A NARROW **ESCAPE**

It is if feeted for Another by and American Girl

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Miss lieles Armstrong, an America girl, traveling between Loudon and Paris, havither crossed the channel from Dover, quiered a railway compart ment at Catais. There were two other persons in the compartment, both of whom got out at the tirst station. A man came salong looking into the com partments and seeing that there was denty of room in the one occupied by Miss Arms crong, entered and settled minself in a seat. The guard closed and locked the door, and the train

An hour would clapse before the train would stop- again, during which the girl must remain locked in with a strange man. The train had not been five minutes away from the station when the man mid in French: "Mademoisselle, I'll trouble you for

year clothes." Melen umelerstood Freuch, but die and understand what be meant by ask-

for her clothes.
"Il troubse you for your clothes," he peated and at the same time began ally and he most of his coat. By this is Malen comprehended what was

"Momelene," she said, "in my suit the rack you will find a cos-A. Can wee not use that?"

It will simplify marters very much. e toplied. "I intended not only to put your clossies, but to compel you to in that case there would have been many chances were of the Incovery of yours. Pardon me. made-

win clasties. There was also a hat hat is the case with a vell about the brown. The map put on the bat arranged the vell so that it could he milled down over him face.

his seat. "I think I will do." Helen, who was burning with in-

"You may kill me, but I shall inform, the guard of this as soon as he comes again."

"I will not kill you, and you will not inform upom me. She looked at him for an explana

On the said of your suit case are the home! I should have known better letters II. A., Cincinnati. That is a than to bring you." city, if I maistake not, of the United deo as america."

had seen the expression of a criminal brave." the now saw that of a martyr. "Tell me wour story." she said.

If I am taken it will be that father's trembling like a leaf. buty to send his son to Siberia. You dreadful Biberian prospect before you ceeded in cluding him. s order to avert it you would not i seruple to possess yourself of even a the breakfast table he turned pale.

for Miss Ar militong To hold the life "confess and ask him to help us ou and that martyr a refined, intellectual you have plunged us." and handsome man, was immensely at into his cause with all her heart and an early train."

"Tell me." she said. "how to act in enal your ickentity is suspected." "Frest me as your maid."

Heien shook her head. "I see I shall eve to take the lead." she said. "You me not sufficiently yersed in the af fairs of women. No lady's maid would wear's dress like that"

The dress was too small for the man.

rafternoon or evenlug sich "that I have large enough to cover he mish is this loose dressing sack Partition times get down my rugs from the rack and with one of them conceal the abortheses of the skirt. Now not this raincour over your shoulders with tang to get your arms in the Gife it to be

Helen pever forgot the look of grat

you remain there?"

you." Helen said.

be disguised?"

tectives have my photograph and are your failure to live up to your pledge " read " instructed to procure my arrest." "Then you must be carried. When

train?"

clothes?"

her father to have a chair at the train for an invalid friend, and whon the train pulled up in the station she got

"No, but I'm going to send hims to

"Oh, good gracious, Nell, you'll be When traveling to Paris with some -Paris Letter to London Globe the death of us before we get you other ladies on one occasion time

"There's no danger whatever,

The next morning the Moniteur con-Americans know what that is, con tained an item stating that a Russian bement transleal treatment, in a political prisoner who had been ar freen dimente till the prisoner's only rested in London and was being or secourse is the terrible hunger strike tradited had jumped off a train be of self starvation. From the time I tween Calais and Paris and escaped the windows is the full length figure was twenty I have been a revolution. He was tracked to a station where he of a peddler with his pack, staff and ist. It would take too long to cata was seen to board a train just start dog. This is supposed to represent begue the so- called crimes for which I ing. His follower took a rear car and am hunted. I have treated you endeavored to pick up the fugitive as "Pecidier's acro" to the parish upon cuse for staying away from school brusquely, E admit, but if you had the he left the train, but the latter suc concilition that his portrait and that of yesterday."

his dog should be buried in conse-"I must go to the American minis crated ground.-London Saturday Re the teacher This was a now, a unique experience ter's at once," he said to his daughter, view.

of a martyr to liberty in her hand, of this dangerous position into which "Nonsense, papa. You'll do no such

> "Did he wear the same clothes?" "No; they were not big enough." He wore mamma's traveling suit"

"He did?"

"Yes." "Oh, Nell, if I ever get you home I'll never be such a fool again! When b is arrested the dress will implicate the whole family."

But the fugitive was not arrested the short, and it was impossible in He succeeded in reaching a Mediter virgin, so to speak, because the hand wook it over the back. Besides, it was raneau port, where he found a vessel of man had never before set foot there not even a traveling dress, being more going to America, and got to the country in safety. Helen received "The only article," continued the letter from him giving her full credit for having saved him from an impris our has fonce last night. Mrs. Jugonment worse than death. "Without gins. 1 is bring you good luck? Mr. your clever management," he said. " should surely have been taken."

> "There, papa," said Helen after read ing her father the letter: "you we know much distress you have surved a fellow being by your noble effort."
> Humph! exclaimed the eld gentle
> man "I hope the though see. They

The Tempter Wen.

itude the man gave her or the greet When the late Baron Nordenskiold. The president of one of the promisure of the hand as he grasped here wase at Ceylon on the way home from nent railway corporations in America impulsively. Then he leaned back in his Journey along the northern coast of, was making a stirring address to an his corner, where he could lest pre Siberia he received a telegram from audience of young men and dwelt vent the incongruities of his costume the flussian government asking him with particular emphasis on the neces whether he would accept from the sity of making a good appearance "I see that your ticket is to Paris," czar a certain decoration as an appre- "When you are looking for work," she added. "I am going there. Do ciation of his services to Russia For he said, "be careful that you are pre-

That's right; America will harber never to accept any decoration from walk up to the job wherever it is and any body Nordenskjold, however, could ask for it like a man." When the train reached the next sta not resist the temptation, so be replied. This advice was greeted with great tion the guard punched the tickets to the telegram in the affirmative. It appiause, and the railway president while the nibilist pretended to doze in is neet hard to imagine his disappoint and down amid a storm of cheers. The his corner. As soon as the two were ment when, upon reaching home, a very next morning a dapper looking. The doorbeil rang sharply, and Eva again locked up and on their was friezed of his, a high official, told him young fellow walked into the outer lina dropped the rolling pin and open "You can't leave the train at Paris menst was well aware of your antago to the clerk, said, "Please give this to A man stood in the porch, his hat in in that costume. You would attract nistic views in regard to decorations the president." The note rend as for hand-a good looking man of forty. the attention of every one. Must you and had therefore, placed in readiness lows 300,600 rutiles to be paid you in the "I have paid \$20 for this suit of perhaps, with a nice smile and a well "The Russian embassy at Paris has everet of your refusing to accept the clothes. \$3.50 for a pair of shoes and shaped head. Evalina liked a man to a list of all Russian political fugitives insigns, but before paying that sum 30 cents for a hair cut and a shave I have a well shaped head, and she and keeps persons at all stations to they wanted to try your firmness. Rus have walked from Hartem and I rather liked the looks of this man

Demth Was a Live One.

we stop again I will telegraph my fat While on the way to the race track it. ther to have an invalid's chair at the New Orleans one day several winters. A reference book on Russian history Evalina, smiling train on arrival and a carriage outside, ago an undertaker named Mr. Dooley being needed right on the spot, the lit "I was told Miss go from the station-to the Marsetlles claimed, "Sure, death always wins." without the book. There happened to be a horse entered "Didn't he have it?" the mans wife ed on a side table and from its depths "How can I do that in these ill fitting that day named Death, and he won asked. what father will say, or, rather, I do time he started for thirteen races. It know. He'll say we'll all be arrested was near getawny day, when every wiched in between real books. The train for complicity in some crime against one was packing up ready to take the last the government. Well, I can't help it is train for New York. The horse ous, black lettering on white, and they strange air of reserve settled over her last train for New York The horse ous, black lettering on white, and they lovely face. "It is my Great-aumt Harting one without my assistance."

Without my assistance."

"Oh, mademoiselle, I have always heartso, and the horse became fright. Heart of the horse became fright. Heart I had read about a "Evalual That's Tom Taylor's voice."

A servant girl imprened to be en

Gradually she gathered haven't got an anaconda. What are agains in the kitchen you going to do with the Lady?

Saved by Her Voice. small wayside station a man entered who had escaped from an asylum.

ous historic monuments, and in one of Designer unknown person who presented know very well you have no good ex his beloved canine companion should!

A Joit.

middle aged matron addressed a middle aged woman who sat next to waitive to ber. She at once entered thing The nihilist has gone. He took her in the street car, whom she thought she recognized as an ac quaintance of her girlhood. "Pardon me, " she said. "but wasn't your maiden name Blank?"

"It is," was the icy reply.-New York Sun.

Surely Not. Mariner (relating some of his active) service adventures:-An' me an' my mates was lost in the virgin forest-

Good Luck. Mr. Jurgins-A black cat came to Juggerius l'hat's what it did. I hit it the very first time I fired.

Her Pet Name. Judge-What is your name? Young Wife-Caroline Augusta Emma. Jüdge Wife (bashfully)--My

marky days, the famous explorer way, sentable. If you have only \$24 in "No, mademoiselle I go to Mar erect. as he was a member of Bire the world, spend \$20 for a suit of seilles, where I hope to get a ship to sterme Bjornson's Anti-decoration clab. clothes, \$3.50 for a pair of shoes, 50. whose members were solemnly pledged cents for a hair cut and shave. Then

the following "The Russian govern office of the orator and, handing a note ed the side door.

note arrivals and departures. These de sla is certainly grateful to you for would like a job as conductor on your When he spoke she liked the deep

He got the job

He Didn't Borrow.

You can slip into the chair from the passed a funeral procession on its way erary back said he guessed he would car door and into the carriage from to the cemetery. Dooley had a friend to around to Clarke's to borrow his.

"I was told Miss Ward could supply the chair. Where do you propose to the chair. Where do you propose to the chair. the chair. Where do you propose to with him, another Irishman, who ex. He went to Clarke's, but he came back

with ridiculous case, Dooley winning a "He did. but I hadn't the nerve to "I'll take one of each," he declared The girl turned her thoughts to de good bet on him Dooley told all his ask for it Clarke's plan of advertising Just then there came a querulous vising further plans for her protege. friends of the incident, and they all book borrowers scared me off Before voice from a recombiguous the kitchen. "I suppose I shall have to take you went out to the course the next time I had a chance to mention Russian his "Evalina, who are you talking to? hotel with ms. I don't know Death was entered. He won every tory he steered me past shelves where you ain't got any beaus out there, what father will say, or. rather. I do time he started for thirteen races. It every few inches a dummy stood sand have you?"

bis blue. In that case there would bear that American women are wondered and ran away and was not stop turned. After I had read about a "Evalinal That's Tom Taylor's voice. Italy bare for Aunt Harriet's Inseptent of the standard of the st interpret of yours. Pardon me. made is but one class who are enors remark. Short and buried near the cemetery state of the suit case. Helen able, our Russian revolutionist girls."

"For self immolation no women can bookey, "but a live one in those third while Evaluation and the suit on over equal them," replied Relem.

"For self immolation no women can bookey, "but a live one in those third books was a little too much notoriety to book was a little too much notoriety."

"What's Too made and came away To ad the man let himself out the door weeting the proceeded to put it on over equal them," replied Relem.

"What's Too made and came away To ad the man let himself out the door weeting the proceeded to put it on over the suit of th

French Servants' Characters. chair on the platform. "Ask no questions and without per the first Saturchry night the a servant or employee in his character per?" With Evaling to give me for suptions yet," she whispered and without per the first Saturchry night the a servant or employee in his character per?" With Evaling to give me for suptions yet, "and the first Saturchry night the a servant or employee in his character per?" With Evaling to give me for suptions yet, "and the first Saturchry night the a servant or employee in his character per?" With Evaling to give me for suptions yet, "and the first Saturchry night the a servant or employee in his character per?" With Evaling the per white the girl brushed back her seanty waiting for a reply directed the at by the mistress to clean the boots anything good you must content your gray locks and straightened the bed self with a noncommitted as if he were string as best he could, the reli con-company into the kitchen later on saw which will not compromise his pressured to say, it you cannot say while the girl brushed back her scanty and the straightened the bed self with a noncommitted as if he were string as best he could, the reli con-company in the kitchen later on saw which will not compromise his pressured. which are well modulated as if he were cring as best he could. The reli constant that the girl had cleaned her own boots peets. For instance, if you have caught my fresh jumbles and a cup of teat thirty years old, his eyes were a mild chair and, apparently exhausted, was there and his hir of that very light wheeled to the carriage. Helen got in the rate that was the which bespeaks northern physical after him, and her father followed stated by the state of the obliged to dismess her you may not the state of the obliged to dismess her you may not the state of the obliged to dismess her you may not the state of the obliged to dismess her you may not the state of the obliged to dismess her you may not the obliged to dismess her you may not the state of the obliged to dismess her you may not the state of the obliged to dismess her you may not the property in the part of the p statisting he and tentuced out of the obliged to dismiss het you mee not times. You've got the patience of an Mue and his hair of that very light whereas to the various of the very light whereas in the physical after him, and her father followed standing by and southers out of the which bespeaks northern physical after him, and her father followed standing by and southers out of the physical physic "Sa-b, papa! I've got a tive sibilizat

"A nibilist! Thank beaven you girl" asked the mistress on coming situation elsewhere, and as every one "Too bad! can't be nice to you, Aunt has to earn his bread the cook must Harriet You're all Live got in the has been insaded by some maranding "She isn't a lady, papa; she's a man." "Well tranam please man." I mencing her larceny elsewhere All "I'm a poor critter." inmented Aunt thought it was the fashion of the that you are entitled to say on her house man." London Tit lits "character" if you will not lie and pay Harriet—"not worth my sait You're "character" if you will not lie and pay killing yourself baking and browing her compilments is that she entered there to make a living for up both I and left your service on certain dates there to make a living for us both I

Armies in Old Testament Times and fro. "You would like that, aunt, and throwing berself down into a All through ancient history oriental for I shouldn't do any more baking chair beside the bed, burst into tests my the carriage, and it soon became ev' armies had no sentinels, and thus in Wouldn't that be perfectly lovely "You States. You Americans are all liberty dear popsy We've just escaped that dent from his threatening gestures the Bible King Saul when he was pur might ride in an automobile liew solded bitterly. bying. I am concealing myself not by getting safely away from the sta and eccentric behavior that he was a suing David slept without any guard, would you like that?" from justice, but from injustice. My tion. We'll get a room for the gentle dangerous function. Though her com, so that David stole up to where the "I wouldn't like it a mite," said Aunt We work is to make my country as man at our hotel and can send him to panisons were panic stricken. Mme king lay asleep and took the cruse of Harriet grimly. "I'd say to the driver. Dureau, Evalina. You won't do noth the train tomorrow for blarseilles Grizz retained complete presence of water at his head with him (I Samuel, You can take me right up to the ing yourself about getting married, and This put an entirely different con whence he expects to sail for the Land mincl and with the utmost composure xxvii A striking illustration of this graveyard now; I'm bound to get there you can't bake all your life. There struction on the matter. Where Helen of the free and the home of the began to sing it once the maniac was when Alexander the Great, ac if I go riding in an automobile, and was quiet. His whole attention was companied by his chief officers, enter so if there was an accident I'd be real pleasant about the matter." The mibilist understood no English rivered on that magnificent voice and ed the lines of the Persian army the right handy to the Ward plot. There so he knew not a word of this dis he remained the most appreciative of night before the decisive battle of Ar Evalina, that supper does smell real It is the story of all or at least the logue except by the expression of the listeners until the train reached the beland found that there was not one tasty it's a shame you don't get market of us. I am of the hobility of speakers. He know by that of the next station, where he was secured it of the sleeping bost who observed ried. You are a splendid cook, and Russia. My father is one of those who father that the daughter had carried transpired subsequently that he was them We can readily see, therefore, some good man would appreciate you " the day, but the old gentleman was a maniac with homicidal tendencies that a panic might occur by a sudden "Aunt Harriet, I believe you might night attack on an army so carelessly operate a matrimonial bureau, only guarded and that Abraham's company please don't practice on me might easily have taken advantage of busy to get married." Lambeth "old" church has numer this - Dr. William Hanna Thomson in her baking, which by a series of acci-

> He Knew It "Tominy," said the teacher, "you

"I know it, teacher," replied the lit-When Mr Armstrong read this at be preserved in the church and that the fellow, "but it wasn't my fault." "Are you sure it wasn't?" queried

"Yes, ma'am," answered Tommy called the old fady. "I've eat my sup-"I tried my best to think up a good per and sulled the tree, and I want to

A Gradual Reduction. An old gentleman accustomed to walk

bis usual walk. "No. sir." replied the old man; "I

The Start. "Bromiey, I hear you are going to start bousekeeping?" "Yes. Dallinggor." "What have you got toward it?" "A wife."—Stray Stories.

More Effective.

Husband-I saw the doctor today in." He says I must go away and rest. When the door had opened and clos Wife-Did you show him your tongue? ed and she knew the stranger was in

ed with the

A MATRIMONIAL BUREAU

Its First Case and the Way the Bill Was Paid By ESTHER ALDERSHAW

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mellow tones of his voice.

"I am looking for Miss Ward, he said pleasantly "is she at home?" "I am Miss Ward," acknowledged

Evalina opened a glass case that rest-

drew forth a crisp golden loaf.

asked the old woman peevishly "It wasn't Tom, Aunt Harriet; it for you."

"Creamed toast and peaches, some of

wish you'd get married, Evalina" "Maybe I shall marry a millionaire."

dents had been delayed until the late afternoon. As she bustled to and fro. putting things to rights, clearing away the disorder of flour and other ingre-

dients, she passed a small mirror hanging on the wall. "Dear me!" murmured Evalina. wonder if that smudge of flour was on my forehead when he was in here. I

hope not."
"Evalina, do come and set me right!"

per and spilled the tea. and I want to excuse, but I just couldn't."-Chicago go to sleep." When Evalina had cleared a way the

supper things and Aunt Harriet had

been tucked under the covers Evalina around St. James' park every day was with soft brown eyes dreamily fixed on sat a long time over her own meal once asked by a friend if he still took the glowing square of the stove door. Every day thereafter the strange man called at Evalina's house and cannot do as much now. I cannot get bought some product of her baking. around the park. I only go halfway One day several weeks after the around and back again."-House stranger's first visit Aunt Harriet was left alone in the house while Evalina went to a nearby town to order supplies. Late in the afternoon there came a knock at the sitting room door. "Who is it?" demanded Aunt Harriet shrilly.

"I would like some bread, please," came the meek voice of the stranger "The key's under the mat." called Aunt Harriet eagerly. "Come right

Husband-No, but I told him about the sitting room About Harriet called again: "Evaline's gone to the store If you want bread you can take it an from the case and leave the impact in the table. Be you have Taylor?"
"No, I'm not Mr. Taylor. A more

called for some bread. I'll help myself with your sermission." came the genial tonies in reply.

"Will you piciese come here a mo Aunt Harriet spoke rather ment? timidly for a woman of her forcible character.

"Certainiv, if you wish." In an instant be was filling the bedroom doorway and looking down at Aunt Harriet's eager old face. "What can I do

for you?" he asked kindly. "I wanted to see you. I like you voice," said Aunt Harriet, with sudden decision. "What did you say your name was?" she asked shrewdly. The stranger smiled broadly. didn't say, but I am Dr. Massen, the new physician in town,"

"Dr Massen," repeated Aunt Harriet slowly as if she enjoyed the sound of the words. "Are you married, young man?"

"No. I am not." he laughed lightly. "lirink?" asked Aunt Harriet brist-

"Never

"8mo**ke?**" "Yes, and enjoy it too."

unt Harriet shook her heid disanprovingly, but made no comment. 'Chew ?" she asked.

"Lord, mo?" he laughed again. "And · I don't believe I use swear words either '

"Yes, you do You just said one," contradicted the old woman dryly. "But never mind: Jou'll do."

"Thank you for saving so. now may I have my bread? "You better wait till Evalin comes," suggested Aunt Harriet agreeably. "You can sit right down in the other room. There's likely to be Sunday school parers on the table. You can

read till Evalina comes. She'll be along in a moment "Very well," said Dr. Massen, obering her suggestion with suspicions

promptitude. Thereupon followed a conversation that would better be called an inquistion. There was no question concerning the Bife of John Massen that Aunt ing life. "All for an old women that ign't worth her sait" she said ther

fully. "Nonsecuse!" said the doctor cheerily "I know Miss Ward enjoys Going it

"If I was to die she'd be all alone," said Aunt Harriet wistfully. "I wish

she'd get married." Dr. Massen was silent for several momenta. "Perhaps she will some day," he said, with some constraint Why done you marry bert" asked "Evalina's a Aunt Harriet sharply

real good cook." "Aunt Harriet!" Evalina's voice came indignaptly from the doorway. "Why are you speaking of me in such a man ner to a stranger. How may I serve you, air ?" Or Massen looking down at her, mar

veled at her great anger She looked like some little fully ruffled bird, a little bright hued bird whose domain dog or cat "I came for bread," be said meckly

"I hope you have some to spare." "I believe there is none left," said Evalina loftly, and then she blushed painfully while he bowed low and left

the room. Evaling "Aunt Evalina, how could you?" she "You have mortified TD10 80

"I was only starting my matermonial

ain't no need to take on so: he was Aunt Harriet, why did you pick him

out! If it had only been somebody

elso! I'll never dare look him in the face again!" Aunt Harriet turned her face to the wall and smiled wisely. "I can't my I'm sorry, Evalina, but I won't say

any such things again, I promise." Two weeks afterward Aunt Harriet Ward suffered one of her periodical "poor spells," and old Dr. Lake was sent for in great haste. But Dr. Lake was himself a prisoner, tied to the house with inflammatory rheumatism. so it happened that the tall form of Dr. Massen darkened Evalina's door-

She did not look at him, but led the way directly to Aunt Harriet's side. She stood apart and reluctantly confessed to herself that his skill was far superior to that of the old doctor. His terse questioning, his kindly manner. his quick diagnosis of Aunt Harriet's baffling case, opened a world of en

couragement for both women. Evaling found herself flying to do his bidding. An bour afterward they were chatting like old friends acros Aunt Harriet's contented face.

"Seems like I feel ten years younger, doctor," said the old woman gratefully "After I give you a course of electric massage you'll be running around with the best of us." he encouraged ber. "I can never repay you if you do."

she said tearfully. "You've paid me in part already, Miss Ward," he said gravely, without looking at Evalina. "Some day I'm coming to present my bill-and perhaps levy on your most precious posse

Evalina in the next room was again an eavesdropper, but this time she was silent. Her hand rested lightly with a half caress on one of the do tor's sealskin gloves thrown on the table, and there was a deamy look in

her eyes. "I'm glaif be likes spice jumbles." thought Evalua before the aveake to trembling to like tion of what

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