

# The ESCAPE

A POST MARITAL ROMANCE  
BY CYRUS TOWNSEND LEADY

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not done enough for the honor of America and your house now?"

"I like the game," returned Ellen calmly. "It interests me. Had I known the fascination of it before, I had played long since. Unless my lord Strathgate is weary?"

"Madam, I could play with you forever for any stake," returned Strathgate, utterly oblivious of the frightful glance shot at him by Carrington.

"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.

"Five thousand pounds, madam," said Strathgate, very white and following suit.

And this time Ellen won.

"How stands the score now?"

"You owe me £3,000," said Strathgate.

"Correct!" cried the old duke. "By Gad, this is interesting!"

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

The room was now as still as death. Save for the deep breathing of the men and the gritting of teeth upon the part of Carrington, there was not a sound except for the voices of the two players.

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

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

"I don't promise to go that far at this round," answered Ellen. "I'm new at the game, and I do not wish to play out my whole fortune at the first trial."

"As you please, madam. The game shall stop when you say. What shall the wager be now?"

"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.

"Lord Strathgate," said Ellen quickly, "confine your attention to me. You play with me, not my husband. Stand back, Carrington," she went on hotly to her husband, choking with rage at the double insult in his guest's question. "You taunted me as a Puritan and a Quaker, and you have all jeered and mocked at me. I'll show you that I can play and lose or win with the best of you."

Back and forth the wagers went with varying fortune between the two until after half an hour's fierce and unintermittent 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, my 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."

"This," said Ellen, "is a needless interruption. I have never had the faintest intention of falling to do so. Have you written the I. O. U.? Thank you, duke," she continued as the old man handed her a paper on which he had scribbled. "Are the figures right? Yes, £20,000."

She hastily wrote her name at the bottom of the document and handed it to Strathgate with a gracious bow.

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

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

"Our little game seems small beside that," said the duchess.

"You're right," assented the general.

"I vote we put away the cards and have a dance," interrupted Lady Cecily, who felt very much put out at having been so easily driven from the center of the stage by her hostess.

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

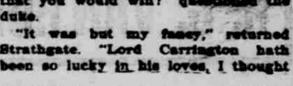
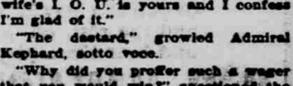
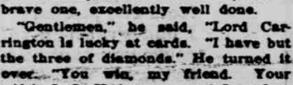
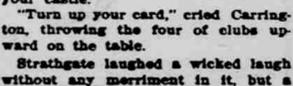
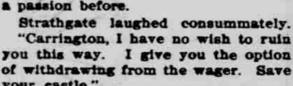
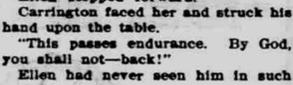
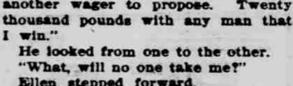
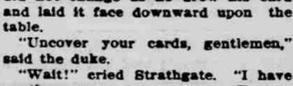
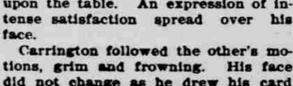
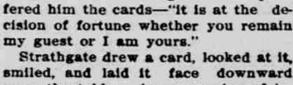
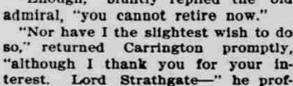
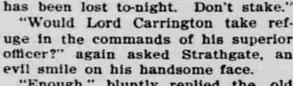
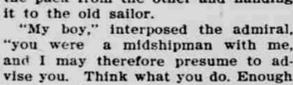
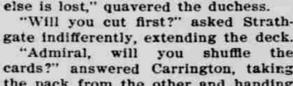
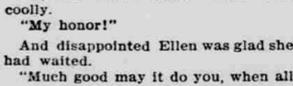
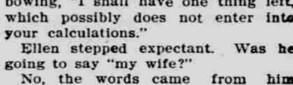
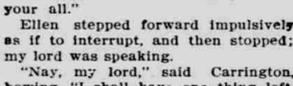
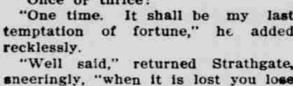
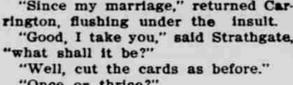
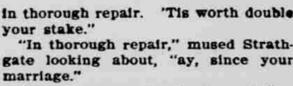
"Indeed, I think you have done it all along," said Admiral Kephart sotto voce.

"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



myself sure to win from him at cards."

"Madam," said Carrington, standing up grim 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.

"I doubt not," said Ellen scornfully, "that you will both of you make good usage of your winnings. Shall we dance?"

## 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.

"What, Lady Carrington, shall we dance?" began Lady Cecily. "I am sure," she continued with that mockery of kindness which deceived nobody, "the company would wish to dance something that you know."

"Your sudden conversion to the frivolities of society makes us desire to encourage you with all our powers," added Mrs. Monbrant viciously.

"I am too old," chuckled the duchess, "for your modern trippings, but I think I can foot it still in the contradiction, er, duke?"

"My dear Arabella," said the duke blinking solemnly, "you are admirable in everything you do and I have no doubt you can show these people a step or two yet, and by Gad, I'm with you."

He rose, lifted his hand and made a feeble piousness which was greeted with great applause.

"As for me," said Ellen, "I know no dances, but I am willing to learn provided I have a teacher."

"Madam," said Strathgate, promptly stepping forward.

"Your pardon," interposed the host rudely, "you have given Lady Carrington enough lessons for one evening, that shall be my pleasure."

Ellen looked him up and down coolly.

"On second thought," she said, "I do not care for a lesson to-night."

The cut was direct and unmistakable.

"As you please," returned Carrington haughtily. "Lady Cecily, if we dance, will you honor me by being my partner?"

"Always," said that vivacious person, ogling her handsome but gloomy admirer in the most open and shamefaced way.

"And I would that your always might be forever," said Ellen coolly.

"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.

"Among them, Mrs. Monbrant, where you perhaps would like to fetch up," returned Ellen tartly.

"Ha! ha!" cackled old General Athelstrong behind his handkerchief, "fore Gad she had her there."

The ancient soldier seemed to constitute himself a senile commentary on his hostess' repartee.

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

"But I thought," began Carrington nervously.

"Tis a dance I learned on shipboard, my lord," said his wife audaciously. She was fairly intoxicated with her recklessness that night. "And if someone will play—"

The door opened and in came Mistress Debbie followed by Sir Charles.

"Egad, Seton," snickered the duke, "did you find Baxter's 'Salute' Rest so engrossing that you forgot all about us?"

"There were other books in the library, your grace," returned Debbie sprightly, "and Sir Charles and I forgot the flight of time in conning o'er the printed page."

"The only printed page that ever made me forget the flight of time," returned the duke, "had spots on it."

"Yes, most of the pages that you turn are spotted," said Ellen boldly. She feared dukes not at all, especially those of the Dulward stamp, and it seemed as if in her desperation she was bent upon rudeness to all my lord's friends.

"He! he!" snickered Athelstrong again, "she had him there surely."

The duke turned on the general in sudden fury, but again Ellen intervened.

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

"Play for a dance?" cried Deborah.

"Ellen, what has come over you? You gambled?"

"Ay," returned my lady, "and lost twenty thousand pounds."

"Twenty thousand pounds!" gasped Deborah sinking into a chair.

"Compose yourself, my dear. My lord has won it back and holds it safe in his pocket."

"I told you," began Carrington, "that I—"

"Keep it, my lord. You may have need of it," said Ellen.

"I am glad that all has ended well," intervened Sir Charles, vaguely feeling quarrel in the air. He was looking very happy in spite of the rally to which he was subjected for his sudden interest in the doctrine of Master Richard Baxter—"and I congratulate you, Lady Carrington, on having lost to your husband."

## Union

From the Ledger.

On May 5th the stork presented Ed. Miller and wife with a 12-pound girl.

Eli M. Smith and wife are the proud parents of a fine boy baby that registered at their home Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Joseph Marshall and daughter Beulah came down from Plattsmouth for a visit Saturday and Sunday with Union friends.

The Union Band proposes to be up-to-date in all things, having decided to discard the red and blue uniforms and ordered a new and complete outfit of 18 suits made to order in Cincinnati.

Harry Graves came from Seward last Saturday on account of the illness of his mother, remaining until Tuesday. He is employed in the office of the Seward Independent Democrat, where he has held a job since going there eight months ago.

The pool hall changed hands the first of this week, George Stites buying the stock and equipments and leasing the lower part of the building from Ed. Leach, the former proprietor. Ed has not yet decided upon his plans for the future, but will keep his home here and spend sometime visiting and looking after his farm in Chase county.

Mrs. Clinkinbeard, mother of Mrs. Myron Lynde, has been very ill at the Blinking home in this village since last Saturday, suffering an attack of neuralgia, of the stomach followed by other ailments. For sometime it was thought impossible for her to recover, but a slight change for better is noticed and at last reports she seems to be gaining strength, but very slowly.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, ss. Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, the 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(SEAL.) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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## Elmwood

From the Leader-Echo:

South Bend will be "dry" the coming year. The required number of signers for the petition could not be secured.

Dr. Neely was called to Murdock Monday evening to examine ten applicants for the A. O. U. W. A Workman lodge is being organized in that city.

Geo. Reader is suffering severely from cancer of the stomach. We are to learn that small hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Sterling Rhoden is minus the first joint of one of his little fingers. He was drilling corn one day last week and caught his hand in the gearing of the drill.

Frank Royer and wife came up from Hoyt, Kansas, last week for a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Royer. Frank says he likes his new location fine.

Myrtle Chapman, the daughter of L. A. Chapman of this Village, has just received a call to teach stenography in Oskaloosa Christian College (Ia.) during the next college year. Miss Chapman is a graduate of the Iowa Wesleyan University in stenography, and will probably accept the call at Oskaloosa.

Irene Elizabeth, the four and a half months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schwin, residing near Murdock, died Tuesday evening from brain fever. Funeral services were held from the Methodist church at Murdock Wednesday. Interment in Elmwood cemetery.

The parents have the sympathy of their many Elmwood friends in their bereavement.

## Valued Same as Gold.

B. G. Stewart, a merchant of Cedar View, Miss., says: "I tell my customers when they buy a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills they get the worth of that much gold in weight, if afflicted with constipation, malaria or biliousness." Sold under guarantee at F. G. Fricke & Co., drug store. 25c.

## Nehawka

(From the Register.)

Mrs. Stone is improving and Mrs. Wallace is on the road to recover.

Born: Monday, May 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Harger, a son.

Roy Malcolm returned from Avoca last Friday after visiting a week with his brother.

Miss Carrie Allison came up from Union for an over Sunday visit with the family of D. C. West.

Miss Nellie Sylvester of Surprise,

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## Eldridge, the Entertainer.

At the Parmele last evening to a very small, but appreciative audience, Mr. Eldridge spoke. With no one to introduce him, he arose to the occasion and introducing himself, spoke very entertainingly and was well received by those present, who say it was one of the best entertainments of the season. Mr. Eldridge was an extra number of the lecture course that was procured in order to pull the committee out of the hole. But from the attendance at the entertainment last evening, a doubt remains as to getting out, and probably a deficit, as well.

Born—On Wednesday, May 13th, at the residence of "Grandpa" William R. Davis, to Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Orton, a son. The Register extends congratulations.

Charles S. Stone returned from his winter visit at Oklahoma. He thinks that the "Baby" state is just "the candy" and when the sign is right will locate in that state. He says it has been very cool down there for the past two weeks.

One of the wealthiest citizens of the town living not far from the church informs the editor of the Register that he has \$100 to prosecute the players of Sunday base ball in this village. And if any more base ball is played on Sunday the players may expect a warrant for their arrest on Monday.

Excavations were begun last week for the foundation of a new residence to be built by the Warden sisters. The lots are located just east of the M. E. church and were purchased from Gov. Sheldon. The house they will build will contain six rooms and will cost about \$1,200 and will be pushed through to completion as rapidly as possible.

A public spirited citizen, Silas Munn drags the roads—so do other people—the only difference between him and others is that Silas drags them after rain, and the roads are always in fine shape along his farm. Now we will put every farmer's name in the "Honorable Mention Column," who will drag the roads and keep at it. Public spirit counts much in the developing of any community. Follow Silas' example.

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is not entirely free from disease, on the high elevations fevers prevail, while on the lower levels malaria is encountered to a greater or less extent, according to altitude. To overcome climate affections lassitude, malaria, jaundice, biliousness, fever and ague, and general debility, the most effective remedy is Electric Bitters, the great alterative and blood purifier; the antidote for every form of bodily weakness, nervousness, and insomnia. Sold under guarantee at F. G. Fricke & Co., drug store. Price 50c.

## Louisville Assessor's Returns.

John H. Groop, of Louisville, the deputy assessor for Louisville precinct, was a visitor in the city this morning, bringing in his books, and making the returns for the assessment. In completing this assessment. Mr. Groop has shown that he is a hustler as well as a pains-taking and careful official. It is certain that when Assessor Soenichen selected Mr. Groop for the position, he made no mistake.

## It Reached the Spot.

Mr. E. Humphrey, who owns a large general store at Omega, O., and is president of the Adams County Telephone Co., as well as of the Home Telephone Co., of Pike County, O., says of Dr. King's New Discovery: "It saved my life once. At least I think it did. It seemed to reach the spot—the very seat of my cough,—when everything else failed." Dr. King's New Discovery not only reaches the cough spot; it heals the sore spots and the weak spots in throat, lungs and chest. Sold under guarantee at F. G. Fricke & Co., drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

## A Californian's Luck.

"The luckiest day of my life was when I bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve," writes Charles F. Budahn, of Tracy, California. "Two 25c. boxes cured me of an annoying case of itching piles, which had troubled me for years and that yielded to no other treatment." Sold under guarantee at F. G. Fricke & Co., drug store.

## Legal Notice.

The State of Nebraska, in County Court for County of Cass, ss. In the matter of the estate of Margaret A. Patterson, deceased.

All persons interested or concerned are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court, praying for the appointment of Sae Patterson, administratrix of the estate of Margaret A. Patterson, deceased, late of said county and state, and that a hearing will be had on said petition at the office of the County Judge at the court house, in the city of Plattsmouth, in said county and state, on Saturday, May 16th, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. All objections to the prayer of said petition must be filed before said hour of hearing.

Witness my hand and official seal this 9th day of May, 1908.

(SEAL.) ALLEN J. BEESON, County Judge.

W. C. RAMSEY, Attorney for the Estate. First Publication April 30, 1908.

## NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. In County Court, County of Cass, ss. In the matter of the estate of Benjamin Karsd, deceased.

All persons interested in the above estate are hereby notified that on May 29th, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, a hearing will be had upon the final account and petition for final settlement and distribution of the estate of Benjamin Karsd, deceased, at the county court room at Plattsmouth, in Cass county, Nebraska, and which time said final account will be examined and adjusted and the final decree of distribution will be entered, and allowance made for the fees of the administrator and his attorney, that all objections must be filed by said time.

Witness my hand and seal of said court this 9th day of May, 1908.

(SEAL.) ALLEN J. BEESON, County Judge.

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