

SERIAL STORY

THE ESCAPEE

A POST MARITAL ROMANCE
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SYNOPSIS.

The Escapee opens in the romance of the marriage of Ellen Strathgate and Lord Carrington. Carrington, a young man of fortune, is in love with Ellen, a girl of noble birth. They are married, but the marriage is not a happy one. Carrington is a selfish, egotistical man, and Ellen is a devoted, self-sacrificing woman. Carrington's selfishness and egotism drive Ellen away from him. She leaves him and goes to live with her father, Lord Strathgate. Carrington follows her and tries to win her back, but she refuses to return to him. Carrington is determined to win her back, and he goes to great lengths to do so. He tries to seduce her, but she resists him. He tries to force her to marry him again, but she refuses. Carrington is finally forced to leave her and go back to his father's house. Carrington is a selfish, egotistical man, and Ellen is a devoted, self-sacrificing woman. Carrington's selfishness and egotism drive Ellen away from him. She leaves him and goes to live with her father, Lord Strathgate. Carrington follows her and tries to win her back, but she refuses to return to him. Carrington is determined to win her back, and he goes to great lengths to do so. He tries to seduce her, but she resists him. He tries to force her to marry him again, but she refuses. Carrington is finally forced to leave her and go back to his father's house.

CHAPTER XXII.

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Five bells in the forenoon watch on the Britannia. The great ship in the perfection of readiness, as "O'Brien" could have given your dinner off her decks with a clear conscience if you wished; her 709 men in spike and span uniforms, her officers gorgeous in gold lace, royal blue and spotted white, her marines in vivid scarlet, her masts decked with flags from fly-tail to sparker-boom end, her yards manned with row after row of sailors, others manning the great guns, others on the main deck, was ready for a visit from her august master.

Everybody on the ship was full of excitement except the lonely prisoner in the garret. A large vessel was coming from the shore, and a flagstaff forward the royal ensign fluttered in the fresh morning breeze. In a few moments a little man in a shaven hat and plain civilian's dress stepped out of the boat and clambered briskly up the accommodation ladder—really a flight of stairs which had been rigged over the side. The admiral, the flagcaptain, the officers, the ship's boys in hand, with much bowing and saluting met him at the gangway. As the royal foot touched the white deck the royal flag was broken out at the masthead, the house-flags rippled, the band struck up "God Save the King" and the great guns of the tug-dock thundered out the royal salute.

The admiral turned, faced forward, waved his cocked hat and the whole ship rang with enthusiastic cheering. The king nodded like the plain little famer he was, without any particular ceremony, shook hands with the admiral, waved his arm graciously to the officers and, attended by the admiral, stepped off and disappeared later in the great cabin under the poop deck.

"Now," said the king as he sat down in the cabin, "has everything been prepared?"

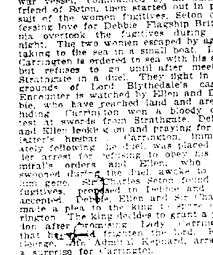
"Everything is ready, your majesty. The ship is provisioned for her cruise, the officers and men aboard. All ready, sir."

"I performed my part of the undertaking this morning."

The king chuckled. Kephart grinned profoundly, but said nothing.

"You can fetch the prisoner here now."

The admiral turned and called this order, gave him a message, and in a few moments my lord Carrington, armed, presented himself in the cabin. By the king's direction Kephart stood in front of his majesty, and Carrington did not at first see who was there. He knew certainly from the commotion that the king had come aboard the ship, but that was all.



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lieutenant Lord Carrington," began Admiral Kephart severely, "the hour of your court-martial has arrived, but before you appear in its presence his gracious majesty has kindly thought it to see you in his private room to receive you, to hear what you have to say for yourself."

Initial Kephart suddenly stepped aside and disclosed little George at the head of the door. Carrington, looking back in the huge admiral's chair, saw a face and did his best to assume a godlike and menacing mien. Carrington knelt at once. The king looked hard at him.

"Rise, sir," he said in a voice which strove to make harsh and forbidding. "Pretty things I hear about you."

Lord Carrington bowed profoundly, but said nothing.

"Have you nothing to say for yourself, sir?" continued the king.

"Your majesty, nothing."

"Hay! What!" cried King George. "Nothing, sir?"

"You make love to another woman, Cecil Carrington, you are ashamed of your wife; you allow her to run away with Strathgate."

"Your majesty," cried Carrington, "I am to action, 'give me leave, sir.' He bowed. To interrupt the king was a serious offense. "Have I permission to proceed, sir?"

"Proceed," returned his majesty.

"You have been misinformed in one particular. Nothing you can say of or to me is unavailing, that I will admit, but Lady Carrington did not run away with Lord Strathgate."

"I understood he drove away with her in your carriage at night, at two o'clock in the morning."

Lord Carrington winced under the apparent insinuation.

"That is true," he replied, "but my lady was entirely innocent. She had with her a young woman, a companion. She knows not the world, your majesty, nor marriage."

"And you were ashamed of her for that?"

"I was, your majesty. Now, I glory in her."

"Go on, sir."

"And she simply used Strathgate as would a coachman. When he would have abducted her she tried to shoot him. She did escape Strathgate."

"And she was in your carriage?"

"Yes, your majesty. I am informed that the frigate Helona is ready for three years' tour of duty in the East Indies."

"You're right, sir," answered Kephart.

"There is an order from the admiralty appointing Lord Carrington first lieutenant of that ship."

"Ay, ay, sir," answered Kephart, taking the order and scanning it rapidly.

"Lord Carrington," said the king gravely, "I have exempted the court-martial. Your offense has been a serious one, however, and it cannot go unpunished. Because of it I order you to go to the Helona. You will spend three years in the East Indies. Perhaps by that time you will come back a happier and a wiser man."

"A wiser, your majesty, but there can be no happiness for me!"

"And why?"

"Because I am parted from Lady Carrington and because I have shown myself unworthy of her."

"TO BE CONTINUED."

A TRIBE OF FIGHTING INDIANS.

Aborigines of Central America Seemingly Without Fear.

"I journeyed for more than a year in Central America, mostly in Honduras, where I went to make a study of the native Indian tribes," said Charles C. Lesseur of New Orleans.

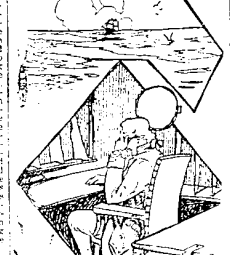
"These aborigines are mostly of warlike mold and as brave fighters as any of the human race. I was especially impressed with the inhabitants of the Capan and Gracias districts. They are the best fighting stock in all Latin America. Three or four hundred of them will often defeat an army of three times their size. They are ever eager for battle and seek nothing of better adversity than death."

"They are supposed to be Christians, but from what I saw and learned of others I came to the belief that they practice heathen rites and ceremonies. They are excellent friends, but terrible enemies, and if ordered in battle are apt to visit their wrath on their unfortunate officers."

"These Indians cling to their primitive customs and do most of their hunting with bows and arrows. They sight their game, calculate the distance and then shoot their arrows into the air, whereupon the weapon falls upon the mark, whether bird or beast, seven or eight times out of ten, with fatal effect."—Baltimore American.

Queen and Her Lover.

Essex street, London, derives its name from the ill-fated earl of Essex, the favorite of Queen Elizabeth. The earl's town house stood in Essex street and the queen often visited him there. The story goes that it was in the garden of Essex house that the earl gave his favorite a box on his ear, saying: "Go and be hanged!" and the hottempered young man swore that he would not have brooked such an insult from her father. A curious discovery relating to Essex and Queen Elizabeth was made by Lord Cholmondeley in 1770 at a house in Essex street which overlooked the river. He scratched on a pane of glass in a window where the letters "I. C. U. S. X. and E. R." had been interpreted as "I see you Essex and Elizabeth again," and was probably the recorded name of a quack doctor, who witnessed the meetings of the queen and her favorite.



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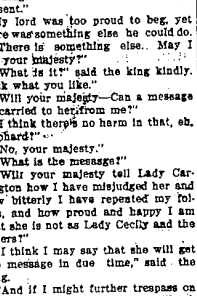
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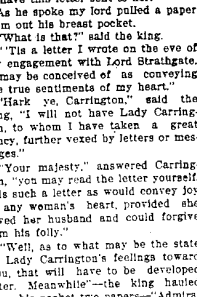
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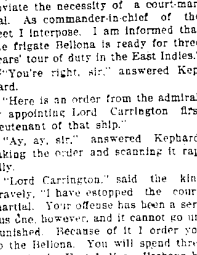
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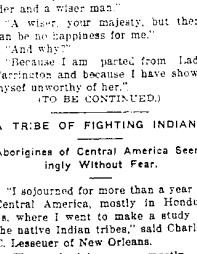
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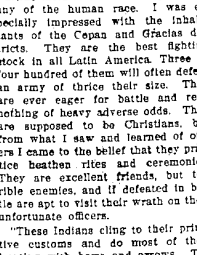
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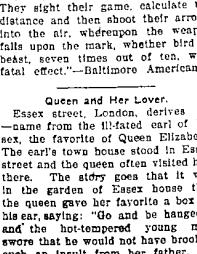
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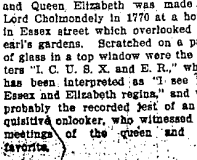
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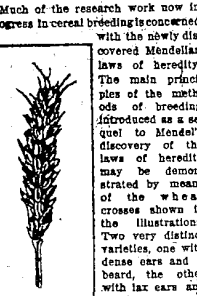
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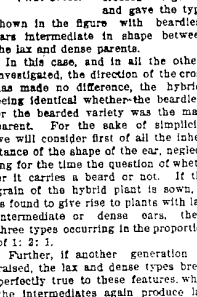
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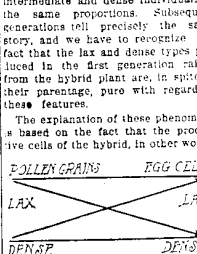
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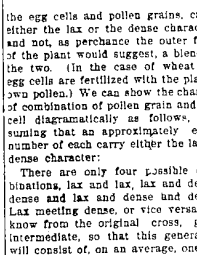
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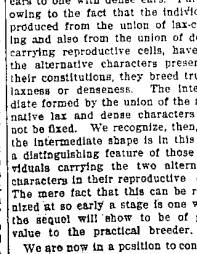
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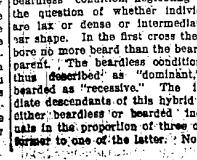
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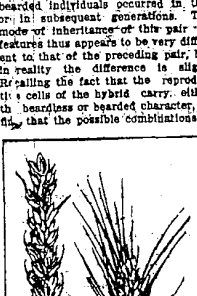
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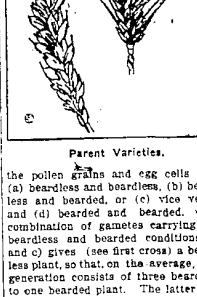
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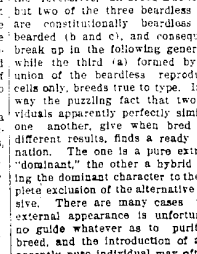
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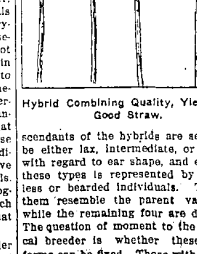
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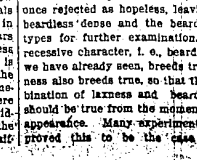
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Sold by all druggists. See a box. Foster-McBarn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



THE QUARREL.

Her—Why on earth did you ever marry me?

Him—Oh, don't be so bromidic! That's what everybody asks.

OF TWO EVILS, ETC.

Youngster Evidently Had His Own Idea as to the Choice.

My neighbor, writes a correspondent, has four young sons, whom he and his wife yield to chance every Sunday. Just as the sermon was about to begin last Sunday one of the boys was observed to look very uncomfortable, and, having explained the nature of his sufferings, was sent home. His younger brother, in an urgent whisper, demanded of his mother: "Where's Tom gone?"

"He's gone home."

"What for?"

"The mother whispered, low: 'He's got toothache.'"

And the lad, as he sat up to listen to the preacher, muttered, in a stage whisper: "Lucky dog!"

Optimist and Pessimist.

Sydney Rosenfeld once wrote a comedy, entitled "The Optimist," which achieved success after the production, but was a long time reaching the stage. Manager after manager refused the manuscript, and one day Mr. Rosenfeld, whose patience was exhausted, blurred out to his sole auditor:

"Of course you don't appreciate the play! You don't even know the meaning of its name!"

"Yes, I do," protested the impatient auditor.

"Well," insisted Rosenfeld, "what's the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?"

The manager barely hesitated: "An optimist is a fellow who says: 'A pessimist is a fool,' he said."—Sunday Magazine.

Kicks.

Harry Payne Whitney, the big big own and other noted horsemen's racers were shipped from London on the Murchison, after the death of racing in New York.

"A good many jockeys have been hard hit. A jockey told me last week a very sad tale of misfortune. I listened sympathetically."

"Ah, Joe," said I, "when a man is down, few hands are extended to him."

"The jockey was as chewed a straw, smiled bitterly."

"Few hands—yes—that's right," he said, "but think of the foot!"

Expert Pocket-Picking.

An old lady was walking in a London street by a well-dressed and refined-looking stranger, who continually claimed her as a friend. "I really don't believe you remember me," she exclaimed, reproachfully, and the old lady, never doubting that her memory was at fault, confessed that she could not quite recall the name. "Ah, but I have changed it since you knew me," said her interlocutor, gayly, and after a few more lively speeches she passed on, having possessed herself meanwhile of the old lady's purse.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Good Digestion Follows Right Food.

Indigestion and the attendant discomforts of mind and body are certain to follow continued use of improper food.

Those who are still young and robust are likely to overlook the fact that as drooping water will wear a stone away at last, so will the use of heavy, greasy, rich food, finally cause loss of appetite and indigestion.

Fortunately many are so thoughtful enough to study themselves and note the principle of Cause and Effect in their daily food. A N. Y. young woman writes her experience thus:

"Sometime ago I had a lot of trouble from indigestion, caused by too rich food. I got so I was unable to digest scarcely anything, and medicines seemed useless."

A friend advised me to try Grape-Nuts food, praising it highly, and as a last resort I tried it. I am thankful to say that Grape-Nuts not only relieved me of my trouble, but built me up and strengthened my digestive organs so that I can now eat anything I desire. But I stick to Grape-Nuts."

"There's a Reason."

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