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5-Minute Biographies

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

A Great Author Who Was Bored By Her Own Masterpiece

Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, Aeschylus the Greek dramatist presented his immortal tragedies in Athens; but never, from the far-away days of Aeschylus to the record-smashing times of Abie's Irish Rose, has any other theatrical attraction ever equaled the record of the moving picture version of Little Women, at "Radio City" in New York.

On the seventeenth day of its run, the demand for seats was so great that people stood in a long line that extended for several blocks. Shoppers, bent on their Christmas errands, looked on in

astonishment. Such a sight had never been witnessed before in the history of New York.

The story of how this sentimental masterpiece was written is an astonishing tale in itself.

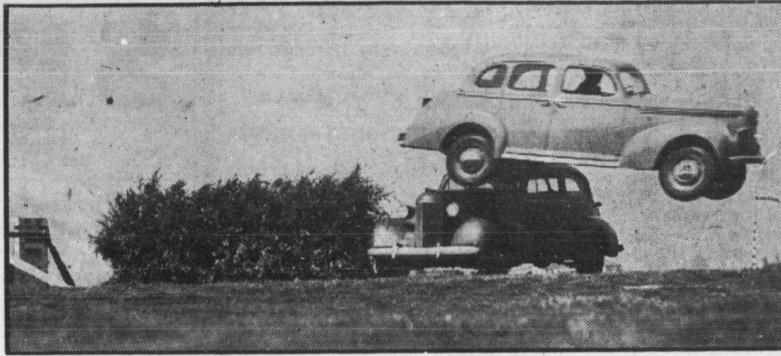
In her youth, Louisa M. Alcott had been a whistling tom-boy. Even when she grew up, she had no interest whatever in girls and she didn't want to write about girls. But her publisher insisted that she write a girl's story.

Now, it is almost an axiom among writers that unless the author himself feels joy in writing his tale, no one will find joy in reading it.

Yet, Louisa Alcott found no happiness whatever in writing Little Women. In fact, it bored her until she could hardly stand it. She repeatedly threw down her pencil and paper, whistled for her dog, and went bouncing off through the woods. On other days, she tossed her manuscript aside and hurried across the town to argue with her friend, Ralph Waldo Emerson.

When she had finished Little Women, she thought she had written a failure. But it immediately became a "best seller," and has remained a "best seller," year

Steeplechasing In An Automobile



Up and over! This popular new car takes to the air to demonstrate its strength and stamina. The average car will never take this punishment, but the feats of daredevil test drivers in the thrilling film, "Ahead of the Parade," which will be shown at the Lyric theatre here all day Wednesday, June 7, prove that this car can take it. The film will be shown under the auspices of the Chatham Manufacturing Co.

after year, for almost three score years and ten.

Louisa Alcott was driven to writing in order to help support her sick mother and younger sisters. Her father was an amiable impractical visionary. He gave a lecture now and then, which nobody really wanted to hear, and got five or ten dollars for it; but, most of the time, he sat at home scratching his elbow and praising the simple life, while his family literally didn't know where its next meal was coming from.

He was a very generous man and he once gave away his last bit of firewood to a needy family. When his wife and daughters complained that their own home was cold, he said: "Now, don't worry. The Lord will send us

firewood." So the family went to bed to keep warm.

A driving snow storm swept over New England that night; and when the Alcott family awoke the next morning, they discovered that some farmer had got stuck in the snow with a load of wood, and had abandoned it in front of their house. Louisa's father believed God had sent the wood to him; so he went out and helped himself to it.

When Louisa Alcott first began sending her stories to the publishers, they returned like bouncing balls. Finally, one editor told her that she would never be able to write anything with popular appeal—and he warned her that she ought to renounce her literary ambitions and stick to her sewing.

The old, white frame house in which Louisa Alcott lived is still standing in Concord, Massachusetts. Twenty-three thousand people make pilgrimages to that house every year. To many of them, it is all but holy ground, and when I visited that house, I saw a woman literally weeping as she wandered through the rooms where Meg and Jo and Beth and Amy had lived and loved and cried.

An ambitious young man, eager to be a novelist, once asked Louisa Alcott if she would advise him to become an author. "No," she replied. "Not if you can do anything else—even dig ditches."

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY CAPITAL

The Baptist Missionary society met Thursday evening with Mrs. W. E. Reid. The opening song was the Woman's Hymn for the year, "I Love to Tell the Story." Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Rosa Booker. Miss Elizabeth Norman led the program, the subject of which was "The Great Commission and the Ministry of Healing." Those on the program were: Mrs. DeWitt Sparger, Mrs. Emma Mock, Mrs. Howard Snow, Miss Bettie Booker and Mrs. John Lewellyn.

In the business meeting Mrs. Fowler, Personal Service chairman, gave a splendid report of personal service during the month. An ice course with wafers and punch was served during the social hour by Mrs. Reid, assisted by Miss Edythe Reece.

Rev. C. W. Russell and family went to Denton today, to visit with Mr. Russell's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Robinson, of Clarksville, Ga., spent the weekend with friends in Dobson. Having lived in Dobson for a few years, their friends were glad to welcome them back for a visit.

Mr. Ernest Keesee, of Bluefield, W. Va., spent Sunday here. He was accompanied home Sunday afternoon by Mrs. Keesee and daughter, Louise, who have been spending several weeks with Miss Emma Comer.

Mrs. W. M. Jackson, Mrs. Mattie Riggs, Mrs. Maggie Harkrader Lewellyn, Mrs. Fletcher Harris and Mr. Lacy Harkrader spent Sunday in Roanoke with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Harkrader.

Mrs. D. Marion, of Asheboro, Route 3, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roby Marion.

The Methodist Missionary society met last Tuesday evening with Mrs. T. Evans. Mrs. C. L. Folger was program leader. Several members discussed the topic, "Missions in Foreign Fields," after which Mrs. Evans, assisted by her sister, Miss Guy, served delicious refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wall, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday at Dobson.

Mrs. C. L. Folger, Mrs. Callie Hassler, Mrs. J. W. Crawford, Mrs. Grady Cooper, Mrs. W. E.

Reid, Mrs. B. F. Folger and Miss Anita Richardson attended the district home demonstration meeting in Mocksville last Wednesday.

Mrs. Daisy Wright, of Bluefield, returned home Sunday after spending some time with the Comer family here, and Mrs. Mamie Jackson in Mt. Airy.

Mrs. Lula Lewellyn came home from the hospital in Mt. Airy Friday and is much improved.

BETHEL

Mrs. C. L. Morrison, who has been a patient at the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital at Elkin for several weeks, was able to be removed to the home of her son, Mr. J. C. Morrison, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Durham and children visited her sister and family last Sunday. Mrs. George Vanhoy, at Little Elkin.

Mrs. A. P. Woodruff and sons, Allen and Major, of near Boonville, recently spent a few days here with her mother and family, Mrs. W. A. Pardue.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shinn, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Edwards, of Charlotte, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Armstrong at their home here.

Miss Mildred Cook, of Winston-Salem, has been the guest of Miss Ruby Pardue here for the past week.

Misses Elenoir and Dorothy Melton spent last week-end visiting their aunt, Mrs. I. N. Greenwood, of Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Billings had as their guest the second Sunday her sister, Miss Lillian Tucker, of Cool Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of Elkin, spent a while here last Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Burchette.

Mrs. G. F. Pardue, her son, Ruel, and daughter, Miss Blanche, visited her sister, Mrs. Ruth Simpson, near Dobson, last Sunday.

Annual Reunion of Gilliam Clan to Be Held on June 11th

The annual reunion of the Gilliam family will be held Sunday, June 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Triplette, near Bethel church, five miles southwest of Elkin. Dinner will be served immediately after services at Bethel church.

Any neighbors and friends who wish to come are invited to bring lunch and join with the family. J. A. Gilliam, of North Wilkesboro, is chairman, and Mrs. W. H. Jones, of Ronda, is secretary.

D. S. Gilliam is Feted With his family, his mother, his brother, C. W. Gilliam, Jr., and his sisters, Mesdames W. A. Stroud, W. H. Jones, J. T. Stroud, J. B. Armstrong and E. L. Ferlazzo with their families, Mr. and Mrs. Seamon Dobbins and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones met last Sunday after Sunday school, at the home of D. S. Gilliam at Bethel and gave him a complete surprise honoring him on his birthday anniversary.

Luncheon was served picnic style on a table beautifully arranged on the lawn, with a birthday cake containing the significant number of candles, made by Mrs. Jones.

When all had assembled around the table, C. W. Gilliam gave thanks and asked the blessing.

Other guests were Mrs. Shinn and Mrs. Edwards who were visiting Mrs. Armstrong, and T. S. Jones, of Winston-Salem.

Iron Constitution Doctor, after examination: "Madam, you have a constitution of iron."

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