

# The ESCAPADE

A POST MARITAL ROMANCE  
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## SYNOPSIS.

The Escapade opens, not in the romance preceding the marriage of Ellen Stratham, a Puritan maid, and Lord Carrington of England, but in their life after settling in England. The scene is placed, just following the revolution, in Carrington castle in England. The Carringtons, after a house party, engaged in a family tilt, caused by jealousy, Lord Carrington and his wife each made charges of faithlessness against the other in continuation of the quarrel.

## CHAPTER III.—Continued.

"But I thought, my dear child," began Lady Cecily with covert malice in voice and manner, "that you did not approve of the—er—wicked little pastebards."

"I have been converted by"—Ellen looked around—"by Lord Strathgate's arguments this afternoon."

Lord Strathgate had not made any arguments that afternoon, but he was too clever not to follow my lady's lead.

"You flatter me, dear Lady Carrington," he murmured, with a knowing glance that made Carrington want to kill him then and there.

"Ellen," whispered Debbie, "you are not going to let them play, are you?" "I'm going to play myself," returned Ellen recklessly in a loud, clear voice.

"But, my dear Lady Carrington, you don't know one card from another," expostulated the admiral who had observed with dismay the course of events.

"Sir Charles Seton will teach me," returned Ellen, quickly.

"With pleasure, your ladyship," said Sir Charles.

"But you promised," said Deborah artlessly, turning to that gallant young soldier, "to show me that rare old edition of Richard Baxter in the library."

"Baxter, the Saint's Rest!" snickered Athelstrong. "Good Lord, she's got him there."

"It doesn't make the least bit of difference, Sir Charles," began Ellen, commiserating his look of dismay at the sneers and laughter of the company. "I know you would help me if you could, but Miss Slocum has the prior claim and someone else will teach me."

"I will take upon myself that honor," interrupted Strathgate quickly.

"Sir Charles, will you take me to the library?" now interposed the shocked and scandalized little Puritan.

"Lady Carrington, your instruction awaits you," said the earl, bowing.

"On second thought, Lord Strathgate," returned Ellen, "I don't believe I feel equal to learning a new game."

"Have your religious scruples returned, Lady Carrington?" exclaimed Lady Cecily, insinuatingly, "or are you afraid of losing money?"

"I will cut the cards with you, Lady Cecily, or you, Mrs. Monbrant, this instant for a thousand pounds and then we will see which of us is afraid," returned Ellen with wonderful composure.

"You are mad," began Carrington, as the two ladies addressed shrank back in dismay.

"Your pardon, my lord, I am addressing your friends, not you. Do either of you ladies take me? No? Is there anyone then who wishes to tempt fortune in this way? You only play for money and not for the game, I understand. Duke, will you cut me for a thousand pounds? No? Will you, duchess, or you, General Athelstrong?"

"If you make it 50, my dear lady," began the general.

"Admiral, I know you don't play," interrupted Ellen, disdaining the little man and his little stake, "so there only remains"—She looked at the other two men.

Strathgate stepped gallantly into the breach.

"I have not the honor of being your husband, Lady Carrington—unfortunately," he added under his breath—"and I will cut the cards with you for any sum of money—or anything else."

"Done!" cries the lady, "the highest card takes the thousand pounds. I shall have to depend on you gentlemen to tell me which is high, if I have won."

"I shall stand by you," Carrington said to his wife, "with your permission, and see fair play."

"By God, sir!" cried Strathgate, springing to his feet, "does that mean—?"

"It means nothing but that a husband's place is by his wife's side when she ventures fortune, reputation or honor," returned my lord, very high and mighty.

"Madam," said Strathgate presenting the pack, "will you cut first?"

Ellen lifted the top card.

"The four of hearts," she exclaimed.

"The three of spades," said Strathgate, turning a card. "The thousand pounds is yours and I am the richer in your triumph, madam," he added, bowing gracefully.

"Two thousand pounds against two of yours, for another cut, my lord," said Ellen.

"The knave of hearts," said Ellen, turning her card.

"The unmanly ace of clubs takes in custody your knave," returned Strathgate after making his cut.

"Tis £4,000 then. Would you see it on the board?"

"Your word is sufficient for me," replied Strathgate gravely.

Again Ellen lost and found herself in debt £8,000.

"Five thousand pounds the stake now," cried my lady, cutting once more.

And this time Ellen won.

"How stands the score now?"

"You owe me £3,000," said Strathgate.

"Once more and now for £6,000 pounds," said Ellen, her face flushed with excitement.

Ellen's luck was with her and this time she won.

"And now," she said, "the score is in my favor."

"Yes, madam, for £3,000."

"Do you wish to quit now, my lord?"

"Never," said the earl. "I will play with you to the extent of my fortune."

"Seven thousand pounds," cried Ellen.

And this time fortune was against her, for my lord of Strathgate won.

"Fore God, the score weighs like a sea-saw," cried Gen. Athelstrong. "Now she owes him £4,000."

"Ellen," said Carrington, desperately, "I beg you to stop now."

"Is Lord Carrington afraid his wife will lose all her money?" deftly interposed Strathgate, sneering.

Back and forth the wagers went with varying fortune between the two until after half an hour's fierce and

uninterrupted play Ellen found herself in Strathgate's debt for £20,000, so easily is money lost upon the turning of a card.

"My lord," she said, rising and calmly pushing the cards from her, "that is as much ready money as I have at my banker's. When I play, I pay. What are those things of which I have heard you speak, I. O. U.'s? do they call them? Will some one show me how to make one out? The money shall be paid you in the morning."

"Give no thought to that, my lady," cried Strathgate. "It was but an idle pleasantry, our play, and I am ready to cancel the obligation and let the evening go as if it were not."

"No, by heaven!" cried Carrington, "when my wife loses she pays."

Even jealous, maddened Carrington admitted that she was a gallant loser.

"Now the rest of you may play as you will," she said, smiling gayly upon them.

"Wait!" said Carrington, who stood stupefied during the transaction. "Strathgate and I will play a game."

"Whatever game you like, Carrington," replied Strathgate.

"I'll match you for that I. O. U. of my wife's."

"Good," said Strathgate coolly, "what do you offer to set up against it?"

"Carrington hall. There is not a mortgage upon it, and it has been put in thorough repair. 'Tis worth double your stake."

"Good, I take you," said Strathgate, "what shall it be?"

Strathgate drew a card, looked at it, smiled, and laid it face downward upon the table. An expression of intense satisfaction spread over his face.

Carrington followed the other's motions, grim and frowning.

"Uncover your cards, gentlemen," said the duke.

"Turn up your card," cried Carrington, throwing the four of clubs upward on the table.

"Gentlemen," he said, "Lord Carrington is lucky at cards. I have but the three of diamonds." He turned it over. "You win, my friend. Your

wife's I. O. U. is yours and I confess I'm glad of it."

"Madam," said Carrington, standing up grim and grave and proffering the paper to his wife, "I return you your debt of honor."

"By no means, sir," returned Ellen proudly, "it shall be paid to you in the morning."

"Better to me than to Lord Strathgate," said Carrington bitterly.

## CHAPTER IV.

A Dance, a Kiss, a Meeting.

Taking the assent of the company for granted, Ellen, who had assumed the unexpected role of leadership in the evening's entertainment, summoned the servants and directed them to move the furniture from the center of the room in preparation for the dance.

"If you can't and won't dance, Lady Carrington," said Mrs. Monbrant, who knew very well Ellen's inability, "won't you play for us?"

"I can't play either," answered Ellen. "What, neither play nor dance! Where were you brought up, my dear child?" continued the widow in a tone of commiseration, as if she had heard the dire news for the first time at that moment.

"And you are mistaken in one point," added Ellen. "I can dance if anyone will play."

"But I thought," began Carrington nervously.

The door opened and in came Mistress Debbie followed by Sir Charles. "Egad, Seton," snickered the duke, "did you find Baxter's 'Saints Rest' so engrossing that you forgot all about us?"

"Debbie, I'm going to show these people how to dance, will you play for me?"

"Play for a dance?" cried Deborah. "What shall it be?" said the helpless Deborah as Seton led her to the harspichord.

"Yankee Doodle!" cried Ellen. "Dammed rebel tune!" muttered the duke under his breath in an aside.

"You are surely not going to attempt to make a spectacle of yourself before these our friends," remonstrated

# INDIANA STATE NEWS

Happenings of General Interest in All Parts of the Hoosier Commonwealth.

## MOTHERS RISE IN PROTEST.

Send Written Notice to Keeper of a Blind Tiger.

Nashville.—Nearly a hundred citizens were summoned as witnesses before the grand jury, to tell what they knew about a "blind tiger," as well as "boot-legging" in this city. Beer and whisky are bought at Indianapolis and shipped to Helmsburg, where, after nightfall, it is brought overland to Nashville, where it is taken in charge by "boot-leggers," and is ready for the market.

A "blind tiger" has been running here for some time, but it was not until three young men, still in their teens, became intoxicated, that parents and temperance people generally began to take notice, and the grand jury investigation followed. A notice has been posted, signed by the "Mothers of Nashville," reading to the following effect:

"To the Blind Tiger Man: We will try and get you by law, and if we fail, you will either quit your business or we will blow it so far you will not be able to find it. Take this for what it means. (Signed) Mothers of Nashville."

Open saloons have been driven out of Nashville and Brown county by remonstrance, and the temperance people are determined that "blind tigers" and "boot-leggers" shall not live here.

Women Fight Field Fire.

Danville.—As a result of drought in Hendricks county fire broke out in the large blue grass pasture of Wallace Osborn, three miles southwest of Danville, and rapidly eat its way close to his big barns and newly-erected house. Danville was appealed to for help and every man and boy that could get away rushed to the scene. However, when they arrived on the scene there was little to do, the farmers' wives having checked the flames with wet horse-blankets and old carpets, while their husbands beat out the embers with brush.

Object to Council's Trip.

South Bend.—Notwithstanding that the board of public safety will have difficulty in securing an extra appropriation of \$18,000 to pay for extra policemen and firemen given positions during the last year because the city is now bonded almost up to the two per cent. limit, the members of the common council expect to pass a resolution which will enable that body to take a jaunt to Denver to attend a meeting of municipal officials, the expenses to be paid by the city. Vigorous protests were made.

Hermit Returns to Illinois.

Columbus.—Alexander Schroyer, an escaped Michigan City prisoner, was taken to Menard, Ill., to an institution from which he escaped seven years ago. Schroyer, who lived in a room in the old Schwartzkopf theater, surrounded himself with firearms of every description and when arrested made a desperate attempt to kill Marshal Horton and Officer Huffman. Bank books in his possession show he has almost \$500.

Flames Wipe Out Millhouse Block.

Millhouse.—A disastrous fire swept over Millhouse and one entire block was destroyed. The fire started in the Goldschmidt saloon, and the flames quickly spread to the Koors & Harbeck general store, the Spander livery barn, all of which, together with a dance hall and the Spander hotel, and all of the smaller barns and outbuildings in the entire block, were consumed.

Part of District Burns.

Knightsdown.—Fire destroyed a part of the business district. The total loss is \$35,000. The principal sufferers are Warren & Macy, dry goods, \$6,000; E. H. Duchel & Co., dry goods, \$5,000; the Jolly drug store, \$1,000; W. N. Bell, hardware, \$15,000. Buildings and offices, \$5,000.

Sisters Meet After Years.

Columbus.—After a separation of 53 years, Mrs. Mary J. Wilson, who resides eight miles west of Columbus, met her sister, Mrs. Margaret Ramer of Stanton, Minn. Mrs. Wilson is 83 years old, and came here for the first time in 15 years to greet her 78-year-old sister.

Hangs Himself in Cell.

Greencastle.—James Hollick, a dayman, attempted suicide in jail for the second time within a few weeks. He was arrested on the charge of intoxication. He made a rope of the bed clothing and hanged himself to the ceiling of his cell. His life was saved.

Boys Gain by Bridge's Fall.

South Bend.—The collapse of a bridge between Mishawaka and River Park, this county, has made it necessary to establish a ferry between the two places, and enterprising boys are making more than the usual amount of spending money.

Killed in Slide for Life.

Albion.—Ethel Starver, aged 32, making balloon ascensions and slides for life at a street fair at Albion, fell about 80 feet, sustaining injuries from which she died an hour later.

Physician Found Dead in Woods.

Shelbyville.—With a shotgun by his side, Dr. Edgar Smith, who resided in Carrollton, at the Shelby-Hancock county lines, was found dead by two young men who happened through the woods near that place.

Heavy Rain at Warsaw.

Warsaw.—The longest drought experienced locally in 30 years and extending over a period of seven weeks was broken when a heavy rain fell over the Tippecanoe river valley and Kosciusko county.

## BLIND MAN'S DOG POISONED.

Faithful Canine Which Traveled Over Indiana Meets Death.

Newcastle.—Several years a faithful guide to his blind master, Rex, a handsome black setter dog, met his death at the hands of a dog poisoner. Rex was not only a favorite here, but he had friends in many cities of Indiana and in cities of adjoining states.

He belonged to Miles Goodwin, for many years a traveling salesman. When Mr. Goodwin lost his eyesight he secured Rex and the dog was trained to lead him about from place to place.

Even after losing his eyesight Mr. Goodwin traveled over the state as a cigar jobber and also visited several large cities, always accompanied by the faithful Rex.

Snake with Sleeping Babies.

Mother Calls for Help and Servant Kills Reptile Fifteen Feet Long.

Evansville.—The two little children of Judge Marsh Wiseheart while sleeping on a pallet on the floor were attacked by a large snake. Mrs. Wiseheart went into the parlor to get the children and take them upstairs to bed when she was horrified to find a large snake of the boa-constrictor type lying between the little ones with mouth wide open and fangs protruding.

Mrs. Wiseheart screamed for help and the servant girl, who chanced to be upstairs, rushed down and, seizing a large iron bar, killed the snake, which was nearly fifteen feet long.

Prejudice Delays Trial.

Columbus.—Because of prejudice against automobiles it was a hard thing to get a jury to try the case of John B. Bassett of Shelby county against Albert R. Hitchcock, a Hope mail carrier, for damages in the sum of \$1,000, alleged to have been sustained when a horse driven by Bassett took fright at an automobile driven by Hitchcock.

Pays Fine; Arrested Again.

Shelbyville.—Shortly after William Trailer arrived here from Rushville he was arrested on charge of "jumping" a board bill. He entered a plea of guilty and the fine and costs assessed against him amounted to nine dollars, which he paid. He was then re-arrested on the charge of deserting his wife and he gave bond in the sum of \$50.

Drought Causes Field Fire.

Connersville.—A nine-acre clover field, near Oak street, on West Hill, was destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The fire began to spread rapidly and to come dangerously near the residence of Steve Burton, whose son and daughter were ill of malarial fever. The city fire department extinguished the flames.

Fix Shelbyville Tax Levy.

Shelbyville.—The city council has made the tax rate for the year. The general fund tax is 50 cents; sinking fund for public sewer, 12 cents; water and light fund, 22 cents; sewer bond fund, three cents; city hall bond fund, ten cents; school-house bond fund, three cents; total, one dollar on the \$100.

Colored Man Threatened.

Columbus.—Threats to mob Thomas Carter, a negro, who insulted Katie Wolfe, the 14-year-old daughter of Frederick Wolfe, a restaurant keeper, were made when Carter was arraigned before Justice Stader. The courtroom crowd scowled at the negro. Carter denied the story as told by the girl, but was fined.

Make Up: Wed in Three Hours.

Jeffersonville.—James W. Cook and Mrs. Theresa Cook, who were divorced eight years ago, met here for the first time since their legal separation, and within three hours had applied for and been granted license to marry. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Sheets.

Simpson Made Moderator.

Salem.—The Presbytery of New Albany met in Salem. Rev. Daniel C. Simpson of Vernon was elected moderator. Rev. J. S. Hawk, D. D., at his own request, was released from the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of Jeffersonville.

Henry County Farmers Die.

Newcastle.—Peter Vanwinkle, 41 years old, died at his home, north of Cadiz, after a long illness. Daniel Bowers, aged 71 years, died at his home on the Stout farm, east of this city.

Hurls Chisel at Man.

Richmond.—B. F. Morris was roughly handled by Austin Bernard. Bernard found Morris in his home and in his anger threw a large chisel, which caught Morris on the forehead, inflicting a severe wound.

Indiana Students Wed.

Bloomington.—Dr. Homer L. Curry and Miss Hazel Howe of this city were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Howe. The two were sophomores at Indiana university.

Name Lewis for Congress.

New Albany.—Without opposition John W. Lewis of Salem was nominated for congress from the Third congressional district in the convention here. Mr. Lewis is editor of the Salem Republican.

Fills Room with Relics.

Bloomington.—Quarters in the new \$200,000 courthouse have been assigned to the Monroe County Historical society. The first meeting of the organization in the courthouse was held Friday.

# YOUNGSTER AN APT PUPIL.

Every Indication That Tommy Would Be Successful Politician.

The children, especially Tommy, were very much interested in the game of politics, and father was delighted with their precocity. The other day there was more than the usual whooping in the playroom, and their mother found the two smaller children assailing Tommy vigorously.

"What's the matter?" she asked. "Tommy, what have you been doing?" "Nawthin: Only playing politics."

"Well, but what did you do to the children?"

"Just playing convention. We adopted the unit rule and I was chairman of the delegation. Then we introduced a resolution to decide whether they should take my apple or I should take theirs."

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REASON FOR EXERCISING.

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"Naw, we're goin' to have meat for dinner to-day an' I'm gettin' up an appetite."

Debts of the Rich and Poor.

Debts, as a general rule, are harder to be collected from the rich man than from the slave of toil, for the former builds upon his position in society to excuse him from his obligations, while the latter often makes the attempt to discharge his contracts to preserve his standing in the community.

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