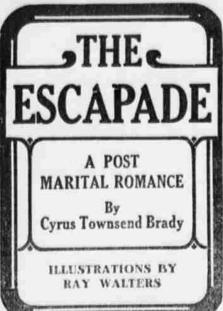
# CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN | said Strathgate as he and Lady Ellen | gasped my lord, choking with rage

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## SYNOPSIS.

The Escapade opens, not in the ro-mance preceding the marriage of Ellen Slocum, a Puritan miss, and Lord Car-rington of England, but in their life after setting in England. The scene is placed, just following the revolution, in Carring-ton castle in England. The Carringtons, after a house party, engaged in a family tilt, caused by jealousy. Lord Curring-ton and his wife each made charges of faithlessness against the other in con-tinuation of the quarrel. First objecting against playing cards with the guests, Lard Strathgate, whose attentions to Ellen had become a sore point with Car-rington. The loss of \$100,000 failed to per-turb her, and her husband then cut for his wife's I. O. U. and his honor, Car-rington winning. The incident closed es-cept that a liking for each other appar-ently arose between Lady Carrington and Lord Strathgate. Lord Strathgate

#### CHAPTER IV .-- Continued.

They had come to the edge of the terrace. Through a rift in the foliage they had a fair view of the center of the arbor. Through the same rift the moonlight fell and displayed two figures. One with his back toward her was her husband. The other facing the couple was Lady Cecily. They were close together talking earnestly. Ellen clenched her hands and incau-Lady Cecily caught a glimpse of her before Strathgate drew her back. Here was her opportunity. The distance was too great to enable the watchers to hear what was being said, but they could see.

"My dear Bernard," she said, "I may call you that for old times' sake?"

"Yes, yes," said Carrington, "would that those old times might come again!"

"It would please me," said Lady Cecily. "I cannot bear to see you yoked with such a rude, uncultured hoyden.'

"Nay," he began protestingly. "And she played that game with Strathgate. It was all a matter of pre-

reached the top of the terrace. "I would not have you lay hands on me again, my lord. I am in full vigor and able to serve myself in that." "Forgive me!' said Strathgate. thought you were faint."

"No more of it," returned Ellen. "I would have you meet me at two of the clock here to-night on the terrace equipped for traveling."

"Do you ride away, madam?" "I shall take my lord's traveling carriage. Can you drive, Lord Strath-

gate?" "I am the best whip in England," he said boastfully.

At this juncture Carrington and Lady Cecily joined the others on the terrace.

"Have you been taking the air, Lady Carrington, after your exertions in the dance?" queried Lady Cecily with mocking sweetness.

"We came to seek Carrington and yourself," interposed Strathgate swift-

# CHAPTER V.

A Midnight Conversation.

Once more the little boudofr. Once more Ellen and Bernard alone together.

"Well, madam," began Carrington. coldly, under violent constraint, although passion was seething and bubbling in his veins, "do you think that you have disgraced me sufficiently to-

night?" "But I was only obeying your instructions.

"My instructions!" exclaimed my lord; "and pray what were they?"

"To be like other women; to dance, to play, to-

"You exceeded them, I think," interrupted Carrington, sneeringly.

"That many things are permitted to a man, to a husband, which are forbid to a woman, his wife."

"I recognize no distinction between

us, sir. "This," said my lord, loftily, "is beside the question. What possessed you to play with Strathgate to-night?' "The money," returned his wife,

was mine. I had a right to risk it. 1 might ask what possessed you to play ?\*\* "Nonsense!" said Carrington, fierce-

"I know well enough that your game with Strathgate was only play. It was simply a plan concocted betiously stepped into the moonlight. tween you to mock me and amuse yourselves."

"My lord, you insult me," cried Ellen, her face flaming.

"It is fact that carries the insult, madam. I make the charge on good authority. You were overheard ar-



"He has always treated me like a gentleman," returned Ellen, "but perhaps that's because he's not married to me.'

> "You insult my friends," cried Car rington, trying to give the conversa tion a different turn.

"I only follow your lead, my lord." "Yes, I saw his consideration in

carrying you up the terrace steps a few moments after you eavesdropped. What heard you in the arbor?" "Not one word," answered Ellen.

But I saw you in the moonlight, and that was enough, my lord. I swear to you that unless you promise me on your word that you will dismiss Lady Cecily to-morrow I shall never be wife to you again."

"I cannot be discourteous to my guests," returned Carrington with sudden dignity.

"And does courtesy to your guests involve taking them in your arms and kissing them? Have you tried it with Mrs. Monbrant, or with the duch ess of Dulward? Now, she, indeed, would be a fit object for your kind attentions."

"There is one guest that I shall dismiss in the morning, ay, two," re turned my lord, white with anger. "And who are those, pray?"

"Strathgate and Seton."

"My friend and your friend. That's well thought on, and you will have me defenseless, then, at your mercy compelled to look upon your love making with that abandoned woman But I'll not stand it. I'll go back to America!"

"You would never dare."

"Would I not?" cried Ellen, man fully. "Watch me in the morning." It was one by the great clock in the hall when she withdrew from her boudoir and entered her own bedroom. Opening a closet she drew therefrom underneath a pile of feminine apparel a certain sailor's dress which she had sometimes used in cruising and boating expeditions with her husband since her marriage, and which she had often used before in long cruises on her father's ships. There were stout, heavy buckskin shoes, soft, woolen stockings, trousers wide and flaring at the knee and belted at the waist, a soft shirt of blue, a rough pea-jacket. Slipping off her own clothes, she transformed herself with rapid fingers into a sailor lad. She undid her hair, and tied it behind in a man's queue. From the same closet she took a slender

sword and a pair of heavy pistols. She went back softly into the boudoir and sat down at her desk. From a secret drawer she drew a purse filled with gold pieces, sovereigns of Eng-

land. On the table lay a cheque book. Her balance at the bank she found was a trifle over £20,000, the amount she owed my lord.

Fortunately, there was another exit from her suite of apartments besides that which led through my lord's dressing room. She unlocked the door and stepped into the corridor

Deborah was a light sleeper. She woke instantly, terrified beyond measure to see a tall, dark figure bending over her. She opened her mouth to NEBRASKA POINTERS

STATE NEWS AND NOTES IN CON-DENSED FORM.

THE PRESS, PULPIT AND PUBLIC

# What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska.

A special election is soon to be held in Valentine to vote bonds for water works.

The Wymore opera house has changed hands, F. E. Crawford becoming owner and manager.

The next term of the federal courts for Omaha will begin the fourth Monday in September, when both federal grand and petit juries will be assembled. The old settlers reunion will be

held in Union August 14 and 15. Ex-Friend, Geneva, Hastings, Hebron, cellent programs consisting of ora-Humboldt, Kearney, Milford, Oxford, tory, band music and sports have been Ravenna, Schuyler and Seward. prepared.

Fifty dollars reward will be paid for the arest and detention of Fred Gardner, who broke jall at Valentine on the night of July 10, stealing a black horse and saddle to get away on. J. W. Brooks, northeast of Beat-

rice, brought a small limb from his peach ochard to the city which contained 100 peaches. He says he will have 1,000 bushels of this variety of fruit for sale this year.

In anticipation of the early establishment of the free delivery system of the Postoffice department in McCook,

the city officials are arranging for a new system of naming the streets of the city, Secretary of State Junkin has received a jar of bugs. These insects came from Hershey and along with the consignment was a note stating that the bugs ate up everything in

sight. Prof. Bruner will be given a chance to catalogue the pests. Solomon Rowe, residing east of Plattsmouth, stated that during a storm a bolt of lightning struck his residence and blew out one end of the

building and ruined almost everything in it and the carpets and rugs were burned and discolored. Mrs. Rowe was badly stunned, but not injured. The flouring mills at Genoa owned by H. E. Fonda & Bros., a plant valued at \$15,000 was burned to the ground.

Mr. Tellme nand E. T. Christy, the two millers, were the only occupants of the building at the start of the fire. Christy was burned to death.

As a result of the recent litigation between Clifford C. Pierce and Lester F. Wakefield of Sioux City against the Omaha, Decatur & Northern Railway company, Judge T. C. Munger of the federal court has appointed L. R. Slonecker of Omaha receiver for the railroad.

The York High school has lost a number of its most efficient teachers.

Readjusts Milling In Transit. The Burlington road has been permitted by the railway commission to revise its milling in transit taxes. At a meeting at which Freight Agent Johnson appeared for the road and millers from many towns appeared the new rates were satisfactorily adjusted. The readjustment was brought about by a complaint from Superior that other towns were given superior advantages. The millers at Superior asked for an extension of the privilege previously granted them, including a long "back haul." As a result of the meeting the Burlington will grant no back haul privileges free. Where this is allowed the rate will be from 1 to 2 cents a hundred. Otherwise there is no charge for milling in transit but each town interested is limited to certain territory so as to give all an equal chance. Competition between millers may thus be stimulated in some parts of the state. The towns that are represented in the readjustment and which get milling in transit privileges under the new regulations are Falls City, Wahoo, Superior, Crete, Beatrice, Bertrand, Adams, Clay Center, DeWitt, Fairbury, Firth, Fremont,

# Pierce County First.

The first county superintendent's annual report for the school year 1907-8 was received by special delivery at the home of State Superintendent McBrien. The report was sent in by Superintendent Frank Pilger of Pierce county. This is the only report on file to date. Superintendent Pilger led the ninety county superintendents of the state last year in filing his annual report.

Among the items of interest from his report are the following: Fiftytwo districts complied with the provisions of the new library law, in spite of the fact that the law did not become operative until after the annual meeting for 1907. The law provides that the school board in every public school district shall set aside annualy from the general funds of the school district the sum of 10 per cent for every pupils enumerated in the district at the last annual school census, which amount shall be annually invested in books other than regular text books.

Under the provisions of the new free high school law the town of Plainvlew collected \$408.75 tuition. Complete reports were not received from other towns in Pierce county qualified to collect free high school tuition until after the annual meeting hence no definite information can be given.

#### Candidates Plan for Race.

Chairman T. S. Allen of the democratic state committee called on Secretary of State Junkin to inquire into the law governing the filing of nominations for candidates for presidential electors. He asked whether or not eight candidates could file on one blank. This inquiry is supposed to mean that the democratic party leaders intend to carry out the endorse-

#### BED-BOUND FOR MONTHS.

Hope Abandoned After Physicians" Consultation.

Mrs. Enos Shearer, Yew and Washington Sts., Centralia, Wash., says:



"For years I was weak and run down. could not sleep, my limbs swelled and the secretions were troublesome: pains were intense. I was fast in bed for four months. Three doctors said there was

no cure for me, and I was given up Being urged, I used Doan's to die. Kidney Pills. Soon I was better, and in a few weeks was about the house, well and strong again."

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MORE USED TO SELLING PINS.



Absent-Minded Clerk (who has been transferred from notion department) -So. you'll take this piano. Shall I send it, or will you take it with you?

#### Not the Chair.

He was a collector for an installment house, new at the business, and sensitive about performing an unpleasant duty. He was particularly embarrassed because the lady upon whom he had called to perform this unpleasant duty was so exceedingly polite. Still, the van was at the door, the lady was in arrears in her payments, and he remembered his duty.

"Good morning," said the lady. "It's a beautiful day, isn't it?"

"Beautiful," he agreed.

"Won't you take a chair?" she said. "Er--no, thank you, not this morning," he stammered. "I've come to take the plano!"-Exchange.

# The Revolving Cat.

Little Susie has always been deeply interested in mechanical toys, and numbers several among her choicest possessions. Recently the family cat, having apparently eaten something which disagreed with her, began a mad race around the room, leaping chairs, diving under sofas and turning somersaults. Susie's mother, much frightened, seized her small daughter and mounted a convenient table. But Susie remained unscared. Clapping her hands in glee, she shouted, "Wind her up again, mamma; wind her up again!'

Making It Sure. The lawyer was drawing up En-

She hath no need to give Strathgate money. His purse and all he has are at her disposal."

arrangement. No money was to pass.

My lord gritted his teeth and clenched his hands.

"I would like to kill him," he said, "and by heaven I shall before long, or he me, and then she can take him with my blood on his hands."

"I would not have you die, Bernard," said Lady Cecily tenderly, at that moment catching sight of the other two. "Don't think that your life is wasted because a foolish, wicked woman has well nigh wrecked it. You are very dear to-me."

"You are the only true heart I have ever known," protested Carrington.

And then Lady Cecily palpably fell against him. What else could a gentleman do under the circumstances but enfold her in his arms? The arms of Lady Cecily stole upward. She lifted her face to his.

"Kiss me," she murmured, faintly.

And although Carrington had not intetnded anything of that kind, yet being tempted, he hesitated and was lost. He kissed her full and fair in the moonlight.

"Have you seen enough, Lady Carrington?" whispered Strathgate from ing was involved?" the other side.

"Enough!" said Ellen, choking with | loftily. jealous rage. "My lord, I leave this volved, something of which you reck castle to-night. May I depend upon little." you to help me?"

"I shall help you," said Strathgate, turning and leading her away, "with all that I have. My life, my fortune, debt an honest one, the play fair. my sacred honor are yours."

back to Philadelphia. There is a ship belonging to me, a merchant ship "interpose?" in the harbor of Portsmouth nearly you.'

My lord thought deeply. Lady Elien evidently considered his proffered service purely a disinterested one. It bonds. The scene to-night was diswould hardly be wise to undeceive her | graceful. You insulted all my guests, now. Once he got her away and in you publicly braved me, you flaunted his power, it would go hard with him your money in my face, you exposed if he could not persuade her, or con- your person disgracefully in that abanstrain her, to his own wishes. His doned hornpipe, which you danced whatever she proposed.

"I will do my best to carry out your wishes," he said, heartily.

tage of the occasion to support her with his arm.

"You are weak, ill, faint," he said, almost carrying her up the steps in discussion." the bright moonlight before she had a chance to protest.

It so happened that Lady Cecily and Carrington coming across the mall caught a full view of the incident. "What would you have me do?"

"I Cannot Be Discourteous to My

Guests."

ranging the details," persisted my lord, carried beyond the facts by his indignation.

"Upon whose authority?" inquired Ellen.

"Lady Cecily's."

"And you can take her word against mine?" responded his wife, bitterly. "Very well, my lord, I shall not condescend to justify myself further." "'Twould be useless to attempt it.' "Indeed, and what made you risk

your castle in a matter in which noth-"Pardon me," returned Carrington,

"There was something in-

"And that was?"

"My honor and the honor of my wife. At that time I supposed the Think you I could allow that to stand "You mistake me, my lord. I go against you while I had a penny?" you think I would fail you?" "It was not love then that made you

"Love!" sneered Carrington, "How the bell. ready to sall for America. If you will could 1 love a woman whose chief take me there and see me on board, 1 | joy is to mock me, to humiliate me, to shall be everlastingly grateful to heap ridicule upon me, to disgrace me?

"You have said enough, my lord." "Madam, this passes beyond all ousness at the harpsichord-'

"that you can stop right there. The time over the water." And as Ellen stumbled and fell at English gentleman's code, I take it the foot of the steps he took advan- from my experience of it at home here, allows you to say anything you please to me or about me, but you will please leave my friends out of the

> "There is one friend that I shall bring in the discussion."

"And who is that?"

"Strathgate."

"And what has he done?" "What has he done? My God!"

scream, but Elen had the quickness to clap her hand over the mouth and stifle the noise. Her familiar voice reassured Mistress Deborah. The girl sat up in bed and stared in amazement.

"What do you want?" "I am leaving the castle," returned Ellen, "and you must come with me."

"Oh!" said Deborah. "And where are you going?" "Back to America."

"But Sir Charles?" "If Sir Charles cares anything for you," said Ellen authoritatively, "he will follow you to the end of the

world." "With whom do you go?" "Lord Strathgate."

"Oh, Ellen!" exclaimed Deborah in horror-stricken accents.

"Peace, girl!" said Lady Ellen, "he acts, or he shall act, as my coachman alone, but I must have you with me. We can talk no longer. Dress yourself. Would that I had boy's clothes for you!"

"I should never wear them! never! "Well, dress yourself in the clothes in which you came from America, then. Do you know where they are?

"And I will assist you," said Ellen. Fortune favored them. They stole down the stairs through the great hall and found the door unbarred, much to Ellen's satisfaction, for it indicated that Strathgate had been before them. "Is that you, my lord?" she asked in

"Yes," answered Strathgate, "Did

And from the clock in the tower above them boomed out two strokes of

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

# Where Politeness Doesn't Pay.

"French and German hats," said ; hatter, "only last half as long as ours It isn't the poor quality of the hats but the fine quality of the manners that causes this.

"Lifting the hat in salutation is the hardest work that falls on the head piece, and the French and Germans lift it to men and women equally, thus role at present was to agree with with that Puritan bit of sanctimoni- giving it twice as much labor as we do. Naturally, then, it wears out twice "I have said before," cried Ellen, as quickly. It goes in the brim in no

#### Outside of His Practice.

"All that is the matter with you, sir." said the eminent physician, after a thorough examination, "is lack of nutrition. You don't eat enough." "I eat all I can hold, doctor," said the attenuated caller.

"Then you need to have your capacity enlarged, and that's a case for a surgeon. Five dollars, please. Good morning."

Mr. Dallas, the principal, has accepted a position as principal at Sheridan, Wyo. Charles Wray, teacher of mathematics, has accepted a similar position in the High school at Ogden, Utah, and Miss Gertrude Rowen will go to Milwaukee, Wis., as teacher of history.

Carles Johnson, a young fellow about twenty-seven years old, was drowned in the Blue, between the two mill dams at Crete. In company with Fred Macca he was rowing down the swollen stream when the boat was carried by the current into a tangled clump of willows. Johnson attempted to swim ashore and was drowned.

The first annual exhibit of the Thurston County Agricultural society will be held at Bedford, September 17, 18 and 19. It is noticed that a very liberal premium list has been prepared by E. F. Chittenden, pioneer homesteader and printer of Thomas county, covering a wide field of industry and productiveness, and those who visit the fair on the dates mentioned will no doubt be as much surprised as

they will be pleased by what that rapidly developing section of Nebraska is able to show. The members of the order of the Knights of Phythias in Nebraska are planning to celebrate at Omaha on the 23d of November next, the fortieth anniversary of the organization of the first lodge west of Pennsylvania-"Nebraska No. 1"-which was instituted at Omaha in 1868. The famous "Dayton Team," consisting of 100 well drilled and uniformed Knights, has I been engaged at an expense of \$4,000 to give a dramatic rendition with beautiful electrical effects of the famous play of Damon and Phythias upon

which the Order is founded, and during the celebration upwards of 1,000 men will be initiated. Lodges from nearly every western state have signified their intentions to attend, and It is conservatively estimated that not less than ten thousand members of the Order will visit Omaha on that

occasion. The farmers of Adams county are jubilant over the fact that wheat yields in that section are exceeding all expectations. One farmer residing ten miles west of Hastings threshed and marketed his poorest piece of wheat, it producing twenty-five bushels per acre, which he marketed at 70

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ment of the democratic state convention, which recommended eight men for presidential electors. The republican state committee did not endorse anyone for elector, but some of the republican district conventions did so.

#### The School Census.

The school board has completed the census of children in the school dis trict of the city of Lincoln. A total of 11,894 is recorded between the ages of five and twenty-one. This is an increase of 171 over last year, not as decided an advance as had been expected. Of the whole number it is estimated that 2,000 are Russian children. More than 700 of these are now in the beet fields. Their names were taken prior to their departure in the spring. One of the problems of Secretary Morris is to prevent these families leaving without having given in their census.

# Irrigation Board Meets.

Secretary Dobson's action dismissing the application of H. G. Stewart for an appropriation of water from the North Platte river to irrigation lands covered by the Farmers Canal company, was approved by the state board of irrigation. Mr. Stewart recently filed a protest against the Tri-State company acquiring the rghts of the Farmers' canal, but the state board refused to assume jurisdiction over the protest. He later asked that his application for an appropriation be dismissed to give him better standing in court in case of an appeal.

#### Autoists Want Legislation.

The Omaha Automobile club has entered the social, political and commercial arena by incorporating for the nurpose of good fellowship, the betterment of roads and streets and the passage of "reasonable and sane legislation' governing the running of automobiles in streets and highways. The club filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. It was a modest capital stock of \$1,000 but has many wealthy and influential members.

#### Autos Must Slow Down.

The new automobile ordinance drawn along lines coincident with the state law is now in effect. A driver going faster than ten miles an hour on well traveled streets is breaking the law, and if he turns corners or crosses intersections even that fast.

# Noris Will Go to Europe.

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peck's will.

"I hereby bequeath all my property to my wife," dictated Enpeck. "Got that down?"

"Yes," answered the attorney.

"On condition," continued Enpeck. "that she marries within a year."

"But why that condition?" asked the man of law.

"Because," answered the meek and lowly testator, "I want somebody to" be sorry that I died. See?"

## DROPPED COFFEE

Doctor Gains 20 Pounds on Postum.

A physician of Wash., D. C., says of his coffee experience:

"For years I suffered with periodical headaches which grew more frequent until they became almost constant. So severe were they that sometimes I was almost frantic. I was sallow, constipated, irritable, sleepless; my memory was poor, I trembled and my thoughts were often confused.

"My wife, in her wisdom, believed coffee was responsible for these ills and urged me to drop it. I tried many times to do so, but was its slave.

"Finally Wife bought a package of Postum, and persuaded me to try it, but she made it same as ordinary coffee and I was disgusted with the taste. (I make this emphatic because I fear many others have had the same experience.) She was distressed at her failure and we carefully read the directions, made it right, bolled it full 15 minutes after boiling commenced, and with good cream and sugar, I liked it-it invigorated and seemed to nourish me.

"This was about a year ago. Now I have no headaches, am not sallow, sleeplessness and irritability are gone, my brain clear and my head steady. I have gained 20 lbs, and feel I am a new man.

"I do not hesitate to give Postum due credit. Of course dropping coffee was the main thing, but I had dropped it before, using chocolate, cocoa and other things to no purpose,

"Postum not only seemed to act as an invigorant, but as an article of nourishment, giving me the needed phosphates and albumens. This is no imaginary tale. It can be substantiated by my wife and her sister, who both changed to Postum and are hearty women of about 70.

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