

# Erskine's Case

By MARY PARRISH

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Andrew Carr agreed to take young Erskine into his law office because he was the son of his old friend. He kept him there because he was making good.

"Fred hasn't done anything extraordinary so far," he confided to his chum, "but I trusted him with a pretty important case the other day, and he put it through. The trouble is he has a bee in his bonnet. Well, I suppose you've got to expect it. Like all young fellows he has fallen in love, and wants to get married."

"Well, what's to hinder?" asked the other.

"The trouble is the girl has just been graduated from a law school, and he wants me to take her into the office. Well, I won't have it. I don't believe in woman lawyers. I won't have the office all upset. If she wants to marry him let her stay home and make a home for him. If he persists in his fool notions I suppose I'll have to part with him." And the old man heaved a sigh of regret.

Fred Erskine had begun work on a very important case. It seemed rather strange to him that Carr had entrusted him with such a big undertaking, only stipulating that he was to be occasionally advised as to the progress of the affair, and consulted if necessary.

He confided the matter to Edna Ferris, his fiancée, in whom at this stage of his career he confided everything.

"I believe," he declared, "the old gentleman is just trying me out. If I win this case, he may take me into the firm."

"Fred!" exclaimed the girl delightedly, "wouldn't that be wonderful! Why could you get such a start!"

"Yes, I know that. But you want to practice—and you know we must be partners."

"Perhaps he will let me come in the office," she said.

Then Erskine was forced to tell the girl Mr. Carr's aversion to women in the profession. "I told him," he added,



She Found the Young Man With Bandaged Head, Arm and Leg, Stretched on a Cot.

ed, "I thought those ideas went out with the Victorian age. But you can't budge him."

"Never mind, dear," she said consolingly, after the manner of women, though her own heart sank within her. "We'll bide our time. It will come."

Then Fred kissed her, and wondered if there was another such a girl in the world.

Edna became so interested in the case, she urged him to let her help him, and so instead of the ordinary talk of two young people very much in love with each other the evenings were given up to points of common law and jurisprudence. The young man became more and more impressed with the clear thinking and logical brain of his consoler.

One day he confided to Edna: "I can see that Carr is beginning to be a bit anxious and doubtful about this case. He has got on to that evidence Vernon has dug up, and it doesn't look quite as clear sailing as it did."

"Well it hasn't come into court yet," smiled the girl.

"No, but if I should lose this—Edna, I've got to win! There's too much at stake! It means everything to me."

A few days after this, Edna received a telephone call to come to the Bellevue hospital. Mr. Erskine had met with a slight accident, and wished to see her. Almost distracted, the girl hurried to the hospital. She found the young man with bandaged head, arm, and leg stretched on a cot. He had been struck by an automobile, and was as he expressed "rotten run out of commission for the present." He tried to reassure Edna by saying it was nothing serious, and he would be out in two or three days.

"Don't tell anyone, least of all, Carr," he implored. "If he thought I couldn't go on with the case, he'd get wild, and call in someone else."

"But," objected Edna, "he'll find out."

"Not if you will help me. Just call him on the phone, and tell him I have suddenly been called out of town on business about the case, and that I will wire or write him. If he asks who you are—"

"I'll tell him I'm a typist who has been doing some work for you."

"Good!" smiled Erskine. "What a splendid little trick you are!"

Edna did as she had agreed, not forgetting also to account for his absence at the hotel by the "out-of-town" story so that they could answer any inquiries, and Erskine's name, by his own foresight had been kept out of the newspapers.

The third day after the accident, Edna found her patient flushed with fever, and much worse instead of better. She did not allow him to see her again, but sought an interview with the nurse.

"He has worried himself into this fever about some business," said the nurse. "I wish you could find out, and suggest something. There's got to be a slight operation on that leg, and we don't dare to undertake it with him in this nervous condition."

The very word "operation" struck a chill to the girl's heart, but the life in the other room was to her so dear, she nervously tried to do anything to save it.

"I know the case so well," she said to him as she sat down by his cot. "Just let me go on with it. I'll mail letters from all kinds of places from you to Mr. Carr. I have friends who will see to that. Lucky your right hand is all right so you can sign them. I'll go on with the hunt for that witness, and I'll come here, report progress to you, and get your advice. Now don't worry the least bit. That case is as good as won."

The next morning Edna heard in answer to her telephone inquiry that the patient was much improved. By her request he was moved to a pleasant room and every day she consulted with him as to the work done. After about five days, she found that Mr. Carr was growing restive. There was nothing for it, but she must face the ogre. She introduced herself as Miss Town, the typist, and presented a parcel of neat papers, which she said Mr. Erskine had sent her in handwriting, requesting her to type and take them to Mr. Carr.

"Strange!" he mused, "he stays away like this. But the next moment he became so engrossed in the papers, he said no more."

It soon became a common occurrence for the girl to visit the office with a new batch of papers. One morning to her dismay, Mr. Carr asked her to type a letter to Erskine to get back as soon as possible as the case was liable to come up within a week. It seemed to him now so well prepared, he had agreed to the time.

"Erskine has done some good work on this," he chuckled. "Now it's up to him to make as good a figure before a jury."

Edna feared to tell the young man of the early docketing of the case. The operation had been successful, but he had not yet been allowed to stand on the injured leg. But her reports of Carr's confidence smoothed the way, and he declared he would get there.

Two days before the time he limped with a cane into the office. Then he had to explain that he had met with an accident, and had not wanted to worry him so had gone on with the work till he was well enough to appear without bandages.

Erskine won the case. As it involved several millions, it made a sensation in the papers. The next day Carr offered him the long-desired partnership. Erskine's heart gave a great leap, and he put his hand into that of the other man, not being quite able to speak. Then he pulled himself together, and said: "I've got to tell you—I'd be a miserable sneak if I didn't. I didn't win that case. The big point, the one that turned the tide for us was made by Edna Ferris!" Then he told all she had done.

Carr, dumfounded, observed that he would like to lay eyes on that girl.

"You have," answered the young man.

"Not that smart little typist?" Erskine nodded. "Well she can come in to this office just as soon as she wishes. We need her in our business."

Among the war recompenses that will be handed down with greatest pride from generation to generation in French families are the diplomas, now framed and hanging on the walls of many farmhouses attesting how the peasant woman and farmers' wives, widows and daughters overcame war difficulties.

The actual cash returns will equal a record year in time of peace, though, excepting oats and potatoes, the yield was below the average.

This country of Brie, which is generally second only to the Beauce in wheat production and first of all for oats, stands at the head of both, yet this crop was sown almost entirely by women, girls and boys too young or men too old to shoulder the rifle, or German prisoners of war, volunteers from the camps of interned civilian Austrians and Germans, a few territorialists on leave, a good many Parisian schoolboys and, last, but not least, the American self-blinder, helped with the harvest; but with the exception of the self-blinder, the help was available only in scattered spots.

Robin Adair.

"Robin Adair" is not a Scotch song. It is Irish, and was first known as "Eileen Aroon" or "Eibhlin a ruin." It is very old, as songs go, the words being written about 1380, by Carol O'Daly. The tune as we know it belongs to Cornelius Lyons (1702). The Scottish version was written by Lady Caroline Keppel in 1753; five years later she married Mr. Robert Adair, M. P., from Packstown, County Dublin, Ireland.

Dark Ways—Darkness.

Night is proverbially the time for criminal activity, and Spaniards say: "The false coin passes at night." Too often successful men ignore old friends, or, as the Spaniards say: "With the glories they forget the memorias." Shrewdness has worked off undesirable articles. Spain tells that "The saddle and mane make the horse sell." Waste labor is "To carry iron to Vizcaya. A man born to good fortune is 'the son of a white hen.'"

That's Different.

"What's the matter with me, doctor?"

"You have a stitch in the back."

"Dear me, that is so prosaic. I can't tell my stylish friends that. They would laugh at me."

"This is one of the fashionable new stitches."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Optimistic Thought.

Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness.

A Little Bit of Everything.

Indications are that after the war Europe will become a strong competitor of the United States for the trade of Guatemala.

The government of India will extend its wireless system until every army post has a station in the charge of a trained officer.

Only forty years ago the Japanese went to battle clad from head to foot in armor, and wearing hideous masks to frighten the enemy.

An electric knife for tailors has been invented that cuts only a few thicknesses of cloth instead of the twenty or more cut by machines used in clothing factories.

During the year ending November 30, 1910, the United States bureau of lighthouses established 16 new lighted aids and 14 unlighted aids, 30 in all, in Alaskan waters.

If multiplied by two, three, four, or any other integer less than nine, the number 1,176,478,888,235,294 will produce the same digits in the same order, simply beginning at a different place in the set.

# THE NEED OF A NEW PATRIOTISM

By PROF. W. D. HENDERSON of University of Michigan.

We must have a new patriotism. The great factors tending to patriotism are the home, the school, the church, the newspaper, and, last, the trained woman of leisure. No nation can live without home life.

The damnation of American people today is their lack of efficiency and education. We must have schools with a deeper purpose; our churches must have nobler purposes, taking in the people of all classes. Newspapers will soon come into their own, as is shown by the editorials and in the interest shown in editorials; and, last but not of least importance, is the woman who has leisure to attend clubs and afternoon teas, etc. These factors are dominant in shaping public opinion.

Club women are women of leisure. Many have been educated on an equal with men and more are being educated every day on this basis. Why should the women who have this education spend their leisure hours doing nothing for the good of their community, while their husbands, with the same education, work. It is said the work of the woman is the home, the church and in the social world. It is true, but every year the home is becoming less, and more social duties appear.

I hold it the duty of my wife and women of education to get behind the community and keep it up. See to the things that the men do not have time to see to or that they cannot do as women can. Look after sanitary conditions, food, paving, water supply and such things that have to be gone after.

### Indigestion and Its Causes

By DR. SAMUEL G. DIXON  
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The teeth are the first factor in the process of digestion. They represent the millstones that cut and grind the food. As they do so, alkaline secretions are given out by glands in the mouth and mix with the food to make the first change it undergoes in the process of being absorbed by the system.

Good teeth are essential to normal digestion. Teeth which are diseased or artificial teeth held in place by settings which retain foodstuffs are injurious to health because they provide places in which disease-producing germs grow and multiply.

If you have diseased teeth or false teeth not easy to keep clean, have them attended to. The germs they foster are producing poisonous substances that interfere with the normal functions of vital organs, such as the heart and kidneys.

If you are interested in your digestion, you will avoid incongruous mixtures of foodstuffs made up solely to tickle the taste. Potato salad in the American style is a good example. The potato is digested in the second stomach, where the secretions are alkaline. If you soak the potato in vinegar, you have something whose nature is strictly opposite to the alkaline, which it fights. Therefore you are materially delaying the digestive process.

Poor cooking often makes proper food either difficult or impossible to digest. The hard-earned money of the household goes to the purchase of good food, which is often ruined by the house ignorant of the art of cooking. Good cooking is not a matter of whim or flattery to the palate. It is an absolute essential to health. Therefore the art should be taught in our public and parochial schools.

If you eat too fast when the body is overfed, heated or chilled, you will often suffer distressing indigestion.

### "Canned" Telegrams, All Ready for the Wire, New Boon for the Busy Man

Hereafter when the busy citizen enters a telegraph office to comply with the twentieth century rule that the sooner the thing is done the better, he will not have to go through the agony of saying much in 10 words or 20, nor will he have to knit his brows and lose valuable time putting what he knows he wishes to say into actual words. His case has been attended to by the same kind of genius that evolved the complete letter writer of the complete telegram writer, remarks the Indianapolis News. It is well stocked with all kinds of telegrams, long and short, sorrowful and gay, witty and dull.

### Around the World.

In Sweden they are producing illuminating gas from old railway ties. The Japanese make an imitation of silk from the hemp of New Zealand. Australia, it is estimated, contains two-elevenths of the world's total of sheep.

French surgeons assert that boiled sea water is an excellent disinfectant for wounds.

An immense churn in use in England can turn out 600 pounds of butter at one time.

Names have been given to 727 minor planets, and new ones are being discovered all the time.

Industries of the United States are advertised in Bolivia, South America, by means of motion pictures.

One Iowa college includes in its course for agricultural students, instructions in running an automobile.

The chief American article sold in China is kerosene. The value of this single product exceeds all other American imports combined.

Aztec corn 1,000 years old was recently planted in Kansas. It grows much faster than modern corn and the grains will be at a premium.

The annual waste in the United States of foods available for cattle has been estimated at \$100,000,000 by department of agriculture experts.

Glasgow provides its policemen with warm food and tea when on duty at night by the use of electrically heated plates in signal boxes.

The Brazil nut tree does not begin to bear fruit until 50 years old. The United States government buys 1,250,000 electric lamps each year.

A New York inventor has obtained patents on a 27-foot motorboat which draws only seven inches of water when empty and three inches more when loaded to capacity. This draft includes the propeller blades, which are housed amidships.

It's wonderful what good memories people develop after having done you a favor.

A superior finish is now given to concrete roadways by means of a belt drawn back and forth over the wet mass. The result is far better than handwork.

To aid in playing the banjo or guitar a device has been invented to be slipped over the head of an instrument, desired chords being produced when buttons are pressed to mute the strings correctly.

Keeping Tools Free From Rust. Tools which are only in occasional use are bound to take on rust, and those who desire to make use of a rust preventive will find that if the tools are wiped off with a cloth slightly saturated with mercurial ointment they will obtain the best results possible. It is not necessary to leave more than a trace of the ointment on the steel. A cloth so impregnated with it will leave a light smear on a glass surface will answer all purposes. This ointment is the very best that can be used on guns to prevent them rusting when laid away. It will also prevent the barrels from leading, and will remove lead particles from the interior of barrels already deposited. The ointment is said to have no action whatever on the metal so coated.

Raising Indian Mango Here. The Indian mango is a very choice fruit, which has its friends in every part of the world, but its cultivation has heretofore been generally restricted to parts of India and Europe, but some experiments made some time ago have shown that it is possible to grow the mango tree in some parts of Florida, and 45 trees of this variety have been recently planted in different parts of Florida. Their progress will be watched with great interest by pomologists and epicures in this country. Experiments already tried lead the officials of the agricultural department to believe that the trials will be attended by successful results.

Argentina and Paraguay have concluded a new commercial treaty which provides for practically free trade between the two countries.

# The Waste Basket.

These are some kinds of paper to save:

White clippings and shavings from book papers, and writing papers are especially valuable, and a steady demand for such material is always found.

White and colored writing papers are suitable for manufacture into many other grades after the ink and coloring matters are removed.

Clean wrapping papers of all kinds are valuable for remanufacture into similar grades.

Old books, magazines, periodicals, account books, etc., can be remanufactured into book papers of excellent quality. All material of this kind that is saved is of direct benefit to the forests of the country, as magazines and book papers are very largely made from wood pulp.

### FAVORITE OF FILM DOM



Juanita Hansen. Popular movie actress who plays the lead in "The Secret of the Submarine."

Eating in impure or stale air will interfere with digestion. If you are compelled to take a meal under such circumstances, the quantity of the food should be reduced to a minimum.

Outside of some of these things which have been mentioned, all of which can be controlled to a greater or less extent, it will be found that certain foods do not in themselves agree with certain persons. If you are eating sensible food in a sensible manner, and you find that some particular thing does not agree with you, the only thing to do is to cut it off your list.

# Mother's Cook Book

He is happiest who hath power To gather wisdom from every flower And set his heart in every hour To pleasant gratitude.—William Wadsworth.

### Scalloped Tomatoes and Nuts.

Butter a pint of crumbs and mix with a half cupful of chopped nuts. Put a layer of the crumbs in a buttered pudding dish, add a cupful of tomatoes, then another layer of crumbs and another cupful of tomatoes. Finish the top with the crumbs, season well and bake in a quick oven until brown.

### Potatoes With Peanuts.

Take three pints of sliced potatoes, one cupful of chopped nuts, putting the potatoes in layers with the nuts in a buttered baking pan, pour over a cupful and a half of sweet milk, season with salt and pepper and cover with a pint of buttered crumbs. Bake slowly an hour in a moderate oven.

### Sweet Nut Sandwiches.

Take half a cupful of graded maple sugar, a fourth of a cupful of finely-chopped peanuts and a tablespoonful of sweet thick cream. Mix well and spread on buttered bread or graham crackers.

### Peanut Soup.

Two cupfuls of shelled chopped peanuts, cooked in a quart of water; press through a sieve and add a pint of soup stock. Season with salt, celery salt and onion juice, add a cupful of flour and a fourth of a mixed with a pint of milk, season and serve hot. A slice of onion and a stalk of celery may be cooked with the peanuts for flavor, then removed.

Nellie Maxwell

# Eating in New Orleans

ONE of the most interesting things in New Orleans is the delightful restaurants, some of them so quaint, and wholly unlike anything in any other city.

To the wanderer along the byways it will appear in the course of a few wanderings that a very large portion of the population eats in most unconventional places and in unexpected attitudes. It takes its meals sitting on cot-todes, or sacks of coffee, or on a friendly step; or it goes about its work with a sandwich in one hand, munching contentedly.

The noise and confusion of the streets confuse it not at all; it pays no heed to the dust that sifts down upon its food, and it brings to the consumption of its noonday lunch, especially, a happy-go-lucky indifference that should enable good digestion to wait on appetite, and health on both.

The methods in which these unconventional meals may be supplied to the busy laborer or to the man-out-of-work and with a very few coins to rattle in his pocket are as numerous as the wind-blown leaves, or sacks of coffee, or on a friendly step; or it goes about its work with a sandwich in one hand, munching contentedly.

Along South Rampart street, from Poydras street to the Union station, is the habitat of the fried-fish vendor. In some mysterious manner the Greeks have taken possession of this particular business; and the descendants of Pericles and Themistocles—perhaps acquire a little corner of some larger store, at the front; spread out a gas or oil stove along one side of it, stretch a kind of shelf along the front, and then proceed to fry fish. It is all very simple.

He gathers up his basket hanging over his way, remarking, as he goes, "Nothin' doin'!" Perhaps his experience in providing meals for people who were going to pay for next Saturday.

From Bary and Carr long Bienville wharf is an old building under the weight of a basket. "I suppose she's been along the river 25 years, or more," says a bystander. "She's very old. Her face is lined, nose and chin show a tender meet, and her hair is twisted in the smallest little knot imaginable when she takes off her sunbonnet, she makes her way through the of merchandise very alertly, and sells and sells.

"I bet she's got money!" says another bystander; but she agrees that if she has money she earned it and wishes her good with her day's load.

In and out through the throng a little boy with a pushcart, loaded with things to eat. Not far behind him a negro woman with her little boying her carry the heavy basket, she, too, is selling as she goes, would not suppose that all the multitude of vendors could sell the related horde of sandwiches and cakes which make up nearly all the loads, but everywhere the men are leaving—the wharf employees, who leave their work to go out for lunch.

You will see in one place a group of 30 or 40 of them, sitting on long benches that are lying there, ready for shipment, all of them eating with a look of bovine content as many a man might well envy as he sits to his cut glass and silver set.



IN AUDUBON PARK.

There are no tables to straighten up, no dishes to wash, no napery to send to the laundry.

### Sandwich of Fried Fish.

An applicant for fried fish appears on the sidewalk and shows 10 cents toward the artist inside; two slices of bread with a slice of fried fish between them are shoved toward him. There is no trouble about wrapping the sandwich, even. The purchaser stands outside and eats his fried fish sandwich or sits down on the curb, or walks along, masticating it at his leisure; and that is all there is to it. How much less red tape there is on South Rampart street than in the more formal restaurants further down!

It is along the wharf, from end to end, that the eating places flourish in the greatest variety. You will find in one place a little open shed which has nestled up against the side of some larger building. The chef—perhaps a man, or it may be a woman—stands back of the long table and hands out sandwiches or pies or cakes, according to the demand, and there are liquid refreshments of a kind to be had on request and the payment of a denarius.

Men are lined up in front, eating audibly, because it is said that the table manners at the little wayside eating shed are not always above reproach. And as some of them go, much refreshed, others come, for there is a big custom for the improvised restaurants along the river.

There are other restaurants which may be said to be perambulating, and which have this advantage—that they go to their customers, instead of waiting for the diners to come to them. Here is a negro with a basket of pies and cakes. He is very indignant, for he has been delayed by a crowd that were intent on eating, it is true, but were basely intent also on eating on credit.

### Married Men Most Successful.

Do you think you are saving money and being successful by remaining a bachelor? If you do, read the American Magazine and see what a writer says about the ratio between married and single men. Part of it is: "Show me one middle-aged bachelor who has made a success of his life, and I'll show you 26 married men who have. Probably the ratio is even greater than this, but I prefer to base my contention on demonstrable fact. Of the 27 presidents of the United States, only one lived and died a bachelor. Nineteen of them married before they were thirty, five before they were forty, and two after forty. Yet, according to the census returns, taking the entire population of the country, the proportion of single men to those married, widowed or divorced, is about 40 to 60."

### No Baby Carriages in Japan.

One's first impression on reaching Tokyo is that it is exceedingly well provided with means of transportation. Up through the middle of the city runs the elevated trestle, under which

scores of warehouses and shops utilize the covered space, and on four-track trestle electric and street cars enter and leave in streams. The streets are filled with automobiles, motortrucks, motor-cars, except the baby carriage. The carriage of Japan is the mother's or the daddy's shoulder, and I have doubt that this closeness of motion and child throughout months of years has much to do with the excellent behavior of the bright little babies. Street cars pass a given point every minute or two, and at a cross there are always a half dozen trains in sight.

### Peculiarity of the Brain.

Tending to bear out the claim that the human brain is so constructed that it can bear great heat better than it can bear great cold, is the fact that a traveler in the wilds of Central America will face the tragedy of a surprise by savage man or beast with scant courage, and yet be driven to delirium of madness by the insidious attacks of minute insects.