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PECULIAR HALL FAMILY A PUZZLE FOR THE JURY; MRS. HALL FOND OF BROTHER

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 11—Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, sitting in a crowded court room on trial for the slaying of her husband, the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and his choir singer sweetheart, Mrs. Elinor R. Mills, presents the same strange enigma which has puzzled the public for years.

This woman, who is either one of the greatest martyrs to circumstances in the world's history, possessor of a fortitude besides which the Spartans were mere pikers, or else the shrewdest, most emotionless of women, a modern Boadicea who feels herself justified for one of the most ruthless and brutal murders in criminal history sits through the ordeal of trial for her life as outwardly placid and serene as though she were attending a meeting of a women's missionary society.

Aristocratic Bearing

Dressed in heavy black silk, her gray hair neatly arranged under a heavy silk hat of black faille, her skirts well down to her ankles, Mrs. Hall is a picture of the respectable, aristocratic matron of pre-war days. Nor is she a hard, unattractive woman, as she so frequently has been pictured. Her face is a little large, a bit square of jaw, a face indicating unusual strength of character in a woman. But it is a rather fine featured face, with an aristocratic, slightly aquiline nose, and thin, sensitive lips, a little inclined to droop at the corners, and gray eyes, rather penetrating certainly not soft but, on the other hand, not so hard and unyielding as her photographs would indicate.

Her complexion is good, she wears not the slightest make-up, and in spite of her age, 52, there are only a few fine wrinkles about her eyes and mouth. Her gray hair, with which the sorrow of the last four years has haloed her, has softened her features. She looks the part of the old-fashioned woman of good family, always attired in black silk with the inherent dignity and reserve which demands that all emotions be carefully masked in public.

Toward Willie, the brother, who "failed to grow up," Mrs. Hall shows something of a protective, motherly attitude, as he sits beside her in court and she frequently turns to him to see if he is growing restless. Occasionally she leans over to say a word or two, for Willie, it is said, is inordinarily fond of her and looks to her for comfort and affection, much as a child might look to his mother. They have never been separated and for years he has made his home with her.

Of her other brother, Henry, she also is said to be extremely fond and she occasionally looks at him with a look of mild and placed affection. If, as some have believed, it was the two

brothers, and perhaps the cousin, Henry de la Bruyere Carpenter, who, out of their unusual devotion to this Spartan woman, committed the murder to avenge her outraged dignity, Mrs. Hall is proving herself made of texture so stern and strong that her prototype seldom can be found, either in life or in fiction except, perhaps, among some of Shakespeare's women.

May Protect Brother

Or if, perhaps, Willie, in a sudden fit of rage, committed the crime, Mrs. Hall, feeling a maternal guardianship for this irresponsible man-child, may possibly have summoned all the strength of that desperation which enables a woman to do for those she loves what she could never do to protect merely herself.

If this is the case, it would almost seem that Willie himself must have forgotten about it, so disinterested, so calm and unperturbed, and childishly mildly curious in his look, as he sits in the court room apparently wondering just what it is all about, but sensing that it is a very serious and portentous occasion, for which he must be at his best and most dignified.

Henry Stevens, too, sitting in the court room with his pleasant, affable expression, is the last man in the world one would suspect of murder. His whole manner is so open and straightforward that one feels, studying him, that it is almost inconceivable that he could carry so heavy a load on his conscience with so little perturbation.

BOBBED HAIR CRAZE NOW REACHES FURS

Paris, Nov. 11—Bobbed very short and even shaved hair has come to furs. Parisian women, not content with retaining the bob on their own heads have extended to their furs.

The season's vogue shows all kinds of fur pelts, shaved and treated, used for coats and as trimmings. Furriers have resorted to dyeing and are bringing out gray and ancient looking lamb and mole rejuvenated in youthful tints of henna, brown and gold.

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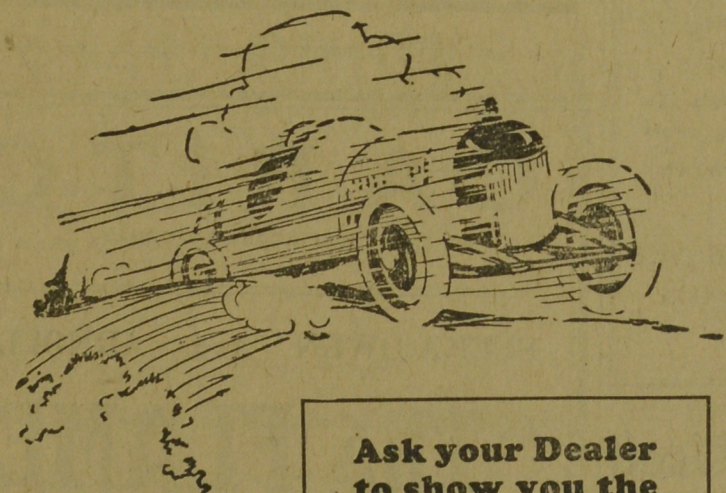
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