! But I wouldn't—after what happened the night you sent him to rout a burglar when it was only a cat. That's the first time I was thrown on Warren Bradley's escort, an escort which I declined, incidentally. The second time I didn't decline. I couldn't! The only alternative was to sleep on a bench in the station. Naturally I chose Bradley. He, at least, is a gentleman, if my husband is not!"

It was an unwise statement. Larry's mother leaned forward, her eyes blazing.

"Larry was everything fine and splendid until he married you! Now, he drinks and runs around with silly fools who wear earrings and make eyes! Oh, I know more than you think I do! I know how you've flirted with that insufferable Bradley and neglected Larry's home, and gone to your mother with every little thing that went wrong. But what could one expect of you? The daughter of a divorced woman who runs around with a rake!"

Alison sprang up and reached for her wrap.

"That will do! I shan't stay another moment and listen to insults about my mother. I came here prepared to do the square thing and make a go of things—late as it is—for your sakes. Now I'm through! You can tell Larry for me that if he wants to talk to me, he will have to consult my lawyer."

It wasn't until she had made a furious exit that she remembered with a bitter sort of amusement that Larry had showed very plainly that he didn't want to see or talk to her.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN CIVIC CENTERS

General Civic Center, Central High School, Eleventh and Clifton streets northwest. Mrs. Ruby Potter, chairman, will sing tonight at the twenty-second organ recital under the direction of Miss Edith B. Athey, organist at Central High School Auditorium. Miss Potter will be accompanied by Louis A. Potter, Jr. The musical numbers have been carefully selected and the programs contain clear explanations of each number to be rendered. Recital begins at 8 o'clock and the public is invited. These recitals are held every first and third Tuesday of the month and are free of charge.

The Agriculture Department has arranged a very interesting program to be given Thursday in the high school auditorium, in charge of Harlan Smith and F. W. Perkins. There will be music, motion pictures and talks, and the auditorium will be artistically decorated. Miss Paul will preside at the organ. Guests are asked to bring their invitations but the public is to be admitted without invitations. The reception committee will be selected by the Agriculture Department.

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## Wife Wills Residence To Alonzo A. Rowley

Alonzo A. Rowley, husband of Alice M. Rowley, who recently leaving an estate valued at about \$10,000, is to have the residence at 1844 Kenyon street northwest, according to the will of Mrs. Rowley, filed for probate yesterday.

The document provides that at Rowley's death the property shall revert in equal parts to the son and daughter of the deceased, Clifford A. Rowley and Mrs. Bertha E. Rowley.

## Wholesale Selling Price of Beef in Washington

Prices realized on Swift & Company's sales of carcass beef on shipments sold out for periods shown below, as published in the newspaper, averaged as follows, showing the tendency of the market:

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Oct. 23	16.05	17.82	16.95
Oct. 30	16.05	17.82	16.95
Nov. 6	16.05	17.82	16.95
Nov. 13	16.05	17.82	16.95
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