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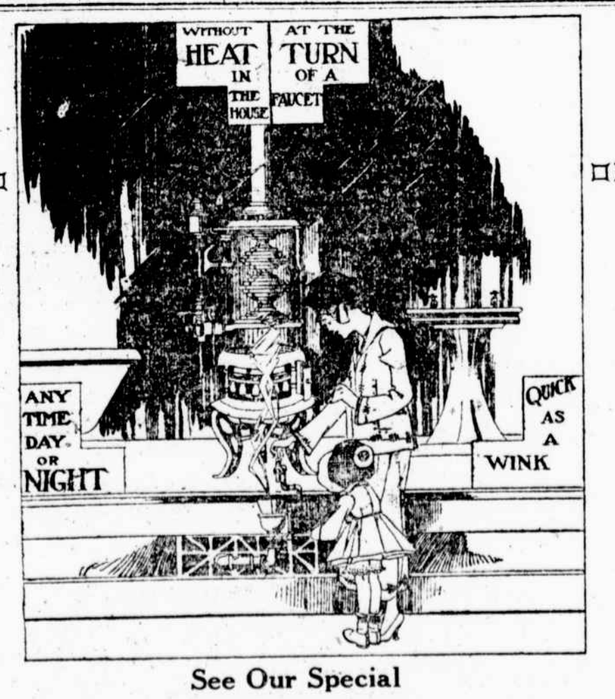

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"Lifted" Bathing Suit, Too Small, Returned It, and Stole Another

(Continued from First Page.)

habit to not pay her check bill in the cafe.

The girls did lots of "vamping," according to their letters and the diary. **Alice gave boy friends neckties and handkerchief at times. She also gave them cigarettes and money.**

In preference to taking a preliminary hearing in police court, the girls waived arraignment to appear for the grand jury. Bond was placed at $1,000 each, as they are charged jointly with four cases.

Friday, remnant day, was their "lucky" day, according to the police.

Had Pocket Sewed On Her Neckpiece.

They escaped even suspicion until Mrs. Clarke watched Alice Minsker inspecting a piece of goods in a store. While she was holding up silk with one hand, she was feeding it into a pocket in the lining of her neckpiece, which was draped over her arm. She got away with it and went into an elevator. Then she was arrested. Search of the rooms revealed a load of stuff, the majority of which was returned to department stores.

Detective Jake Berman, of headquarters, saw the Minsker girl pick up a paper bag in Myer's Military Shop and go into the Y. W. C. A. recently, which she mentions doing in her letter.

The police have introduced this letter into court as evidence. It follows:

Friday, at the Office.
May 21, 1920.

My Dearest Grace:

Received your letter written from Dayton, last night. Sure was glad to get it and hear all of the news. Charles is quite a disappointment, well, I'll not worry anything about Tom as long as I have my "Sweet Daddy," only I would like, or, at least, love, to see Tom. If I knew he would meet me I would arrange to stop off on the way to Buffalo. Gosh! how I did love that boy and I do yet. Just the other night I began to look for his letter that only one he ever wrote to me, and I could not find it any place. Can't imagine where I put it. I would not want to lose it, because it meant so much to me.

I want you to know that of all the fellows you ever had, Whitie is one of the best. I never saw anyone so nice and polite. The kid thinks a lot of you alright. He asked me down to Sunday dinner and is coming up tonight to take me to Glen Echo. I got the bronze at the 5 and 10; **got it in the "usual way;" had three bottles and that was not enough for the room, so I'll have to run another risk and get some more.**

Away from the service is right, we ought to have more sense, gave me rep, last night. **If he don't come across soon with something pretty nice I'll can him, hate him anyhow.** He told me that he is going to haul sugar next week, and they put forty bags on a truck, 250 pounds to a sack, and on every trip they sell one for $20. I told him to bring us one and he would get the cash. We sure could make a lot of money out of it; it is 37 cents here now and only a few places that you can get it.

I won't promise to have some good men stirred up until you come back, but I think when you get back and we step out, it **won't take us long to get something as good as we have had.**

Will tell you now what I did downtown on Wednesday night. I am not sure if I can remember everything. Myer's Military Shop was open for the first time after 4 o'clock, just by luck I came by there, and, of course, you know I went in, and it is good I did, it was the right time. The bathing suits were scattered all over the table. But they have plenty of clerks. **On the first floor I got two pair of shoes for you, was sure they would fit you, one pair of black oxfords and the other ones brown kid pumps. Then I went to the second floor, and ran on to the boys bathing suits, spied a purple silk knit suit, peach of a thing, perfect 36; knew it would fit, and mine it was. It is trimmed in black, little pocket in the bloomer part. It was the only silk one among the lot, $20.** Tho't it was pretty risky with such a load as I had. Started down the steps when I noticed for once in my favor the bags were piled up right there, **picked off a big one and made for the lavatory in the Y. W. C. A. Came back then to get you a bathing suit, and I never did such a hard thing in my life, but I got two there, one for you and one for me; sizes 36 and 40..** Yours greenish blue, trimmed in black, and mine a grayish brown, trimmed in old rose, $16.50. I got out and then and went downtown. Tried to get "My Daddy" a tie at the Palais Royal, but nothing doing. Then I went to the 5 and 10 and got the bronze and came home.

After White went home I tried on the suits, and discovered that you could not wear the 40, and I would have to try my luck again the next night. Went back last night and all the ladies' suits were hanging on racks. I was sadly disappointed; but I went to the men's and found a black and red silk one just like my purple one and a 42. The men clerks were not busy and they were so interested in me, and I felt like telling them to go to H——. I knew I could do nothing. They were helping me find my size 36, and I could see every kind of a suit but a purple one, so I asked if they did not have a purple, tho't that was the kind I wanted. One sprang right at me and said: "Why we have a purple silk one here." Then some other little Jew corrected him and said: "No, that was sold yesterday." I'll bet I turned red and nervous. **Well, this is what I d'd. I went back in there three times last night before I got the only black silk one they had, but I got it just the same, and I know it will fit Miss Grace like a glove; $20, too.** They are about the swellest things I ever saw for a bathing suit. We won't need to be ashamed of them. **You know how bold I was when you were with me; well, I am worse now. I don't know what is going to become of me.** Gee! I wish you had been with me last night. Sure was great, and I ran on to some silk gowns in one of those waist shops, got a $12.50 and ran like a horse in a race, right passed Steinmetz and Wallis. Tonight is remnant night, and that decides the capes. I will go right down to Kann's and get the loom and then work.

As to the shoes, when I got home I tried them on and could not get either pair on, so I took them to the little shoe man and asked him to try to sell them and it will be 50-50 with the money. I hope he can sell them, they are awfully good looking shoes.

Had a card from Marion this A. M. She cannot buy the skirt, it is too narrow. She leaves tomorrow on her trip.

Had Premonition of Story in Newspapers.

Tried to get some Mattie sealing wax at about twenty differenet stores, none of them seem to have it.

Old Carroll is not coming down. He said that he did not think he would be welcome, not according to my letters lately, and he said that he did not believe that I would keep my promise anyhow, so he decided not to come, but would meet me in Buffalo. I have not written to him since Monday and will on Sunday write my last and tell him where to go to. I am going to say that my time in Buffalo cannot be wasted on such as him. I am going to return his old CC. I want my picture.

We are certainly popular when it comes to appearing in the daily news. This will spread all over the United States and certainly give us some record, and each paper will add a little more to it.

I forgot to tell you that I got Celia a little bathing suit at Myer's, it is the cutest thing. Marg was bucking around there like a silver sea horse. Waiting on the men, and yelling all the time. I don't think she saw me in there, tried to steer shy of her.

I really have been busy all the time, and the time is going so quickly, only a little over a week and I will be going, too. Just crazy for the time to come when we will meet in Buffalo. Think we will have a pretty snappy time. I should say you are doing well on your expenses. **Hope we can get some good looking rings in Buffalo. That would be about the smartest thing we have done yet, and I think we have shown our intelligence lately.**

I want to have every thing clean, all my clothes washed, ironed and mended before I go home, there are a few little things which I must get yet, hair nets among them.

Won't send this until tonight, and then I may have some more news.

So far I have written all I know. Love, ALICE.

Grace Lillard's letter was written to her friend from Missouri. It advises her to "go easy" if she is not feeling well, but to **"snitch" (steal) as much as possible, so they might be prepared to vamp this summer.**

The letter is cnotinued from one day to another, and reads in part:

Would "Vamp" Him Into Straight Proposal.

Thursday Nite, 12 Bells.

My Dearest Alice:

Well, honey, this is the happiest hour of my life—and he surely is handsome. May heaven forgive me if I don't vamp him into a strong straight proposal. Really he's wonderful. I could rave on all night. But what's the use?

They think I'm more than wonderful. Really I never saw such fine children as these five. All of them pretty and sweet. They were surely pleased with the things I brought along, and I guess will get worlds of good out of them. Irma cried when I produced the old Palais Royal dress. She said I always gave them too much. And the kids said I was the only one in the family who had any sense. Went downtown with Percy and helped him select his new suit. I gave him $3 on the suit, as I didn't bring him anything but an old bathing suit. I wish you could manage to exchange those shoes at Lansburg's for me for 5½ B or C in any style, for I am fixed fine here, all but my shoes, and surely need another pair. Would certainly like some like your's from Kanns. I think it will be as well to wait for the capes until I get back. For I won't be in one place much longer, and won't get much chance to sew.

I can't wait for his first letter. I love him lots and lots. But as to a double wedding, that's more than my imagination can cover just now, and especially after such a wonderful seance with my sweet little "Irish man."

But, of course, I always like him, worlds and worlds. I couldn't be bothered with any such fools.

Being alone doesn't seem to bother you any, but, ge, I'm sure glad. Maybe you can grab a little for me, too, and I surely will appreciate it. Am too sleepy to write more.

Will stop here and write more tomorrow.

"Snitch a Lot," We'll Need It for "Vamping."

Friday, 2 P. M.

Dear Alice:

Your good letter received this morning.

I am sorry you are feeling so badly, and hope you are much better now. If you don't "Buck downtown" too much after work I believe you will soon be fine again.

He believes in going strong when he do go, eh?

Marty was immensely pleased with his ties. He is a fine man.

Do snitch as much as possible, for we sure will need it if we vamp a lot this summer. Be sweet.

Lovingly, GRACE.

The diary of Alice Minsker in places reveals the story of the girl's activities. Entered officially in the record of the police department and court as evidence, the chapters written in it are interesting.

Vari-Colored Inks Show Character of the Writer.

"Greetings! from Bess" is written on the front page of the tiny, leather-covered book of sin. Under it is the name and address of the girl who wrote on the pages therein. The ink in which the entries are made is even indicative of the character of the writer.

When the year was yet young, the day's story was written in the blue ink of purity, and later on, in February, black ink marks the pages. Then, later in the month, comes the scarlet ink of shame, and in March, ink as red as blood tells the story, the red ink of fear. Through April red ink is used, and the black ink, maybe portending arrest, is again used in May.

The headings of the days in the diary are also considered indications of the "luck." Some of them were "the happiest day," "a beautiful day," "a wonderful day," "a punk day," "best day for an age," "peach of a day," etc.

It is interesting to note the entry of Friday, March 5. The diary reads. "Managed to get the stationery for Carroll and sent it too. Wrote to ——. In P. M. we went to East Potomac Barracks, met two boys and went to Fort Arthur **stole the sugar and smoking stand.** Came home in taxi."

Diary Tells How Girls Got Goods From Stores.

The diary reads in part:

"April 3.—Met Grace after work and we went shopping.

April 8—Went downtown; got our silk underskirts.

April 9—Downtown and got a waist at ——. Grace at ——.

Saturday, April 9.—While downtown we got nothing much; I got a georgette remnant.

Sunday, 11—Wonderful day. Met —— and —— at the Union Station. A young chap picked us up and took us to the station. Pretended we were going to the station.

Monday, 12—Downtown to ——; got a waist. Grace did not get a waist.

Tuesday, 13—Went downtown and got 2 waists; Grace one. Got vanity bag, too. Wore our new waists.

Wednesday, 14.—Went downtown and got rouge.

Saturday, 17—Went downtown; got the parasols. Boys came in with us. We had candy and cigarettes. Left rather late. We gave them money.

Sunday, 18—**Did not go to church.** Blue Monday.

Thursday, April 22—Got ribbon and bloomers. Was thinking.

Friday, 23.—Got Grace a dress, myself a waist and camisole.

Saturday, 24.—Happiest day I have had in an age. Big day. Got silk dress, thread, and hair net.

Sunday, 25.—Beautiful day. **Did not go to church.**

Tuesday, 27—Got the boys 2 silk handkerchiefs, each $1.50; got ½ dozen cotton ones.

Monday, May 3—Went downtown; got silk hose, dresses, scarfs, cella's apron; sent a box of old junk trash home. **Margaret still drunk.**

Wednesday, 5—Teddy came up and took us both to Poli's to see "Midnight Century Whirl." Real good. Stolen fruit.

Friday, 7—Whitie came up. **Grace got $159.75 dress, and we got electric iron.**

Monday, 10.—Wonderful weather. Went to walk without a coat, went downtown after work—got silk teddies, camisoles, and silk skirt.

Thursday, May 13.—The day of days. We got our chokers. Mine Hudson sable, $150; Grace's Stone Martin, $85. Got at Stinemetz's. **It came to Grace like an inspiration. No trouble at all.**

Friday, 14.—We went downtown, got silk kimonos and silk underskirt; also a few other things. Ate.

Saturday, May 15.—Brown shoes, $8.65. The day of Grace's departure. Got the shoes.

Sunday, May 16.—First day I am alone.

Monday, 17.—"Wonderful day." And the story is written.

Boy Scout Activities
In and Near Washington

The day is coming!

Camp Roosevelt, the Washington Boy Scout camp, located on the shore of Chesapeake Bay, forty miles from the capital, will be opened on the 26th of this month, and a number of troops of the District are expected to spend a week or two at the camp in a body.

The management of the camp will be under the personal supervision of Linn C. Drake, Assistant Executive of the District of Columbia Council, who has had several years of experience in Boy Scout camps throughout the country. There will be a corps of adult assistants, among them an experienced chef, a doctor, a director of activities, a quartermaster, and a supervisor of athletics and swimming.

Any registered scout in the District who is in good standing may, with the written permission of his scoutmaster and parent, attend the camp.

The following are some of the activities a scout may enjoy:

Instructions in sciut requirements, handicraft, woodcraft, first aid, nature study, swimming, life saving, seamanship, and athletics.

The campaign for associate scout members has been a huge success, according to scout headquarters. Scouts in the District have succeeded in enrolling parents, brothers and friends as associate members. The campaign ended yesterday.

The advancement contest in scouting, in which a local newspaper awarded the trophy, was won by Troop 10, with Troop 1 a close second. Individual scouts who came first in the contest in their division will be taken on a trip to Gettysburg, Pa. They are: Robert Harris, Troop 5, Division No. 1; Richard Edwards, Troop 65, Division No. 2; Alex Sweeney, Troop 23, Division No. 3; Robert Hartshorn, Troop 30, Division No. 4; Scoville Aspinwall, Troop 39, Division No. 5; Floyd Harris, Troop 1, Division No. 6; and William Grumwell, Division No. 7.

A number of the scoutmasters of Washington journeyed to the new camp at Burnt Mills last week and enjoyed a real scout camp supper, which was prepared by Scoutmaster Vernon Bailey. Afterward they were addressed by Dr. Paul Bartsch, of the Smithsonian Institute, on "Flora of the Northwest Branch," and Le Roy Meisinger, of the United States Weather Bureau, on "Astronomy."

Two hundred scouts assisted the Grand Army of the Republic to prepare for Memorial Day. More than 25,000 graves of the men who died in the service of their country were decorated with American flags by the boys.

All former records were broken at a meeting of the Boy Scout Merit Badge Court of Honor last week, when thirty-eight boys from eleven troops qualified for a total of 135 merit badges. Troop 1, of which F. E. Matthes is scoutmaster, surpassed the record previously held by troop 10, by passing sixty-six badges at one session of the court.

The latest additions to the Eagle Scouts of the District, the highest award in scouting, are: Floyd Harris, troop 1; Edwin McKee, troop 1; Scoville Aspinwall, troop 39, and Richard Edwards, troop 65. Three boys were made star scouts, the second highest award in scouting, recently. They are Henry Merick, troop 1; Frank Goldberg, troop 40, and Loraine Schmulovits, troop 10.

Members of the Washington Board of Trade extend their thanks to the boys of the Washington Boy Scout band, under the leadership of Scoutmaster J. Leonard Kidwell, who furnished music at the annual shad bake given by the board at Chesapeake Beach recently.

BANKERS TO HOLD CONVENTION AT SEA

One hundred and seventy-five bankers, bank directors and their friends will leave Washington this afternoon at 4 o'clock on the steamer Midland to attend the second annual convention of the District of Columbia Bankers' Association. All business sessions of the annual meeting will be held on board the steamer, and the party will return to the city Wednesday morning.

Various historic points, including Yorktown, the Lower James river, Old Point Comfort, Newport News and Portsmouth will be visited by the Washington delegation. They will be entertained by the Chamber of Commerce of Norfolk.

Unique Convention.

"This will be one of the most unique conventions ever held," said Maurice D. Rosenberg, president of the District of Columbia Bankers' Association," and we are looking forward to a very profitable meeting."

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AGED SENATE REPORTER SUCCUMBS TO ILLNESS

Henry J. Gensler, who for fifty-three years was a member of the corps of official reporters of the Senate, died this morning at his residence, 2942 Macomb street, following a brief illness. Mr. Gensler was seventy-two years old and was a lifelong resident of this city.

He joined the official Senate reporters when he was eighteen years of age and held the position until a little more than a year ago when he retired. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

JAMES TRACY.

Funeral services for Policeman James Tracy, who died from influenza Friday at Providence Hospital, will be held tomorrow morning from his residence, 1111 K street northeast, to Holy Name Church, where a solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated.

A platoon of twenty-four policemen will escort the cortege and the members of Potomac Council, Knights of Columbus, will attend the mass in a body.

Tracy was a member of the police department for thirty years. He is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. William Sartain, Miss Mary Tracy, Mrs. John Brennan and Charles Tracy.

WILLIAM P. SPURGEON.

Funeral services for William P. Spurgeon, managing editor of the Washington Post, who died Friday, will be held at his residence, 1636 Irving street northwest, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Interment will be in Rock Creek Cemetery.

REAR ADM. A. G. WINTERHALTER.

Funeral services for Rear Admiral Albert G. Winterhalter, formerly commander of the Asiatic fleet and a member of the general board of the Navy Department, who died yesterday at the Naval Hospital after a brief illness, will be held tomorrow afternoon from St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery with full naval honors.

Admiral Winterhalter and his wife resided at Florence Court here for many years. He was sixty-four years old and was in the navy since 1877, when he received his appointment to the Naval Academy. During the Spanish-American war Admiral Winterhalter saw active service on the cruiser Philadelphia and other ships. He was commander of the hydrographic office of the Navy Department here for some time.

Besides his wife, Admiral Winterhalter leaves one sister, Miss Lily Winterhalter, of Detroit, Mich.

MAJOR HERBERT A. McCUNE.

Major Herbert Austin McCune, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A., died last evening at Walter Red Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. A detachment of cavalry from Fort Myer will escort the cortege.

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