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AN INTERNATIONAL EPISODE
(By H. Irving King)

If you should ever go to Paris be sure and drop in at the Cafe Smithers in the Rue de Jacqueminot. There you can get Johnny cake, baked beans, brown bread and Indian pudding such as will make you feel yourself at home—if home for you happens to be New England. And this is how it all came about: Ephraim Crane a few years ago went over to France, considerable length of time in Paris and became a frequenter of the Lion d'Or, which rather languishing restaurant occupied the place now known as the Cafe Smithers, a most flourishing establishment.

It was not the cooking at the Lion d'Or, which was only fair, nor the wines, which were pretty bad, that attracted Corporal Crane to that little cafe and made him linger there, but Clotilde, the motherless daughter of the proprietor, Monsieur Bou-lais. The pretty French girl held the raw-boned New Hampshire youth as the pole star holds the needle. Clotilde and Ephraim swapped lessons in French and English and got so that in a remarkably short time they could not only converse with each other understandingly, but could write little notes to each other in a combination of the two languages.

But alas the time came when Corporal Crane must leave. Clotilde wept at parting and Ephraim would have wept, too, but for his desire to appear "hard boiled." They promised to write to each other—oh, ever so many times. And Ephraim was to come back and marry Clotilde or she was to follow him across the briny deep—they had not yet decided which. Ephraim recalled another parting which he had had with Mary Ellen Dodge the day he left home to be mustered in. Gracious, what an untimely thought! He wondered if Mary Ellen was waiting for him still. She had not written very often of late, or else her letters had gone astray; and he felt with a little twinge of conscience, that his own homeward-bound letters had not been as frequent for the last two months as they might have been. And—and what should he say to Mary Ellen when he arrived at Graniteville?

On the way over he had time to think things out, but the more he thought the more he was perplexed. And then he reached home and saw Mary Ellen—and it was all up with Clotilde. But Ephraim was a New England boy—with a conscience. He had never plighted his troth with Mary Ellen, but he had with Clotilde and therefore—! He wrote and Clotilde wrote, of course; but they committed nothing like the devastation on the international paper supply which they had agreed upon. His youthful looking, well-to-do and very capable mother saw that something was "on the mind" of her only child and lured him on in a wily way until, one night, he broke down and told her the whole story.

"Humph," said Mrs. Crane, "Clotilde, hey? Can she cook? I'll bet she can't. French messes, perhaps; but nothing that a civilized man ought to eat. And I said I never would have my boy marry a girl who couldn't cook. Mary Ellen Dodge is a fine cook. Ever eat any of her apple dumplin's?" Ephraim groaned. Now, Mrs. Crane, as she been said, was well off.

"Eph," said she one day after the disconsolate youth had been getting thinner and thinner. "Eph, I have always wanted to go abroad. As you won't break off your engagement with this French girl, suppose you take your old mother over and let me have a look at her."

So one fine morning beheld the corporal escorting his mother to the portals of the Lion o'Or.

M. Boulais came to welcome his former customer with all the effusion of the sprightly Gaul.

"And—and Clotilde?" Ephraim ventured.

"Ah! my daughter—yes," replied M. Boulais, "she is married yesterday to ze sergeant of jeandarmes." Mrs. Crane liked Paris immensely, took to studying French and insisted upon dining at the Lion o'Or every day. There were great possibilities in the place if properly conducted, she told Ephraim. For two months the good lady lingered on in the French capital in spite of her son's impatience to get back to Graniteville and Mary Ellen. Then

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And that's that about the Cafe Smithers. Mrs. Boulais was not present at the wedding of her son and Mary Ellen Dodge, but she sent over a most beautiful present—and so did Clotilde.

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