

SERIAL STORY

THE ESCAPADE

A POST MARITAL ROMANCE

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SYNOPSIS.

The Escapade opens, not in the romance preceding the marriage of Ellen Sticum, a Puritan miss 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 faithfulness against the other in continuation of the quarrel. First objecting against playing cards with the guests, Lady Carrington agreed to cut cards with Lord Strathgate, whose attentions to Ellen had become a sore point with Carrington. The loss of \$100.00 failed to perturb her, and her husband then cut for his wife's I. O. U. and his honor, Carrington winning. The incident closed except that a liking for each other apparently arose between Lady Carrington and 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 incautiously stepped into the moonlight. 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 hound."

"Nay," he began protesting.

"And she played that game with Strathgate. It was all a matter of pre-arrangement. No money was to pass. She hath no need to give Strathgate money. His purse and all he has are at her disposal."

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 unfold her in his arms? The arms of Lady Cecily stole upward. She lifted her face to his.

"Kiss me," she murmured, faintly.

said Strathgate as he and Lady Ellen 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. "I 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 Strathgate?"

"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 swiftly.

CHAPTER V. A Midnight Conversation.

Once more the little boudoir. 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 forbidden to a woman, his wife."

"I recognize no distinction between us, sir."

gasped my lord, choking with rage. "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 Carrington, trying to give the conversation 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 duchess 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," returned 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 loving-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, manfully. "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 England. 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 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?"

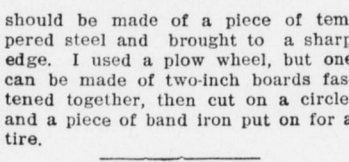
"I am leaving the castle," returned Ellen, "and you must come with me."

HORTICULTURE

HOME-MADE HAND CULTIVATOR.

How One Farmer Made the Garden Work an Easy Task.

I made a hand cultivator which does good work in the garden, writes a correspondent of the *Farm and Home*. Old plow handles, a, may be used, but they will need splicing, as shown at b, to five feet long. The hoe, or scraper, is shown at c. This



Handy Garden Tool.

should be made of a piece of tempered steel and brought to a sharp edge. I used a plow wheel, but one can be made of two-inch boards fastened together, then cut on a circle, and a piece of band iron put on for a tire.

CHERRY TREE SLUG.

How It Can Be Easily Killed by Poison Sprays.

The Colorado station gives this advice for treating the cherry and pear tree slug: "The slugs feed so freely upon the surface of the leaves that they are very easily killed by any of the arsenical poisons, such as arsenate of lead, arsenite of lime, or paris green applied in moderate strength. One pound of the arsenate of lead to each 25 gallons of water, or one pound of the paris green to 100 gallons of water, will make a preparation of sufficient strength to promptly destroy this insect. Sometimes it is necessary to make an application when cherries or plums are nearly grown when it is not advisable to cover the fruit with an arsenical poison. In this case one can use white hellebore in water in the proportion of one ounce to three gallons. If the hellebore is used, it is a little better to apply towards evening. Try to distribute the spray as evenly and thoroughly as possible to all the leaves of the tree without using enough to cause it to run off to any great extent. Where only a few trees are to be treated, one may use air slacked lime or fine road dust, throwing the dust very freely over the surface of the leaves. This remedy is not quite so effectual as the preceding, but can often be used with entire satisfaction."

TRAINING TOMATOES.

Method by Which the Fruit Can Be Kept from Rotting.

The best method I ever tried is to train them to a stake. This is a safeguard against rot, as it keeps the fruit off the ground. I cut stakes from saplings 2 1/2 inches in diameter and five to six feet long, choosing those with small branches all the way up. The branches are left about four inches long.

Stake the plants as you have time after they are set out. When they are one foot tall tie them to the stakes with good, strong twine, and with some assistance later on they will find support and cling to the branches. Occasionally, continues the writer in *Farm and Home*, some will not take hold, and you will have to tie them higher on the stake.

IMPROVING A GARDEN HOE.

It is Made by Cutting Out Part of the Center.

The accompanying illustration shows a western farmer's idea of what he regards as a very handy garden tool. As is quite true, he states that it is sometimes necessary in cultivating small plants to loosen the ground on each side of the row. For this work, says the *Home-Steader*, the hoe above, in which is cut out a circular piece of blade, is a first-class tool.

GARDEN AND ORCHARD.

The grape vine that is permitted to develop too much vine and leaf will bear little fruit.

Cabbage worms are easily controlled if taken in hand promptly. Mix one ounce fresh Persian insect powder with four gallons water and spray or sprinkle the plants.

I find it a good plan to sow cowpeas or a mixture of equal parts red and crimson clover in the garden at last cultivation of corn, potatoes, melons and such crops. They make a great growth and add much humus to the soil.

PLUM GOUGER.

Why the Fruit Falls to the Ground When Half Grown.

Every season in this western country large numbers of plums are lost by the fruit falling to the ground in the half-grown state. An examination of this fruit will show that it is infested with white grubs, which eat into the kernel and cause it to drop. The work is very similar to the plum curculio, which is such a serious pest in the eastern states.

This insect, however, is a native western form and finds its way into our plum orchards from the patches of wild plums which grow along almost every creek.

It is a very difficult insect to combat, because the work is done inside the fruit, and poisons cannot be applied for the larval forms of the insect. The adult insect can sometimes be killed by spraying the plum trees with arsenate of lead or other poisons of a similar nature in the same way that apple trees are sprayed. The adult beetles eat the young leaves or cut off the stems of the young fruit, and poisons placed in these localities are likely to prove helpful remedies.

The adult beetles may be caught by jarring the trees. The insect "plays possum" when a limb is jarred and drops to the ground. If the ground is covered with sheets, the insects may be gathered in them and destroyed. This is best done early in the day and should be continued from the time the plum trees are in blossom until the first of June.

The insects are reddish brown snout beetles about a quarter of an inch in length. They are quite easily recognized, and if present, some will be found usually each morning. A few jarrings of the tree will indicate whether or not the insects are numerous and whether this remedy should be continued. Probably this remedy is the most useful one in the home orchard or garden.

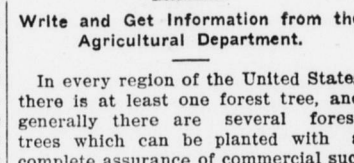
It is a good plan to permit chickens to run around about the trees, since they often pick up the weevils or the larvae that have come to the ground.

During the summer all plums which fall from the trees and even those which show the marks while they are still on the trees should be taken and destroyed. By destroying we mean burning or some other method which will make sure that the insect inside the plum is killed.—S. Arthur Johnson, Associate Professor of Entomology, Colorado Agricultural College.

WOVEN WIRE GRAPE ARBOR.

Makes a Neater Job Than with Slats.

To make a neat grape arbor set four posts and brace them as shown, then



Grape Arbor of Woven Wire.

stretch woven wire over the top. This top works better than wood, declares the *Prairie Farmer*.

PLANT THE RIGHT TREE.

Write and Get Information from the Agricultural Department.

In every region of the United States there is at least one forest tree, and generally there are several forest trees which can be planted with a complete assurance of commercial success if the plantation is properly established and given proper care. The government has made a very careful study of most of the forest plantations in the United States. Its publications on tree planting may be had free of charge upon application to the forest service, United States department of agriculture, Washington. The studies on which they were based were made especially for the benefit of farmers and other land owners, and to prevent the waste of thousands of dollars annually lost by planting the wrong trees or by improper care of plantations.

From the manner in which our natural timber has been cut it is clear that each region will have to be made as nearly self-supporting in timber growth as possible. The lesson of the past is that the right forest trees grown in the right way will bring a big profit.

Making the Garden Pay. Speaking of how he arranges a succession of garden crops, J. W. Griffin, the Kentucky gardener says: "Plant beans (bush), dwarf peas, early beets, lettuce and radishes in a block, as they may all be cleared from the land about the same time and another crop planted. This is where I plant my celery, after manuring the ground properly. When the beets are ready to begin using I put a row of cabbage plants right by the beets, then pull the beets next to the cabbage first."

No Such Plum. Some people are constantly looking for some variety of plum that the curculio will not touch. When that variety is discovered it will be one that a human being will not touch either.

LEAP-YEAR LAUGH.



"You look worried, old man!"

"Yes. Had three proposals last night and I don't know which one I ought to accept!"

Near Dead. The ship doctor of an English liner notified the deathwatch steward, an Irishman, that a man had died in stateroom 45. The usual instructions to bury the body were given. Some hours later the doctor peeked into the room and found that the body was still there. He called the Irishman's attention to the matter, and the latter replied:

"I thought you said room 26. I went to that room and noticed wad of thim in a bunk. 'Are ye dead?' says I. 'No,' says he, 'but I'm pretty near dead.' So I buried him."—The Wasp.

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His Mark. Hewitt—Gruet can't write his own name. Jewett—I know it; whenever he sees a man showing another man how to make a cross on an Australian ballot he thinks he is forging his signature.

ALL RUN DOWN. Miss Della Stroebe, who had Completely Lost Her Health, Found Relief from Peru-na at Once.

Read What She Says:

MISS DELLA STROEBE, 710 Richmond St., Appleton, Wis., writes: "For several years I was in a run-down condition, and I could find no relief from doctors and medicines. I could not enjoy my meals, and could not sleep at night. I had heavy, dark circles about the eyes."

"My friends were much alarmed. I was advised to give Peruna a trial, and to my joy I began to improve with the first bottle. After taking six bottles I felt completely cured. I cannot say too much for Peruna as a medicine for women in a run-down condition."

Pe-ru-na Did Wonders. Mrs. Judge J. F. Boyer, 1421 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill., says that she became run down, could neither eat nor sleep well, and lost flesh and spirit. Peruna did wonders for her, and she thanks Peruna for new life and strength.

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