

The Exploits of Elaine

A Detective Novel and a Motion Picture Drama

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CONTINUED SYNOPSIS.

The New York police are mystified by a series of murders and other crimes. The principal clue to the criminal is the warning letter which is sent the victims signed with a "clutching hand." The latest victim of the mysterious assassin is Taylor Dodge, the insurance president. His daughter, Elaine, employs Craig Kennedy, the famous scientific detective, to help to unravel the mystery. What Kennedy accomplishes is told by his friend Jameson, a newspaper man. Enraged at the determined effort which Elaine and Craig Kennedy are making to put an end to his crimes, the Clutching Hand, as this strange criminal is known, resorts to all sorts of the most diabolical schemes to put them out of the way. Each chapter of the story tells of a new plot against their lives and of the way the great detective uses all his skill to save this pretty girl and himself from death.

TENTH EPISODE

THE LIFE CURRENT.

Assignments were being given out on the Star one afternoon, and I was standing talking with several other reporters in the busy hum of type-writers and clicking telegraphs. "What do you think of that?" asked one of the fellows. "You're something of a scientific detective, aren't you?" Without lavishing claim to such a distinction, I took the paper and read:

THE POISONED KISS AGAIN.

Three More New York Women Report Being Kissed by Mysterious Stranger—Later Fell Into Deep Unconsciousness—What Is It?

I had scarcely finished when one of the copy boys, dashing past me, called out: "You're wanted on the wire, Mr. Jameson."

I hurried over to the telephone and answered.

A musical voice responded to my hurried hello, and I hastened to adopt my most polite tone.

"Is this Mr. Jameson?" asked the voice.

"Yes," I replied, not recognizing it.

"Well, Mr. Jameson, I've heard of you on the Star, and I've just had a very strange experience. I've had the poisoned kiss."

The woman did not pause to catch my exclamation of astonishment, but went on: "It was like this. A man ran up to me on the street and kissed me—and I don't know how it was—but I became unconscious—and I didn't come to for an hour—in a hospital—fortunately. I don't know what would have happened if it hadn't been that someone came to my assistance and the man fled. I thought the Star would be interested."

"We are," I hastened to reply. "Will you give me your name?"

"Why, I am Mrs. Florence Leigh of No. 20 Prospect avenue," returned the voice.

"Say," I exclaimed hurrying over to the editor's desk, "here's another woman on the wire who says she has received the poisoned kiss."

"Suppose you take that assignment," the editor answered, sensing a possible story.

I took it with alacrity, figuring out the quickest way by elevated and surface to reach the address.

I must say that I could scarcely criticize the poisoned kisser's taste, for the woman who opened the door certainly was extraordinarily attractive.

"And you really were—put out by a kiss?" I queried, as she led me into a neat sitting room.

"Absolutely—as much as if it had been by one of those poisoned needles you read about," she replied confidently, hastening on to describe the affair volubly.

It was beyond me.

"May I use your telephone?" I asked.

"Surely," she answered.

order to get another. I'll have to go. I'll get this story from you, Craig."

The day before, in the suburban house, the Clutching Hand had been talking to two of his emissaries, an attractive young woman and a man.

"There's the proof," Florrie said simply, choking a sob.

Elaine looked with a start. Sure enough, there was the neat living room in the house on Prospect avenue. In one picture Florrie had her arms over Kennedy's shoulders. In the other, apparently, they were passionately kissing.

Elaine slowly laid the photographs on the table.

"Please—please, Miss Dodge—give me back my lost love. You are rich and beautiful—I am poor. I have only my good looks. But—I love him—and he loves me—and has promised to marry me."

Florrie had broken down completely and was weeping softly into a lace handkerchief.

She moved toward the door. Elaine followed her.

"Jennings—please see the lady to the door."

Back in the drawing-room, Elaine seized the photographs and hurried into the library where she could be alone.

Just then she heard the bell and Kennedy's voice in the hall.

"How are you this afternoon," Kennedy greeted Elaine gayly.

Elaine had been too overcome by what had just happened to throw it off so easily, and received him with studied coolness.

Still, Craig, manlike, did not notice it at once. In fact, he was too busy gazing about to see that neither Jennings, Marie nor the duenna Aunt Josephine were visible. They were not and he quickly took the ring from his pocket. Without waiting, he showed it to Elaine.

Elaine very coolly admired the ring, as Craig might have eyed a specimen on a microscope slide. Still, he did not notice.

He took the ring, about to put it on her finger. Elaine drew away. Concealment was not in her frank nature.

She picked up the two photographs. "What have you to say about those?" she asked cuttingly.

Kennedy, quite surprised, took them and looked at them. Then he let them fall carelessly on the table and dropped into a chair, his head back in a burst of laughter.

"Why—that was what they put over on Walter," he said. "He called me up early this afternoon—told me he had discovered one of those poisoned kiss cases you have read about in the papers. Think of it—all that to pull a concealed camera! Such an elaborate business—just to get me where they could fake this thing. I suppose they've put someone up to saying she's engaged!"

Elaine was not so lightly affected. "But," she said severely, repressing her emotion, "I don't understand, Mr. Kennedy, how scientific inquiry into 'the poisoned kiss' could necessitate this sort of thing."

She pointed at the photographs accusingly.

"But," he began, trying to explain. "No buts," she interrupted.

"Then you believe that I—"

"How can you, as a scientist, ask me to doubt the camera?" she insinuated, very coldly turning away.

Kennedy rapidly began to see that it was far more serious than he had at first thought.

"Very well," he said with a touch of impatience, "if my word is not to be taken—I'll—"

He had seized his hat and stick. Elaine did not deign to answer.

Then, without a word, he stalked out of the door.

Kennedy was moping in the laboratory the next day when I came in.

"Say, Craig," I began, trying to overcome his fit of blues.

Kennedy, filled with his own thoughts, paid no attention to me. Then he jumped up.

"By George—I will," he muttered. I poked my head out of the door in time to see him grab up his hat and coat and dash from the room, putting his coat on as he went.

"He's a nut today," I exclaimed to myself.

"Though I did not know yet of the quarrel, Kennedy had really struggled with himself until he was willing to put his pride in his pocket and had made up his mind to call on Elaine again."

As he entered he saw that it was really of no use, for only Aunt Josephine was in the library.

"Oh, Mr. Kennedy," she said innocently enough, "I'm so sorry she isn't here. There's been something troubling her, and she won't tell me what it is. But she's gone to call on a young woman, a Florence Leigh, I think."

"Florence Leigh!" exclaimed Craig with a start and a frown. "Let me use your telephone."

I had turned my attention in the laboratory to a story I was writing.

Miss Florence Leigh, 20 Prospect Avenue.

As he handed Elaine the card, she looked up from the book she was reading and took it.

"Confound it!" I exclaimed, "isn't that like the old man—dragging me off this story before it's half finished in

Elaine moved into the drawing room, Jennings springing forward to part the portieres for her and passing through the room quickly where Flirty Florrie sat waiting. Flirty Florrie rose and stood gazing at Elaine, apparently very much embarrassed, even after Jennings had gone.

"It is embarrassing," she said finally, "but, Miss Dodge, I have come to you to beg for my love."

Elaine looked at her nonplused.

"Yes," she continued, "you do not know it, but Craig Kennedy is infatuated with you." She paused again, then added, "But he is engaged to me."

Elaine stared at the woman. She was dazed. She could not believe it. "There is the ring," Flirty Florrie added, indicating a very impressive paste diamond.

Quickly she reached into her bag and drew out two photographs, without a word, handing them to Elaine.

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when I heard the telephone ring. It was Craig. Without a word of apology for his rudeness, which I knew had been purely absent-minded, I heard him say: "Walter, meet me in half an hour outside that Florence Leigh's house."

Half an hour later I was waiting near the house in the suburbs to which I had been directed by the strange telephone call the day before. I noticed that it was apparently deserted. The blinds were closed and a "To Let" sign was on the side of the house.

"Hello, Walter," cried Craig at last, bustling along.

He led the way around the side of the house to a window, and, with a powerful grasp, wrenched open the closed shutters. He had just smashed the window when a policeman appeared.

"Hey, you fellows—what are you doing there?" he shouted.

Craig paused a second, then pulled his card from his pocket.

"Just the man I want," he parried, much to the policeman's surprise. "There's something crooked going on here. Follow us in."

We climbed into the window. There was the same living room we had seen the day before. But it was now bare and deserted.

To Be Continued

REPRESENTATIVES PLAY BALL.

Hackett Pitches His Team to Victory Over Roney

Philadelphia members of the House of Representatives with Senator Salus, Julia Wilson, a House page, and "Skin" Herbert, messenger boy extra ordinary, played nine innings of fast baseball on the H. A. C. field yesterday afternoon.

Hackett, who captained and pitched for his team, won out by the score of 9 to 8. Roney captained and pitched for his team. Those who took part in the game were Graham, Walsh, Aaron, Forster, Lipschutz, Voges and W. H. Wilson. The score:

R. H. E.
Hackett 9 15 4
Roney 8 10 6
Hackett and Graham; Roney and Wilson.

ACADEMY TENNIS

Drawings for Annual Spring Tournament Announced

Drawings for the annual spring tennis tournament at the Harrisburg Academy were announced yesterday by Prof. Lawrence W. Phipps, as follows:

Singles—J. Ross vs. J. Holmes, M. Tate vs. J. Wallis, C. Dunkle vs. R. Hoke, G. Shreiner vs. R. Shreiner, B. Broadhurst vs. J. Sensenman, B. Rutherford vs. D. Burnett, C. Horton, a bye.

Doubles—B. Rutherford and J. Wallis vs. C. Horton and J. Ross; B. Hoke and D. Burnett vs. R. Shreiner and G. Shreiner; B. Broadhurst and J. Holmes vs. G. Jeffers and C. Dunkle; J. Sensenman and M. Tate, byes.

"MET" TEAM ORGANIZES

Eugene Barbusch Anxious to Arrange Games

The Metropolitan Hotel baseball team have organized its 1915 team and would like to arrange games for any afternoon during the week with any team. Address all communications to Eugene Barbusch, manager, Metropolitan Hotel, city. The line-up follows:

Ralph Cooper, p.; Eugene Barbusch, p.; Charles Saunders, c.; Dennee Bibb, 1st b.; John Goodloe, 2d b.; Charles Barbusch, 3d b.; Benjamin Spilow, center field; B. Bony, ss.; James Garrett, left field; Daniel Barbusch, right field; Jos. Trombine, Eugene Donato, Guido Magaro, Charles Motter, substitutes.

JOHNSON LEAVES HAVANA

Negro Pugilist Expects to Reach England Without Passport

Havana, April 21.—Jack Johnson, the former champion heavyweight pugilist, and his wife sailed yesterday for Spain on the steamer Maria Cristina.

From Spain Johnson intends to proceed to England. Although he has no passport, Johnson says he expects to experience no trouble. He says he will return to Havana in June and open a gymnasium.

NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TO HAVE FOOTBALL TEAM

Athletic Council Decides to Resume Sport on Five-Year Basis With Restriction—Work Will Be Started Immediately on Schedule for Fall

New York, April 21.—By unanimous vote of the University Council, football was restored to Columbia yesterday. The sport by the resolutions adopted will be placed on a five-year basis. Many restrictions have been thrown around the resumption of the sport and it will be necessary for the undergraduates and alumni to live up to the spirit of these regulations if the game is to stay.

The Columbia men agree that they will not raise any objections to the regulations within the five-year period. It is anticipated that the students will be too glad to receive half a loaf rather than none to again antagonize the authorities with any objections to their plans under which the game is restored.

This action on the part of the council comes after a carefully planned movement which had for its foundation the convincing of the authorities of the sincerity of the undergraduates in their petitions for the reinstatement of the game and their willingness to support it.

Work will start immediately in the arranging of a schedule for the Blue and White team next fall. A manager will be elected and negotiations will be opened at once with the managers of the teams of local colleges with the hope of a game, owing to the fact that the schedules of all of the college teams have been completed and more or less readjustment would be found necessary to admit Columbia to their lists.

Frank Fackenthal, secretary of the university and chairman of the University Committee on Athletics, on whose careful recommendations the Council based its decision to reinstate the game, stated after the meeting that Columbia would try to get some good games scheduled for the fall. Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell and University of Pennsylvania are on the list of those colleges which the Blue and White now are permitted to play, but with this assurance from Secretary Fackenthal, the prospects are encouraging for a good schedule of games.

The entire coaching system for the new eleven will be under the auspices of the physical education department. This is the recognized beginning of a movement to place all Columbia sports under the supervision of this department. The ultimate aim is to develop sports at Columbia on a basis which will bring the greatest number of students out and do them the most good.

The college students are the only ones who will be permitted to play on the teams. The graduate students will not be eligible, nor will any of the scientific students. The engineering schools will be placed on a graduate basis next September and this automatically eliminates them from the squad.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Phillies, 5; New York, 2
New York, April 21.—The Phillies took their third straight game from the New York Giants yesterday, making it five in a row for Moran's men since they started in the race for the National League pennant.

R. H. E.
Phillies . . . 0 2 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 — 5 12 1
New York . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 2 7 0
Mayer and Killifer; Schauer and Meyers.

Pittsburgh, 8; Chicago, 6

Chicago, April 21.—Pittsburgh hit Chicago's pitchers consistently yesterday and defeated the locals 8 to 6.

R. H. E.
Pittsburgh . . . 2 0 1 2 0 0 3 0 0 — 8 13 2
Chicago . . . 0 0 0 0 2 3 1 0 — 6 7 2
Mauraux, McQuillan and Gibson; Cheney, Zabel, Pierce and Bresnahan.

Cincinnati Blanks Cardinals

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 21.—Benton pitched superb ball, allowing only two hits, and as a result Cincinnati shut out St. Louis yesterday, 2 to 0.

R. H. E.
St. Louis . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 0 2 0
Cincinnati . . . 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 x — 2 11 0
Perdue, Niehaus and Snyder; Benton and Clarke.

Boston, 4; Brooklyn, 3

Boston, April 21.—With two out and three on bases in the tenth inning, Smith drove the ball to the score board, scoring Fitzpatrick, and Boston won a 4-to-3 victory over Brooklyn yesterday.

R. H. E.
Brooklyn . . . 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 — 3 9 3
Boston . . . 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 — 4 7 3
Pfeffer, Ragan, Coombs, Aitchison and McCarthy; Duque, Hughes and Gowdy.

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BASEBALL SUMMARY

STANDING OF CLUBS

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
	W.	L.
Detroit	5	1
Boston	3	2
Cleveland	4	3
New York	3	3
Washington	3	3
St. Louis	3	4
Athletics	2	3
Chicago	2	5

Yesterday's Results
Athletics, 6; New York, 2.
Boston, 5; Washington, 2.
Detroit, 6; Chicago, 3.
Cleveland, 9; St. Louis, 0.

Schedule for To-day
New York at Philadelphia.
Boston at Washington.
Cleveland at St. Louis.
Chicago at Detroit.

Schedule for To-morrow
St. Louis at Chicago.
Detroit at Cleveland.
Washington at New York.
Philadelphia at Boston.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.
Philadelphia	5	0	1.000
Cincinnati	5	2	.714
Boston	4	2	.667
Chicago	4	3	.571
Pittsburgh	3	4	.429
New York	2	4	.333
St. Louis	2	5	.286
Brooklyn	1	6	.143

Yesterday's Results
Philadelphia, 5; New York, 2.
Boston, 4; Brooklyn, 3, 10 innings.
Pittsburgh, 8; Chicago, 6.
Cincinnati, 2; St. Louis, 0.

Schedule for To-day
Philadelphia at New York.
Brooklyn at Boston.
St. Louis at Cincinnati.
Pittsburgh at Chicago.

Schedule for To-morrow
New York at Brooklyn.
Boston at Philadelphia.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.
Chicago at St. Louis.

FEDERAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.
Brooklyn	5	2	.750
Chicago	5	3	.625
Kansas City	5	4	.556
Newark	5	4	.556
Pittsburgh	4	5	.444
St. Louis	3	5	.375
Baltimore	3	5	.375
Baltimore	2	6	.333

Yesterday's Results
Buffalo, 6; Brooklyn, 2.
Pittsburgh, 4; Kansas City, 3.
St. Louis, 8; Chicago, 5.
Kansas City at Pittsburgh.

Schedule for To-day
Buffalo at Buffalo.
Brooklyn at Newark.
Only three games scheduled.

Schedule for To-morrow

Brooklyn at Newark.
Baltimore at Buffalo.
Other clubs not scheduled.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Athletics, 6; New York, 2
Philadelphia, 21.—Connie Mack changed his lineup yesterday, and with Bob Shawkey pitching in grand form, the Athletics looked like a different team, winning easily from the New York Yankees by a score of 6 to 2.

R. H. E.
Athletics . . . 0 0 2 1 2 0 0 1 — 6 12 0
New York . . . 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 — 2 8 2
Shawkey and McAvoy; Warhop and Sweeney.

Detroit, 6; Chicago, 3

Detroit, Mich., April 21.—Detroit's slugging trio, Cobb, Crawford and Veach, smashed their team to a third consecutive victory over Chicago yesterday. The score was 6 to 3.

R. H. E.
Chicago . . . 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 — 3 7 3
Detroit . . . 2 0 0 0 3 1 0 x — 6 11 1
Cioette and Schalk; Daus and McKee.

Boston, 5; Washington, 2

Washington, D. C., April 21.—Boston batted, Gallia had yesterday and defeated Washington 5 to 2.

R. H. E.
Boston . . . 0 0 2 0 1 1 0 1 — 5 12 0
Washington . . . 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 2 8 2
G. Foster and Thomas; Gallia, Ayers and Ainsmith.

Cleveland, 9; St. Louis, 0

St. Louis, Mo., April 21.—St. Louis could do nothing with Morton's delivery yesterday and was shut out, 9 to 0.

R. H. E.
Cleveland . . . 0 0 4 0 0 1 0 2 2 — 9 11 2
St. Louis . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 0 3 5
Morton and Egan; Perryman, Remenses, Hoch and Agnew.