

## "EAST LYNNE" AGAIN

**E**AST LYNNE, one of the most famous "Whodunit" stories in the English language, is meeting with a warm reception from ZB listeners, to whom the melodramatics of the old mystery are like a breath from broader and more exciting times, when heroines were lilywhite and villains were blacker than the ace of spades and there were no half measures about either their heroics or their villainy.

Written by Mrs. Henry Wood nearly 75 years ago, *East Lynne* is set mostly in rural England. The story takes its name from the estate of East Lynne, with its fine old manor house—first the home of debt-ridden Lord Mount Severn and his daughter, Lady Isabel Vane, and of Archibald Carlyle, a kindly lawyer. Most of the action occurs in and around West Lynne, a neighbouring township. "The Grove," West Lynne, was the home of Justice Hare, who, with his son Richard and his daughter Barbara, figure prominently in the story.

*East Lynne* can most accurately be described as a murder mystery, though the denouement comes earlier than is usual in stories of this kind. The final

episodes deal with incidents that take place after the villain has been caught. There is also a strong love theme.

The Australian recording firm of B.A.P. has put *East Lynne* into modern language without losing the atmosphere of old world gallantry, love, excitement and mystery, which has made it a favourite with theatregoers and readers of Mrs. Henry Wood's book. The cast is a fine one, and includes many radio players whose voices are familiar to New Zealand listeners. The part of Barbara is played by Lola Kelly, formerly of Wellington and now making a name for herself in Sydney radio. Archibald Carlyle is played by Harvey Adams, Lady Isabel by Queenie Ashton, Francis Levison by Ronald Morse, the Earl of Mount Severn by Harold Meade, Joyce Hallijohn by Lyndall Barbour, Rubiny by Lou Vernon, Mr. Jiffin by Phil Smith, William Carlyle by Alistair Roberts, and Richard Hare by Howard Craven.

*East Lynne* has already started from 1ZB and 2ZB, and will start from 3ZB on Monday, December 8, and from 4ZB on Monday, December 15. It plays at 2.0 p.m. from Monday to Thursday.



HARVEY ADAMS as Archibald Carlyle in "East Lynne"



LEVISON: I saw Archibald and Barbara Hare communing in the moonlight.

ISABEL: I don't believe you.

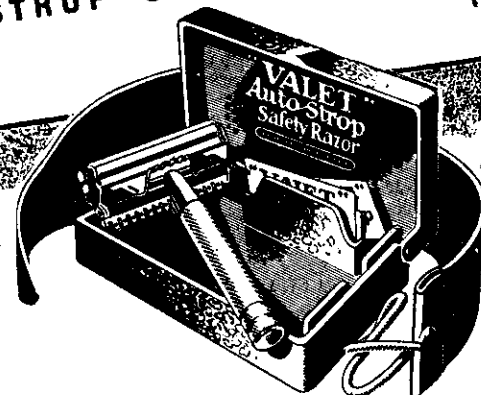
Endeavouring to estrange Archibald Carlyle and Isabel, Francis Levison (Ronald Morse), pours poisonous rumours into the ears of Lady Isabel (Queenie Ashton).  
A typical scene from "East Lynne"



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