

Alice Manfred

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Alice lived on third avenue and 83rd street when she first came to the city and couldn't wait to get out of that run down neighborhood, full of common colored people, and get north of the Park. It took her five years, but by 1910, she had made it, and gladly left behind all those Negroes remembering how it used to be in Yorktown, before the Germans came.

[tk]

Just when she was settled and had her four rooms the way she always wanted--hand hemmed sheets on the bed, multi-colored lace on the backs of the chairs--the East St. Louis thing happened and she had to take in her neice, or let her live with her broher-inlaw's parents who dipped snuff and signed documents when they had to with an X.