

D. C. Greenwich Village Springs Up in Alley Once Home of Cattle

In the shadow of the huge dome of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, Connecticut and Rhode Island avenues northwest, and surrounded on the east, the west, the south and the north by some of the city's most exclusive and fashionable homes, a Macdonald alley—an almost exact reproduction of Greenwich Village's rendezvous for artists—has been discovered and in it five devotees to the art have established workshops.

Giving promise to being a thriving Bohemian village the alley, called St. Matthew's, for it is in the rear of the church, is attracting unusual attention among the artists of the city. So well known is this alley, and so noted are its workers that enterprising real estate men have announced the intention of erecting a studio building in a lot in the alley, which will add twelve more artists to the present number.

It was three years ago that this alley, then an obscure rear roadway, filled with nine or ten livery stables and very seldom traversed—was "discovered." And it is to George Julian Zolnay, sculptor of nation wide fame, that the credit for opening the alley should go.

CONVERTS OLD COW SHED.
His workshop at Fifteenth and E streets northwest was commandeered by the Government for war purposes, and Zolnay was forced to seek another place. Searching high and low he found nothing that would suit him. Nearly discouraged Zolnay finally decided to temporarily occupy an old cow shed in St. Matthew's alley. He had been there but a short time when the unusual location of his workshop created curiosity among the local artists, and visitors were frequent in the alley. So much attention was attracted by the odd location that Zolnay decided to remain permanently and so he announced.

Followed then, Miss Katherine Critcher, portrait painter whose work can be found in the homes of officials of the government and of

foreign governments; Miss Critcher can be truly called an eminent artist, for her work has attracted nationwide attention.

It was but a short time later when there came another artist into the alley. This was Miss Ellen Day Hale, portrait and mural painter. Miss Hale is the daughter of Everett Hale. Miss Hale opened her studio in the alley and rented a home at 1745 N street, just in front of her workshop.

Miss Gabrielle P. Clements, whose mural paintings have created quite a sensation in Baltimore and in other cities, has joined Miss Hale and the two artists now occupy the same studio.

When Zolnay first took up his work in the livery stable in the alley he set about to transform the entire place. He had rented the house at 1738 N street for his wife and two children, girls fifteen and seventeen years old, and he began to "clean up." First, he started on his backyard and established an Italian Garden, which two artists love to visit in the summer time. Next he began to work on the livery stable. It was hard work, but in a comparatively short time he was established—he had fixed up four rooms and started work.

HAILS FROM ROMANIA.
Zolnay, a teacher of sculpture, holding classes in the alley, hails here some thirty years ago. In 1903 he was director of sculpture at the St. Louis Exposition. After traveling throughout the country he finally decided to make his abode here. Among his works is the famous memorial to Winnie Davis, daughter of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States; "Sequoyah," the Indian who invented the Cherokee alphabet, which statue, the gift of the State of Oklahoma, is in Statuary Hall, in the Capitol. On the front of the Central High School three friezes—Manual Training, Business Training, and Academic Training—are his work.

Not only do artists frequent the alley but would-be artists also. Zolnay has many students and holds classes in the alley daily. He has for his students scholars from Waiter Reed, children of the rich and many persons famous socially in the Capital. Among his students are Miss Olive Biant, Mrs. E. F. Miller, Miss Minerva Kendall and Mrs. W. F. Kelly, widow of former United States Consul to Rome.

But as to the alley. It is just like other alleys and has several entrances, from N street and Rhode Island avenue. Come in from the east one first meets Zolnay's studio, then Miss Critcher's and next Miss Hale's. Artists, the Hale and Critcher studio within the next few weeks will be erected the studio building and then the alley will be well populated.

NEIGHBORHOOD UNDERSTANDS.
When the artists began visiting the alley quite a bit of commotion was caused in the neighborhood by these persons who just could not understand why such a location for workshops should be picked. And they got suspicious. It was not until Miss Critcher kindly consented to let some would-be actors rehearse in her studio that the people of the neighborhood really learned what was going on "in their alley." The rehearsal had started and it was just after dawn. The villain was occupying the center of the stage and he was yelling at the leading lady.
"Alice, I am going to kill you." And at the top of his voice, too. This was too much for the suspecting

neighbors and a few seconds later a squad of policemen had invaded the alley, reaching Miss Critcher's shop. But it was all explained and in several weeks the entire neighborhood "understood."

It will be interesting to watch the growth of the alley. Already real estate there has doubled in price. Already its fame has become city-wide. But wait. Zolnay says: "Just a little longer and our alley will be famous throughout the country."

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA AND NEARBY VIRGINIA

Women's Auxiliary of Legion Plans for Poppy Day.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., April 23.—The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion has decided to observe May 30 as "Poppy Day." Each member of the legion will wear red poppies and the members of the Women's Auxiliary will sell small red poppies on the streets for the benefit of the disabled soldiers in this city.

The graves of all Alexandria men who died in the World War will be decorated on Memorial Day with a cross of evergreen and a large red poppy.

The State Corporation Commission has granted a charter to the Consumers' Company, incorporated of Alexandria. The objects are to engage in the coal business, wholesale and retail. The officers are M. Carter Hall, president, of Washington; C. Keith Carlin, vice president, Alexandria; C. Keith Carlin, treasurer, Alexandria, and George B. Vest, secretary, Alexandria. The capital stock is placed at maximum \$100,000, minimum \$1,000.

Dr. John Lee Allison, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in this city, has been elected moderator of the Potomac Presbytery of the Southern Presbyterian Church at the session in Baltimore.

A Republican city convention will be held in this city at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on June 30. At this meeting nine delegates and nine alternates will be elected to the State Republican convention which meet in Norfolk on July 11.

A delegation from Acca Temple, Mystic Shrine, left Alexandria this morning for Lynchburg to attend a ceremonial session of Kappa Temple of Roanoke, which will be held in Lynchburg tonight.

Courtland H. Davis, Carl Rudewsky and Mrs. Eliza Elizabeth Fair, have bought from Mrs. Maria Marshall houses and lots Nos. 1020, 1022, 1021, and 1026 King street. Mrs. Fair and Mr. Davis have also bought the store at the corner of King and Henry streets known as 1028 King street.

Accotink Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F., will celebrate the 102d anniversary of the institution of that organization by services in Odd Fellows Hall, in Accotink, tomorrow. The Rev. Edgar Carpenter, pastor of Grace Episcopal Church of this city, will deliver the sermon.

The Rev. Robert Browne, recently appointed pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church has arrived in this city. Mr. Browne will preach at all the services at that church tomorrow.

A meeting of Silver Moon Council, Daughters of Pocahontas will be held at their rooms in the Alexandria National Bank building, Monday evening. At this meeting the degree of the order will be conferred on a class of candidates.

Russia to Try Keely.
RIGA, April 23.—Royal C. Keely, the American engineer, arrested in Moscow last spring, is soon to be tried in Moscow, say Moscow papers of April 17.

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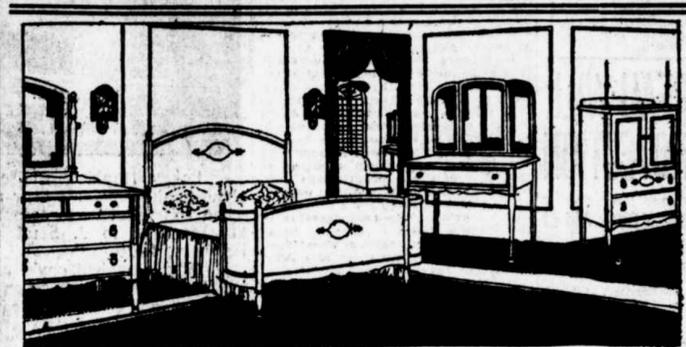
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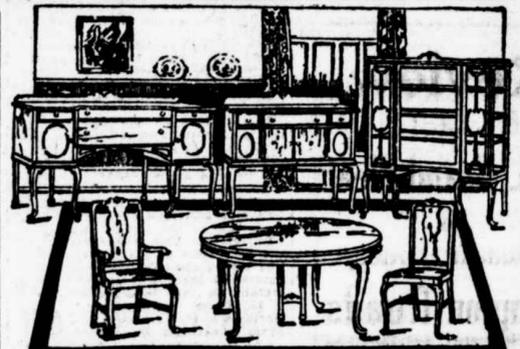
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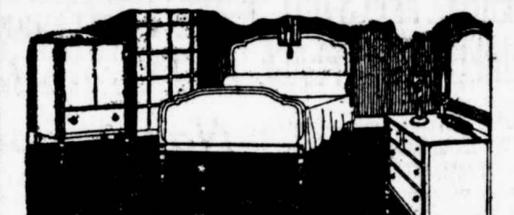
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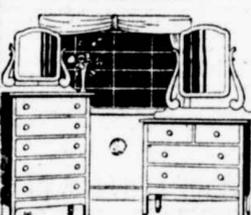


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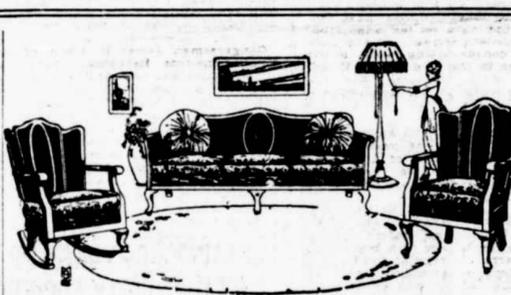


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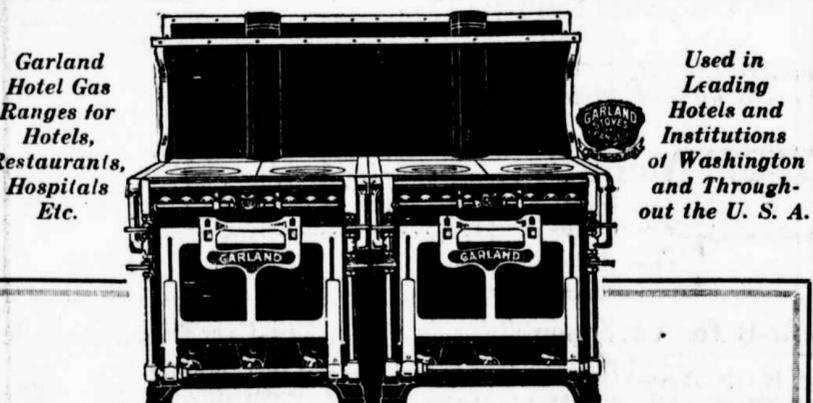
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