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## DICE of DESTINY

By Jackson Gregory

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Torre laughed. "We? So you are one of us, señor? Bueno. It is a pleasure to know." "He has met up with the riders, Señor Stanway," Gaucho smiled. "He was riding this way from across the river. He is wounded, see?" Stanway saw that there was blood upon the young Spaniard's cheek, that there was a long cut which might have been made by a grazing bullet. "Small reason we should loiter here," he said quickly. "What way did they go, Torre?" "South, naturally, señor," replied Torre evenly. "Gaucho!" cried Stanway then. "Scatter your men out as we ride so that we make a line a mile long when we come to the hills just across the line. Let them keep a sharp lookout, and fire if they see the rebels. We must not get too far apart, or we shall not be able to do anything. How many of them were there, Torre?" "I forgot to count, señor. I should say, fifty, perhaps."

"We are twenty. That is enough. You are not coming with us?" "I think not. Why, with so competent a leader as you, should I come also? No. I think," and he turned his horse toward the white walls of

The sunlight lay bright and warm upon the oranges and their blossoms when they rode back to the rancho. Stanway threw himself from the saddle, a bit stiff from long hours of hard riding.

Then, walking slowly now, loath to greet Teresa de la Guerra with news of their failure, he came into the patio. She was there waiting for him. "Nothing," he blurted out. "We have found nothing."

"I know," she said quietly. She came toward him, putting out her hands. "You have been good to us, Señor Billy."

He laughed a bit awkwardly. "I don't know how," he retorted. "I have done nothing. You have not been molested here?"

She hesitated. He saw a quick frown gather her brows. Then, speaking lightly, she replied, saying:

"No. But come; you must be hungry and tired out. Coffee is ready." He went with her to the broad-open doors.

"Torre is here?" he asked, his eyes intent upon her face.

The frown came again, and was gone quickly. But he had seen it. "He is here, yes. Asleep, I think. He was wounded. You know?"

"He is not badly hurt?" Her tired eyes, into which sleep had not come during the long night, grew brightly contemptuous.

"It is only his beauty which is harmed," she said swiftly. "Good morning, prima mia!" called a deep, laughing voice. "Ah, still with us, Señor Stanway?"

Torre, debonair in the dark, youthful beauty of him, greeted them at the doorway.

"Certainly Señor Stanway is still with us," said Teresa coolly. "He is my guest, my grandfather's friend, Señor Torre."

Torre laughed and lifted his shoulders. "Enter," he said with a graciousness which was in some strange way vaguely insulting; it was as though he were the master here, and because of his generosity not only Stanway but the girl as well were allowed upon the premises.

Now it was Teresa who flushed. "Come, Señor Billy," she said quickly. "We are going to have coffee together."

For the fraction of a second the two men stood fronting each other, their level eyes filled with challenge, with a distrust which was little less than hatred.

Then the Spaniard, bowing again, turned away, with a slight smile playing under the small, pointed mustache, and Stanway followed his hostess.

Pedro himself superintended the serving of the simple breakfast.

"Señorita," Stanway said at last, pushing back his chair, "I should like to go back to the drawing room. There might be something there to give us a hint that will help us."

"Si," she said. "I had thought of that. I looked last night carefully after you had gone."

"You found nothing?" "Nothing that I could understand," she answered quietly. "Something I could not."

He looked up at her quickly, his eyes full of question. "This," she answered, not waiting for him to speak.

She placed a folded paper before him. He glanced at it, frowned, looked again, and turned once more to her.

"It is his will. Dated last night. But why has he made a new one?"

"Read it," he said quietly as before, though her eyes were brightening with some surge of emotion he could not guess.

He ran through it hastily, skimming the lines, eager for the gist of it. And when he had found it he leaped to his feet, his hands clenched, amazement and anger mingled in his eyes.

"It is a forgery!" he cried sharply. "No," shaking her head. "It is his signature. And, look, to make certain I investigated. Pedro and Juana and Vidal witnessed the signature. That is what brought Mr. Dempston last night."

"But," he muttered heavily, "the thing is impossible! Why, he has given everything, everything to Torre! And he hated Torre more than he pretended to hate an American!"

"Yet it is his will," she reminded him. "And he is gone. And Señor Torre is here."

"Already with the air of a master!" shouted Stanway. He was already half across the room, sheer wrath in his eyes now, the will crumpled in his hand.

"Wait!" the girl cried, running to him, her hand upon his arm as though she would hold him back. "What are you going to do?"

"To tell him that he is no less a fool than a thief," he retorted. "That he must explain his opportune presence here as well as the disappearance of De la Guerra."

"Again I appear to eavesdrop. Again I prove the adage that he who listens hears disappointing things of himself." It was Torre leaning indolently in the doorway.

"You are going to say, señor—" Stanway flung the crumpled paper in front of him.

"Explain that!" he snapped. "You can't get away with a thing like this, Torre. Explain it!"

"When I have read it," replied Torre coolly, his small hand carelessly taking up the document. "Ah—with what sounded like very genuine surprise in his tone—"It is De la Guerra's will!"

Teresa and Stanway watched him closely.

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the hacienda. "that I shall remain here with my kinswoman. There may be a second attack upon the rancho. Good hunting, señor."

He turned his horse, and, sitting easily, gracefully in the deep Mexican saddle, rode away through the moonlight. Stanway, frowning after the retreating form, hesitated a moment.

Then, calling sharply to Gaucho Morales, he gave his horse the spur and turned southward.

"You understand what we're doing, Gaucho?" he said sternly. "We're invading Mexico, come right down to it. We're not supposed to have any business there just now. We've got to take care of ourselves."

"Si, señor," muttered Gaucho at his side.

### CHAPTER IV.

Word From the Incarcerates.

Moon paled, stars died, the east flushed to the coming of the sun before they turned back from a fruitless quest, riding again close together toward the north.

Stanway and Gaucho had kept upon the trail through the fields, the others spreading out to east and west as they rode that there might be no chance of missing the party they sought in the night.

But in an hour they had come into a country where all tracks were mingled with the hoof marks of cattle and vaqueros' ponies, and their trail was smothered and lost.

Shortly before midnight they had come upon three men, ragged, ugly-looking Mexicans, sleeping about a camp fire which was fast dying. The men knew nothing or professed at ignorance, Stanway could not tell which.

After that nothing, although they had pushed many miles into the Mexican country until they realized the utter uselessness of riding further.

"We may as well go back, Gaucho," Stanway said at last. "They will want ransom, I suppose. When they speak we'll know what to do."

And reluctantly, his face black with the wrath upon him, Gaucho Morales called to his men to turn back.



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### Miss Edith Trainer Entertains

Miss Edith T. Trainer entertained at the home of Mrs. C. A. Trainer Tuesday night in honor of Misses Anna Martin and Myrtle Barnett of Marfa. A delightful evening was spent with music and games and delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Myrtle Barnett, Anna Martin, Marie Lowrey, Eleanor Fields, Ruby Cook, Hucie Ellis, Velma Sowell, Myrtle Miers, Sybil Eaton, Winnie Wyatt, Cora Trainer, Thelma Kelley, Bertha Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Adams, Messrs. Frank Decker, Tom Davis, Jim Decker, Bryan Hunt, Pines Hamby, Birdwell Davis, Harry Moris, William Benson, Haynie Davis, Frank Eaton, Heber Wyatt.

### ROAD BONDS DEFEATED

The good roads bond issue in Menard county was lost in the election held in that county Saturday by eight votes. The Menard town precinct gave a large vote for the bonds. The Saline box is charged with defeating the issue. The county polled 306 votes; 196 for and 102 against. Menard was for the Fort Worth to El Paso highway which goes through Sonora and which promises to be a very important road with the coming of oil development.

Mrs. S. T. Gilmore left for Fort Worth Thursday on a months visit to her sons and relatives.

C. D. Proffitt of Angelo until recently stenographer for the district court, recorded the testimony in the previous trial of Henry Wilson, was in town Thursday en route to Rock Springs as a witness in the case which is on trial there.

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### ORIGIN OF FAMOUS DISHES

Sally Lunn, Who Gave Her Name to Tea Bread, Was a Real Personage—Mulligatowney.

Sally Lunn was a pastry cook who at the end of 1800 used to sell the tea bread which bears her name in the streets of Bath, Stray Stories (London) says.

Sandwich is called after the earl of Sandwich.

Mulligatowney is derived from an East Indian word meaning pepper water.

Macaroni originated from a Greek phrase meaning "the blessed dead." In allusion to the ancient custom of eating it at feasts for departed souls. Gooseberry "fool" is a corruption of gooseberry "fool," meaning milled or pressed gooseberries.

Foremost comes from the French "force" meat, "force" is stuffing, thus is foremost used for stuffing.

Blanc-mange means literally "white eatable."

Julienne soup was invented by a Mme. Deschamps, a Paris market woman who died about 1897, aged ninety-four. She saw the allies enter Paris after Waterloo and supplied vegetables to the Tuilleries during the reign of Charles X and Napoleon III.

### Swore by Their Whiskers.

If the beard has any standing in the world today, it is undoubtedly because of the Jews, who held their whiskers to be sacred, and swore by them. Later, the Turks did the same. The Sultan's followers used to comb their whiskers after prayers, catch the hairs that came out, break them in two and bury them, on the theory that in some mysterious way the hairs helped to make soft walking to the gates of paradise. This the Turks firmly believed. And they were greatly shocked when, in 1512, Selim I came to the throne without a beard. His smooth face was regarded as a deliberate affront to all the bearded patriots of all ages, and the highest priest was sent to remonstrate with him. Selim could not be made to talk seriously about it. "I have cut off my beard," said he, "so that my vizier may have nothing to lead me by."

### Autocrat of the Air.

The miller at the old windmill of a village in Buckinghamshire one year found such difficulty in getting his sails to work through want of wind that he was continually behind with his work. The delay annoyed the farmers, who decided to call a meeting to consider the advisability of getting up another windmill. Uninvited, the miller also attended the meeting, and in the midst of the discussion rose and said: "Ye want to get up another windmill, do ye? Well, it takes all the wind in the parish to keep my old mill going, so ye'll have to fish elsewhere for ye wind, that's certain!" This novel argument gave matters the turn, and to this day the miller has had no opposition.—San Francisco Argonaut.

## BLIND PEOPLE NOT PARIAHS

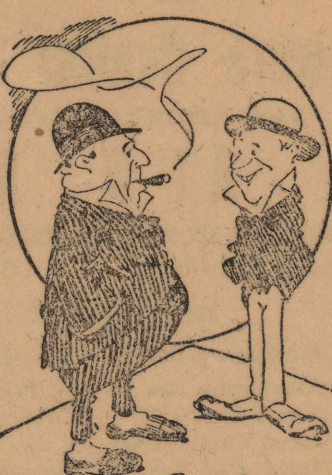
Average Person Seems to Lack Sense When Brought into Contact With the Afflicted.

"It is easy enough to re-educate the blind, but much harder to educate the public," writes Eugene Briehx, the noted French author, in the current issue of the American Journal of Care for Cripples.

"People who can see know nothing of the life of the man who has lost his sight, and on meeting a blind man are often so deeply moved that their judgment is completely upset. It often occurs, for instance, that in a railway carriage, on seeing a blind man with a guide, a traveler addresses himself to the latter with the question: 'Has he been blind for a long time?' As if the blind man were a piece of luggage and unable to answer for himself.

"Many seeing persons are so affected by the thought of blindness that they confuse it with death. A lady made me the following avowal, awful in its naive egotism: 'I should like to help the blind, but I cannot do it personally. I cannot look at them; it is too dreadful, and I am so sensitive.' She sent a gift to a charitable society and considered that she had done her duty toward the blind."

### NO INSPIRATION THERE



Friend—Come on to the game. It might give you some idea for jokes. Jester—No use. I'm working on Christmas jokes now.

### COAST GUARD PART OF NAVY.

The navy wants the coast guard to be incorporated with itself and the coast guard personnel are in favor of being thus incorporated. A vote taken last March at a meeting of the commissioned and warrant officers of the coast guard, fifty-nine in favor of amalgamation with the navy and two against. A vote of the entire service gave 339 in favor and four against amalgamation. The navy needs the experienced and well-trained officers and men of the coast guard service to assist in carrying on the heavy duties which have been thrown on the navy by new conditions. Performance of the important coast guard duties affords a school of training in coastal navigation and steamship practice that can be had in no other way.—Scientific American.

### HIS CEREMONY.

A minister living in "a country district" of the Hawaiian islands had great difficulty in making his parishioners feel they were properly married until he devised the following service:

To the man: "You savvy this woman?"  
"Yes."  
"You likee?"  
"Yes."  
"By and by you no kick out?"  
"No."

To the woman: "You savvy this man?"

"Yes."  
"You likee?"  
"Yes."  
"Bye and bye you no kick out?"  
"No."  
"Pan (done). Let us pray."—San Francisco Chronicle.

### BEHIND THE SCENES.

"There won't be any more play tonight."

"Good gracious! Why not?"

"I had to go back on the stage to see a man, and as I came out just as the curtain went down, I heard the boss stage hand holler, 'Strike!'"—San Francisco Chronicle.

### IMPORTANT.

"Have you read the terms of the peace treaty?"

"Yes."

"Then tell me, there's nothing in them that compels me to buy anything made in Germany, is there?"

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## ONE'S COSTUME AND CONDUCT

Question Up for Consideration Is How Largely Does the One Affect the Other.

It is said that old cinema films are used to make "stiffenings" for the toe-caps of boots and shoes. The statement led a Londoner to voice his perturbation in his favorite newspaper. "Suppose a piece of a Charlie Chaplin forms a part of my coat, can I be sure that it will not suddenly break out into the Charlie Chaplin shuffle in the Strand? And if I am suddenly moved to trip up a policeman, can I successfully plead in court that the cheery influence of the little bit of film led me astray?"

This recalls a story written some years ago by F. E. Chase in which a man purchased at a second-hand shop a frock coat once worn by a preacher and a pair of trousers that had belonged to a dead-game sport. When he wore the coat with another pair of trousers he was an example to the young and fit to be a chairman of philanthropic committees; he was even mentioned as an overseer of Harvard.

When he wore the trousers with another coat, his conduct was reprehensible, shocking. He was led willingly into drunkeries, into all vile resorts. When he donned coat and trousers together there was a fearful struggle, only equalled by that of the justly celebrated Hercules when, a youth, he was solicited by Pleasure and Virtue in the guise of two appropriately garbed women.—Philip Hale, in Boston Herald.

### TURN CAVES INTO DWELLINGS

High Rents Drive Many People of Rome, Italy, to Take Refuge in the Rocks.

"Cave men," relics of prehistoric days of human housing, live in Rome—poetically described as the cradle of civilization—side by side with institutions of art and learning.

The caves are under the very shadow of the British Art school and the Italian College of Modern Arts. Within a short distance is the national stadium. On the other side of them is the Porta del Popolo, through which before the days of railways all pilgrims to Rome passed.

The reversion of Romans to the caves is not retrogression; it is evasion. Rents in Rome have been so extortionately high that these Romans have sought refuge in the tufa rocks of Rome. All efforts of the municipal police to eject the tenants from the caves have failed. The "cave men" would go away, but return as soon as the attention of the police turned to another direction.

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### "LAST AMERICAN HUMBUG."

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### SAD BLOW.

"Ye gods!" exclaimed Rantington Roarer, the eminent tragedian.

"What's the matter?" asked a member of his company.

"A lodging house keeper offers me a half bedroom for \$4 a week, on condition that I do a few imitations in the parlor one night a week to entertain her guests. Have I trod the boards for 20 years to come to this?"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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## CONDEMNS NEGLECT OF BLIND

Director of Institute for Helping Unfortunates Criticizes the Attitude of the Public.

In the American Journal of Care for Cripples, the attitude of the public toward the blind is discussed by Lieut. Col. James Bordley, director of the Red Cross Institute for the Blind at Baltimore, where American blinded soldiers are given the courage and the training necessary for their struggle with a new mode of living.

"By some strange process of reasoning the blind man is looked upon as something apart from the rest of our civilization," writes Colonel Bordley. "He automatically loses his job, and his social position with the loss of his vision; he is looked upon as not only physically but mentally disqualified from earning a living. This is not only unfair, but it is absurd. There are capable blind and incapable blind just as among sighted people. The most potent cause in the failure of the blind is the total lack of provision for their vocational re-education. There is not in this broad land of ours a single vocational school for the blind, nor has there ever been devised a scientific scheme for their education. There is not a single normal school teacher to teach the blind. The average wage of the industrious blind man is \$4 per week, and of the corresponding blind woman about \$2 per week. Is this not utterly unfair?"

### LOYAL TO BELOVED AUNTIE

Small Girl Willing to Give Up "Good-ies" to Help Unfortunate Relative's "Reputation."

Aunt Marcia is head of the English department in a Hoosier high school and very proud of her position—or was until the other night when her eight-year-old niece came home from school crying. The whole family coaxed until finally she explained what was wrong. "The children said that you were a terrible old maid," she finally sobbed, pointing to her auntie.

Everybody was amused, most of all Aunt Marcia. But still she tried to console her small niece. "Yes, auntie is an old maid," she admitted, "but what of that? It makes you have a lots nicer time than if she were married. If I were married like mother then I couldn't buy you all the pretties I do nor take you all the places I do. Now, wouldn't you rather have me an old maid than married?"

The tot considered the situation for a brief time. Then unselfishly she made answer: "I'd hate to give up my pretty things, but still I will if you'll get married, auntie. I'll do anything to help your 'reputation.'"

### ENEMIES TO MOSQUITOES.

If you want to free the neighborhood of mosquitoes encourage swallows to make themselves at home, says a report of the American Forestry association. These birds feed almost entirely upon obnoxious insects and they will do much toward protecting orchards and other trees from insect pests. No better investment can be made, therefore, than some houses set out for martins or other swallows. Of the blue swallows the purple martin is the largest, the male being entirely blue above and below while the female is blue above with a gray breast. Swallows are highly migratory, most of them spending the winter in South America.

### KEEPING BUTTER WITHOUT ICE.

If the ice man misses you some hot day and the butter begins to melt, try this plan: Rest the butter plate on a bowl, place the bowl in a shallow pan containing a little water. Throw over the butter a piece of cheesecloth, allowing the four corners to dip into the water. The water should be changed daily. This small amount of moisture will keep butter firm and sweet in the warmest weather.

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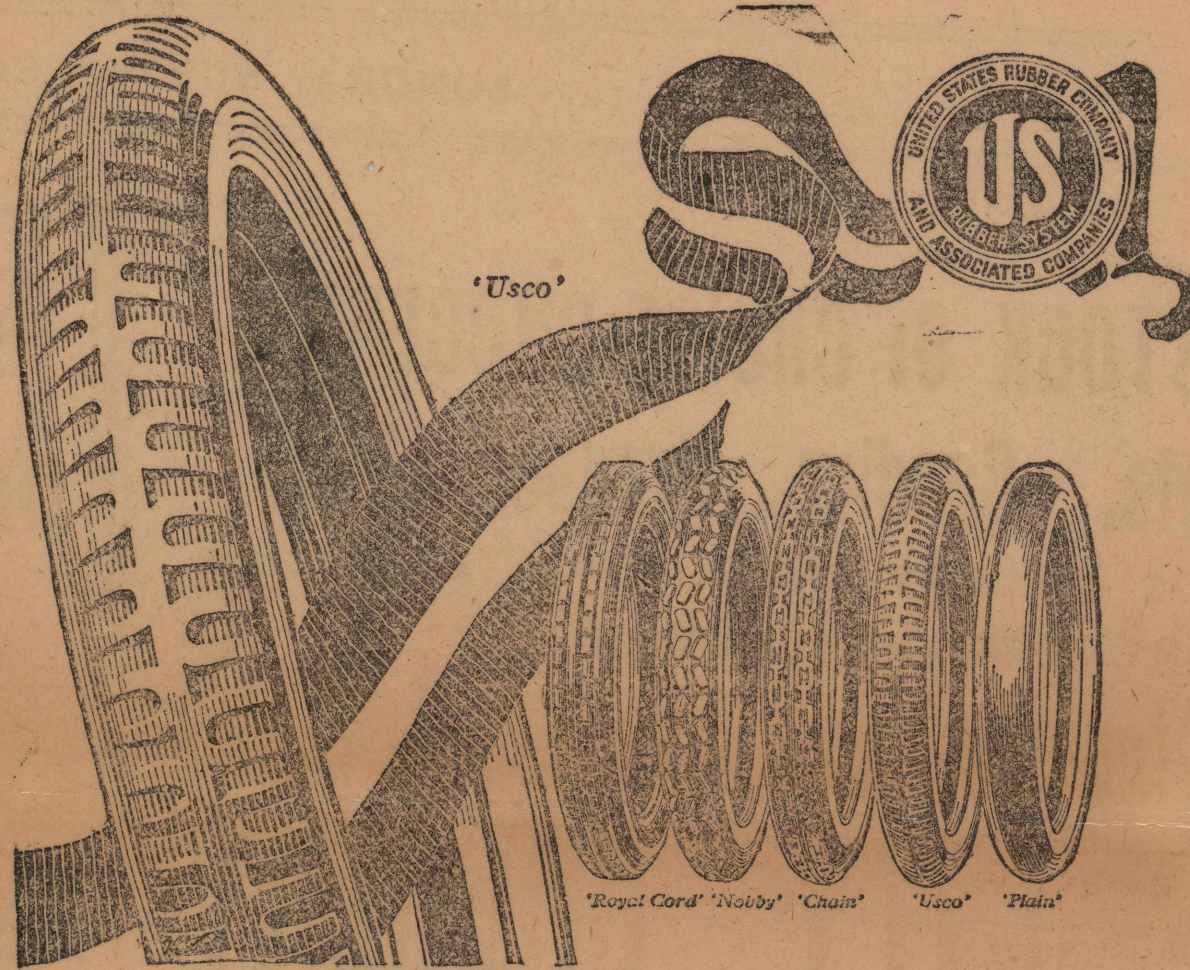
"Do you think we should reduce the cost of living?" asked one profiteer.

"Not at all," replied the second profiteer. "At first people used to complain about the high prices, but they've got so used to them now that they've quit kicking, so we might just as well go right on soaking 'em."

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All Resolutions of Respect, Cards of Thanks, Notices of Entailments where an admission fee is charged, Etc., will be charged for at our regular advertising rates.

### PLANT TREES.

The streets in East Sonora being graded there is every encouragement for the planting of trees and the building of sidewalks in this beautiful resident section. The soil is rich and deep and the success made with the trees in the school house campus removes all doubt as to their doing well. Assured of success why hesitate.

Try a few Live Oak trees in your yard. They can be transplanted successfully.

You would hesitate or rather you would not think of driving a car on the sidewalk or tree row in a city, so why be so unprogressive at home?

W. T. Day of Rockspinn is in Sonora on business Tuesday.

Mrs. E. E. Steen is in Angelo for medical treatment.

R. H. Martin and son Ben were in town this week packing the furniture for removal to Del Rio.

When in need of fruit jars, remember Morris-Gilmore Hardware Co. keep all kinds.

H. B. Balch, Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1, intends leaving this week for an Antonio on a visit to his son Marcus Balch.

Morris-Gilmore want the people to get prices on their furniture before buying elsewhere.

S. E. Gilbert of Stockton was in Sonora this week. He says everything is doing nicely in that country.

H. E. Sharp and Harvey Walker of the Middle Valley country, were visitors in Sonora Monday. Mr. Walker is owner of the Yoas place.

Judge and Mrs. L. J. Wardlaw and sons Ariel and Jack, came home Saturday from San Angelo. Mrs. Wardlaw is very much improved in health but will spend the winter in Dallas or Fort Worth where the boys will be in school.

Charlie Coates and Miss Ora Taylor were married at Ozona, August 19th, Rev. A. J. Carson officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Juno.

MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER Kills Worms. Keeps off Flies. Heals wounds. 6 oz. bottle 35 cents. Your money back if not satisfied. Ask your Dealer.

The Rockspring Leader says B. D. Sherrill and others of that city, together with Junction bankers are to organize a National bank in Rockspinn. They paid \$3000 for a building site.

Sallow complexion comes from biliary impurities in the blood and the fault lies with the liver and bowels; they are torpid. The medicine that gives result in such cases is HERBINE. It is a fine liver stimulant and bowel regulator. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

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### THE WATER AND LIGHT COMPANY TO DOUBLE PLANT POWER.

The Sonora Water, Light & Ice Company has received the bill of lading and notice of shipment of their new Diesel type, 25 h.p., oil burning engine, and 37 1-2 k.v.a. generator. The light and ice demand has for the past few months taxed the capacity of the present plant and the Company has had the equipment ordered for almost a year. The new engine weighs 9,000 pounds and the foundation is being prepared for it. The present machinery and the new will afford ample power for several years. For next seasons ice business a larger and more modern ice making plant will be installed.

Dee Word the garage man of Mertzon was in Sonora Saturday. Just received at Morris-Gilmore's Beds, Chairs, Mattresses, Pillows and Window Shades.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cochran and Mrs. L. W. Elliott went to Angelo Sunday on a visit.

Arthur Stuart was in from the ranch 28 miles southeast of town Wednesday.

Morris-Gilmore Hardware Co. have just received a shipment of Linoleum in shades of Tan, Blue and Red.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Kelley were in town Monday from the ranch visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Yaws and grandson C. C. Yaws, were in Sonora Monday from the ranch on the North Llano.

Mrs. B. C. Holman left for Angelo Monday on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Morris.

Elton Smith who is working for Dee Word at Mertzon, was in Sonora Sunday enroute to Rockspinn to attend court.

Major Dick Sammons, brother of Mrs. J. O. Willoughby of Schleicher county, has resumed his duties with the Farrar Lumber Co., of Houston, since his discharge from the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ward of Abilene accompanied by their daughters Misses Blanche and Edna, and son Rufus are here this week visiting Stayton and John at the ranch west of Sonora.

KILL THE BLUE BUGS By Feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask your Dealer.

The highest price paid for an oil lease in undeveloped country that we have heard of is that paid Robert Winslow for 3000 acres in the western part of Menard county. The company paid a bonus of \$9,360 and a yearly rental of \$1 per acre.

Wanted 20 Cords of Wood for School.

Not to exceed 12 by 6 inches in size. Must be corded and measured on school house wood lot. Delivery to be made by Nov. 20, 1919. Submit sealed bids to Geo. J. Trainer, Secretary School Board. Bids will be received up to Sept. 8.

### Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of Free Text Books in the Sonora Schools.

1. All school children within the scholastic age are entitled to free text books under the provisions of the Free Text Book Law.

2. Pupils above Second grade may take their books for home study at night.

3. Pupils may use the books as their own, but tearing or marking is strictly against the rules. Parents are requested to see that the books are properly cared for at home.

4. Teachers must require pupils to cover all books consigned to them. Covers may be obtained at the school depository or from the Sonora Drug Store.

5. Books must be returned at the close of the session. Failure to return the books disqualifies the pupils from receiving books the following session.

6. If parents so desire, they may purchase the books at the price marked on the cover fixed by the State.

7. Free Text Books will be presented to the pupils by the local custodian of Free Text Books upon receipt of a signed order from the teachers if said pupils are in the Elementary or Intermediate Department, and upon the signed order of the Principal in the High School Department.

8. The Superintendent shall inspect all free text books issued by the State once a month throughout the school session. The teachers in charge of the respective rooms shall inspect the books once a week closely and if any violations of the rules and regulations are found, the same are to be immediately communicated to the custodian. The teachers shall do all within their power to assist in the enforcement of the Free Text Book Law.

Jewell Matthews, Supt.

Frank Decker, Notary Public, Sonora County, Texas, office with F. L. Benson Agency.

L. C. Adams returned Sunday from a visit to Angelo.

Morris-Gilmore Hardware Co. have in stock, Baling wire and Binder's Twine.

No disrespect to the President is intended but the fall term of School will open on September 8 and the regular Standard time will be used. It is thought advisable to do this instead of changing in October as would have been necessary even if Congress had not put it over the President. Therefore we suggest that business houses, hotels, etc., observe the school time and change their watches and clocks on September 7th.

Little time will be lost if you wash out the wound with BOROZONE ANTI-SEPTIC LIQUID and dress it with BOROZONE POWDER. It purifies the wound and heals quickly. Use it on your stock for sore-worms, dehorned cattle or any kind of cut or bruise. For man or beast. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

### LITTLE GREEN PRINCE OF COMPANY H.

Raymond Green whose father is foreman on the Appelt ranch, is now employed in a garage in Del Rio. The San Antonio Express of August 17th prints his picture in full uniform and makes the following comment:

"Even though he was the smallest man in his company that did not prevent Private Raymond T. Green, of Company H, 141st Infantry, 36th division, from going over the top twice. Private Green who had the appellation of 'Little Green' and 'Prince of Company H,' weighs 109 pounds and is 4 feet 11 inches in height, resides in Sonora, this State, and he has many interesting things to recount for the home folks."

John Nicks who was incapacitated while in the Army was in town Tuesday fixing up papers in order to get into the mechanics school at Dallas.

Irvie Smith of Barnhart, who was recently discharged from the Army was in Sonora this week on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith. Irvie although under the draft age got into the service while working in Crockett county. Three of the Smith boys were in France at the same time but never saw each other.

Newt Wardlaw of Ballinger, is here on a visit to his brothers, L. J., Jack, Coter and Malcomb and will go to Del Rio to visit Crawford. Newt was a modest, spectacled little boy when he last visited Sonora and now, while still modest, is a man, 63 inches tall and weighs 212 pounds. He joined the National Guard when he thought Mexico should be taught a lesson in manners and remained in the service until the 36th was demobilized.

Willie G. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Adams, returned this week from "Overseas" having gone into the service while living in the Imperial Valley, Cal. After reaching France he was put in the 59th Infantry, Fourth division, and as a consequence was in more than enough fighting. His brother Leslie Adams who went into the service at the same time has been back a few months but his regiment being demobilized in California he did not get a chance to visit his parents.

There is more than the necessary amount of tape being used by the Vocational Educational Bureau. The object of the Act was not alone to make the men independent and self sustaining but to keep up their pride and courage, the spirit necessary to the health of the young man who before the war was perfect physically. The Sonora boys have been waiting and waiting, signing and signing, since their discharge and are getting tired. It is a pity so necessary a Bureau has to be administered by political appointees.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get a stiff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on BALDWIN'S SNOW LINIMENT and don't be taken out of it, because it is the best pain relieving treatment you can get any where. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

J. P. Spangler of San Angelo, has about completed the G. P. Hill residence in East Sonora. Mr. Spangler built the Parkerson and Winn residences in Sonora a few years ago. Because of other contracts he is unable to undertake any building in Sonora before January 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cope and son Millard returned Sunday from a visit to San Antonio. They left San Antonio on Thursday and had to detour to avoid the rivers and then had to cross the Guadalupe on the railway bridge. The country east of Menard was flooded.

MARTIN'S EGG PRODUCER Starts Baby Chicks Right and Makes Hens Lay More Eggs. Your money back if not perfectly satisfied. Ask your Dealer.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert and daughter Ida returned from Fort Worth last week by way of S. E. McKnight on the McKnight oil fields. The throng was going and coming and the roads awful. Mr. Halbert says the latter part of her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wright, at Waldrup, McCulloch county, San Angelo Standard.

### After 24 Years San Angelo Telephone Company Incurse Rates.

John Y. Rust, manager of the San Angelo Telephone Company, explained to an impromptu meeting of business men of Sonora Wednesday the reason and necessity for the advance in phone service rates. Mr. Rust had with him a statement of the increased expenses in salaries and materials making necessary the change in rates. His statement was comprehensive and complete showing careful study and arrangement. There was no room for argument and those present seemed to realize the justice of change. Public service corporations would have less trouble with their patrons if they would discuss their troubles with the people as Mr. Rust has done in this instance.

The rates after September 1st at the Sonora Exchange will be: Ranches \$1; Residence \$2; Business \$3.

Mr. Rust said the Del Rio connection was the property of the Del Rio Company and he understood it was their intention to improve the service with Sonora as early as possible.

He had had correspondence with the Junction phone people and had offered them the facilities of the Sonora connections. He hoped the Junction line would be metallic and thus give good service with Kerrville and San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Masfield were in town Tuesday from the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hull went to Corpus Christi Monday for a few days outing.

Mrs. James Cornell returned this week from a pleasure trip to New York and Canada.

Mat Karnes was in town Tuesday from the ranch and stayed all day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Willoughby were in town Thursday from the ranch 14 miles north of Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Williams returned Thursday from Post City where Mrs. Williams has been visiting her in-law relatives.

Hugh Jackson of Angelo agent for the Pierce Oil Corporation, was in town this week on business.

Dr. Geo. W. Douglass and Perchel Eddleman of San Antonio were here this week stopping at the Commercial.

Robert Hason of San Antonio who lends money on ranch lands and makes a specialty of refinancing mortgages, was in Sonora on Friday.

Miss Ezzena Alderman who has been the guest of her sister Mrs. W. L. Langford for the past two months, left for her home in San Antonio Monday.

It should not be necessary to continually ask property owners to cut the weeds in front of and around their premises, but keeping overlasting at it brings success, advertisers say.

Sonora had a fourth of an inch rain Saturday and on Wednesday the precipitation was one and one half inches. Very heavy rains have fallen in various localities during the week.

Miss Mary Miles went to San Angelo Saturday to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law Earl D. Cain, who died at his home in that city early Saturday morning.

J. R. Beard who is now farming near Ballinger, was in Sonora this week on business. He is well pleased with his new home and his family is enjoying good health. His farm is on the Bront road, which is a hard surfaced highway and makes the farm more valuable. Fordie and Taylor have been earning good wages working on neighbors grain crops.

Mrs. Stella Fowden of Angelo Heights, who is connected with March Bros., has returned from a month's vacation, which she spent in Sutton and McCulloch counties. At Sonora Mrs. Fowden was the guest of her sister Mrs. Sam Foll, and also the family of S. E. McKnight on the McKnight ranch, fourteen miles east of the town. Mrs. Fowden spent the latter part of her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wright, at Waldrup, McCulloch county, San Angelo Standard.

### Sheep Prices Strong in Australia.

According to a report of the U. S. Consul at Sidney, Australia, there are 91,600,000 sheep in that country and while the shipments of frozen mutton and lamb was limited last year because of the war, and with this seasons prospects much brighter, wethers are selling at \$14 and lambs at \$8. These prices do not indicate much competition with the muttons of the United States.

### STOCK NEWS.

J. E. Robbins sold to Ridley & Co., of Sonora, 1100 lambs at \$9.

Robbins & Kelley bought from Robbins Bros., of Juno, 1800 mixed goats at t.p.

E. E. Steen of the South Divide country bought two Billies from B. M. Halbert at \$50.

T. L. Benson is agent for the Continental Gera Free Blackleg Vaccine. One time application good for lifetime. Make your order now. Usually in good seasons Blackleg is more prevalent.

Geo. L. & R. E. Aldwell of Sonora sold to Russell & Wilkinson 1245 muttons, three and up, at \$12.

J. E. Robbins bought from W. J. Oliver of Menard, 1100 ewes and lambs at p.t., and from Elmo Johnson of Juno 2,000 mixed goats at t.p.

Sam Oglesby the well known stockman of Mertzon was in town Sunday on his way to the Rockspinn country to look at some sheep. He would like to buy a few thousand muttons.

J. E. Robbins of Sonora sold Will Williamson 300 wether goats at p.t.; to Robt Kelley 320 wether goats at \$6; to Jim Luckie 350 kids at \$3.50; to T. A. Bond 770 kids at \$3.50.

Wirt Stephenson was in town Monday from the Pecos ranch of Thorp & Stephenson and reported having sold 2,000 ewes and lambs to Albert Kincaid of Ozona at \$12 and \$8. G. G. Stephenson sold his ewes and lambs to the same party at \$13.50 and \$8.

T. B. Adams of Sonora, sold to R. H. Coulter of Mountainair, N. Mex., 70 ram lambs at \$35, and to Dillard Wyatt of Roswell, N. Mex., 40 at the same price. He also sold to Mr. Coulter 15 Billie kids and 85 yearling nannies at \$12.50 around. These animals will be delivered at San Angelo and shipped to New Mexico. Mr. Coulter is a successful breeder and has been using Oregon rams but found nothing this year that suited him so well as the Adams raising. This was his first visit to the Stockmans Paradise and he is delighted with the country.

### FOR LEASE.

Ten section pasture south west part Pecos Co. Fine grass and well watered and well improved. For terms and further particulars address: P.O. Box 55, Fort Stockton, Texas.

Evans & Doty sold for Willis Huey 125 head of cows to Hodge Brothers of Sherwood at \$80 per head.—Eldorado Success.

Charlie Lindley sold 500 April kids to R. H. Chalk of Sonora at \$3.50.—Ferguson & McKenzie sold 2000 lambs to Pexlienderson at \$9.—Ozona Stockman.

The Ozona stockman reports that Fritz Meckel has bought Bill Murchison's tailor shop and that Bill Murchison has bought 600 stock kids at \$3.00 from Fritz Meckel.

### FOR SALE.

Well improved stock ranch, in south west New Mexico. No finer stock country can be found. Abundance of free open range, both mountain and valley. Ideal climate. Abundance of good water, none better. For particulars write, Robert T. Ward, 0.6 Animas, New Mexico.

### EXTRA LOST.

Lost—between Junction and Roosevelt on the Sonora road on August 1st—one Cord casing and rim, size 34x4. Finder will please notify or leave at City Garage, and receive reward wfo

### Notice to Eastern Star Members.

The time of meeting has been changed to the third Tuesday of each month.

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I expect to make Sonora every other month and spend a week or more.

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### EYES TESTED FREE.

Have your eyes tested and old lenses changed or glasses fitted throughout. Ask me for the new style shell type frame.

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### NO TRESPASS.

Notice is hereby given that trespassers on my farm and pasture adjoining Sonora on the east, will be prosecuted according to law. Please tell your friends and relatives of this notice and they will avoid prosecution.

T. L. BENSON.  
Sonora, Texas, Dec. 2, 1918.

### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 21 miles south of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, working live stock, hunting hogs or injuring fences, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

D. B. COHENBARY.  
5211 Sonora, Texas

### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch known as the Lost Lake ranch 12 miles south east of Sonora, and other ranches owned and controlled by me for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A. F. CLARKSON,  
Sonora, Texas.

### THE BRADY SENTINEL.

The Brady Sentinel reports the oil situation continues to look good though only three of the larger tests are running. The Prairie is down about 3,300 feet and is being watched with interest. The barn of H. P. Roddie was destroyed by fire Friday morning. The Jack McGonigall home at Melvin was destroyed by fire Friday, about midnight, and the family escaped in their night clothes, being asleep when warned by a neighbor.

C. C. Curry a prominent farmer of the Rochelle community, died from the effects of a rattlesnake bite, although medical aid was promptly given.—Brady Sentinel.

### BUCKS FOR SALE.

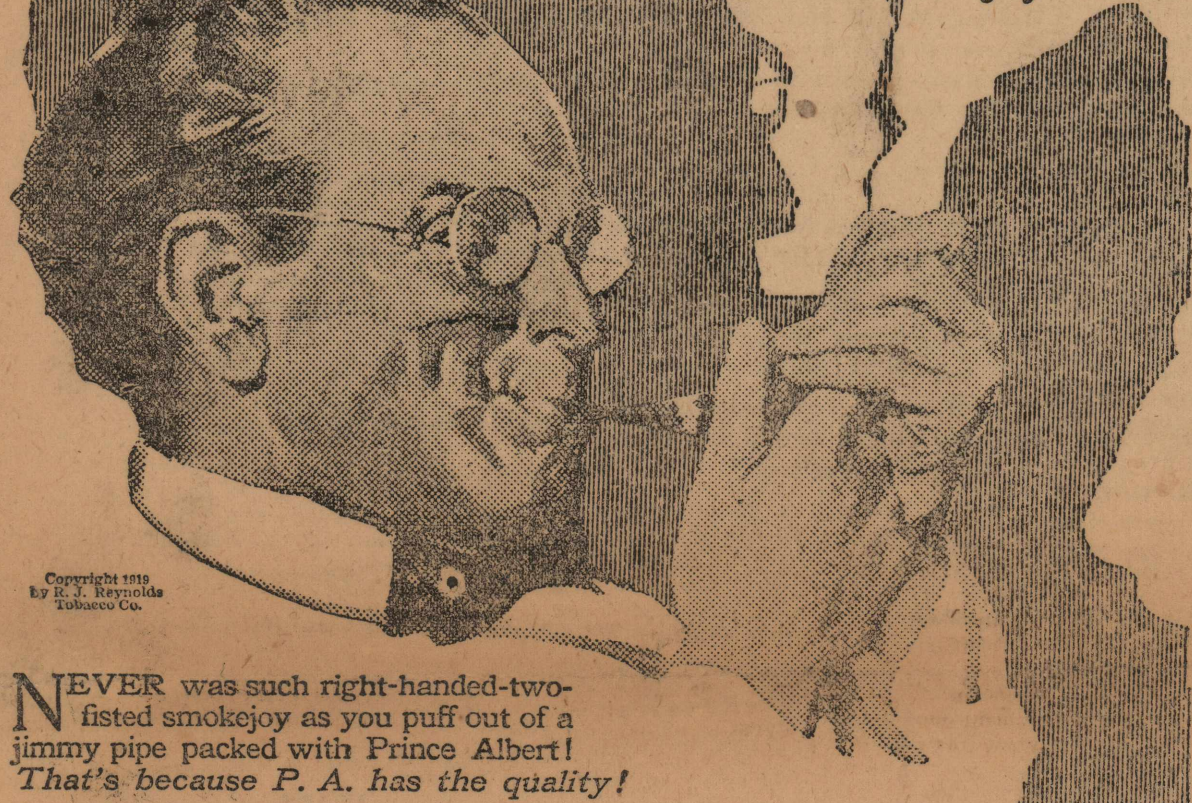
I have 20 head of R. moinillet Bucks 3 years old \$45 per head.

R. J. Glascock,  
8811 Sonora.



# PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke



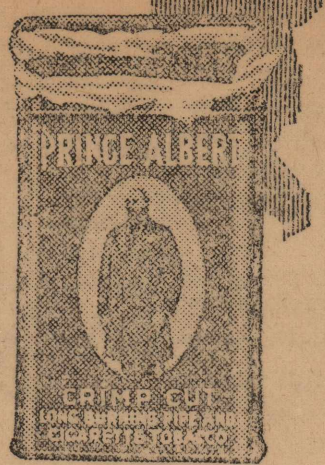
NEVER was such right-handed-two-fisted smokejoy as you puff out of a jimmy pipe packed with Prince Albert! That's because P. A. has the quality!

You can't fool your taste apparatus any more than you can get five aces out of a family deck! So, when you hit Prince Albert, coming and going, and get up half an hour earlier just to start stoking your pipe or rolling cigarettes, you know you've got the big prize on the end of your line!

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Toppy red lugs, tidy red line, handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors—and that classy, practical pound crystal glass humidifier with sponge moisture top that keeps the tobacco in such perfect condition.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C.



"And perhaps," added Stanway significantly, "Senor Torre would be glad to have knowledge of this banco; would be glad to have the money handed over to his emissary?"

"Emissary?" Again Torre's black brows arched. "The fabrications of the American's suspicions are truly wonderful! He would suspect me of robbing myself?"

He laughed insolently. Stanway looked questioningly at the girl.

"Prima mia," began Torre. "The girl whirled upon him, her eyes flashing."

"Senor Torre," she cried passionately, "you make it necessary for me to remind you that our relationship is not of my choosing, and that we are not close enough for you to call me cousin! If you find it necessary to address me at all I should like to be addressed as Senorita de la Guerra. Please remember."

Torre flushed angrily but managed his careless smile.

"As you wish, Senorita de la Guerra," he retorted. "May I suggest something?"

"That is it?" shortly.

"Merely this: This man who calls himself Captain Juarez may be a bank impostor, as well as a scoundrel. Before even considering the matter of a ransom would it not be well to ask him to prove to us that he knows at least where our kinsman is? If you rang for Pedro again and sent him with the message—"

Teresa rang and sat in a musing silence until Pedro came.

"Pedro," she said then, "tell Captain Juarez that we are considering his proposition. Tell him further that we wish to be certain that he really comes from the senor."

Pedro bowed, withdrew, and returned almost immediately, his face strangely white, his hand shaking as he held out something to the girl.

"It is the master's ring," he said, deeply agitated. "The ring he wore always upon his left hand. Senorita, senorita," his voice choking, his eyes gleaming, "you will not let them kill him?"

"No, Pedro." She took the ring, her own eyes shining. "If harm comes to him, Pedro," she went on steadily, "I shall know what to do, shall we not?"

Pedro made no spoken answer. But his eyes, suddenly hard and cruel, went straight to Torre, resting full of meaning upon him. Then, turning abruptly, the servant left the room.

"It is papa grande's ring, Senor Stanway," she ignored Torre entirely. "I am afraid that Captain Juarez speaks the truth."

Stanway stood with drawn brows, staring at the floor. The whole affair was so eloquent of rascality on the part of the dehonair, black-mustached Torre it was so inconceivable that his presence here now was not a part of dark design, so ridiculous to suppose that Antonio de la Guerra had ever really purposed disinheritance of the girl who was dearer to him than dachers to most men—and yet what to do?

Suddenly Stanway bent forward, whispering swiftly, guardedly, to the girl.

And then, after Stanway had finished and stood erect again, looking down upon her, as Torre watched, his eyes narrowing suspiciously, her hand clenched, her chin squared, determination came into her men and voice.

"It is a chance, senor," she said. "She rose and stood looking at him steadily, still ignoring Torre. "It is a game of dice with our destinies."

"And you will play it, senorita?" eagerly from the American.

She made a little gesture as though she were handing something to him.

"I place the diebox in your hands, May I, Senor Billy?"

"Then," cried Stanway, "we must waste no time! Call Pedro."

She rang. Torre, still watching suspiciously, made no comment. Pedro came in his swift, silent fashion.

"Send word to Gaucha to come to the house immediately," Stanway told him. "Let them come armed. And see that Captain Juarez does not leave the house. I shall—entertain Senor Torre."

A quick light of understanding leaped up in Pedro's eyes. He turned with a brief, grunted "Bueno," and hurried on his errand.

Torre had leaped to his feet, his face crimson.

"What does this mean?" he cried sharply. "As heir to the De la Guerra estates I demand—"

"Sit down!" Stanway's voice was very cool, but it rang with an unmistakable sternness. "We are going to begin our game of dice presently. And you will do well, senor, in playing your hand to keep right on smoking and—"

"Sit down!"

His hand moved a very little as he spoke, coming to rest upon his right hip. Torre sat down.

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## CHAPTER VI.

### A Lawyer Plays Witness.

"Vidal has returned, senor." Billy Stanway awoke with a start. The late afternoon sun was streaming through the drawn curtains of the guestroom to which he had been shown, and Pedro stood over his bed. "Vidal has brought Mr. Dempton back with him?" he asked, sitting up. "Si, senor," grinned Pedro. "I think that Mr. Dempton did not like to come, but—and he shrugged eloquently—"you know Vidal, senor?"

"Torre," and Juarez have had no word together? They know nothing of our having brought Dempton to the rancho?"

"No, senor."

Stanway slipped out of bed, his great shaggy body towering for a moment over the lesser form of the breed.

"You are a gentleman, Pedro," he said warmly. "Your master, when he comes back to us, will have you to thank as much as anyone. Now, will you ask your senorita to come to the library? And then will you see that Vidal brings the lawyer there?"

Pedro went about his errand, and Stanway, dressing swiftly, went to the library, which he had chosen because it was at one end of the house, and so a place in which to converse without fear of being overheard by Torre or the captain.

Vidal was there before him, a big man with a beautiful body and a scarred, ugly face. And with him, looking grotesquely small, pitifully inefficient in the presence of his guard, was Dempton.

"Mr. Stanway, sir." The lawyer was upon his feet in an instant, his face red with anger, his speech seeming to froth up in a stream of barely articulated words from between his writhing lips. "Are you one of this damnable conspiracy, sir? It is brigandage; it is outlawry; it is sheer defiance of every statute—"

"Good afternoon, Mr. Dempton," said the rancher pleasantly. "There is no conspiracy on our part. We merely wish to ask you a few questions, even to give you a chance to get out of this mess skin-whole. Sit down. The senorita will be here in a moment."

The door opened and Teresa came in. She nodded brightly at Stanway, bestowed a look upon Vidal which plunged him into an ecstasy of delight, and with no word to Dempton went to Stanway's side.

"Have I kept you waiting?" she asked.

"No. I came in just a second before you." He drew out a chair for her and turned to Vidal. "Vidal, we have a few words to say to Mr. Dempton. Will you wait in the patio? I shall call you when we want you."

"Dempton," Stanway went on, "what passed between you and the Senor de la Guerra last night?"

"I went for me to make a change in his will," said Dempton glibly. "I gave no reasons for what he was doing, although he must have noted my surprise."

"Did you know that he has been engaged during several years on his memoirs?"

Dempton, a lawyer trained to ask just such questions as that, looked at Stanway quickly, suspiciously. He hesitated a moment before answering. "I have heard him speak of it."

Stanway smiled at the girl, which she returned, and Dempton, plainly puzzled, watched them closely.

"The law is rather severe in the punishment it metes out to kidnappers, is it not, Mr. Dempton?"

"Yes."

"There is what you men of the law term an accessory before the fact?"

"Certainly," snapped the lawyer. "But if you care to consult me in a legal capacity—"

"I don't," lightly. "We are sending for Mr. Branson of Branson & Howland to advise us."

Dempton's tongue ran back and forth between his dry lips.

"Now," went on Stanley, without waiting for an answer, "how much money did Torre pay you for your part?"

Again Dempton had leaped to his feet, his face flushed, his eyes ablaze. "You mean to insinuate—"

"Sit down!" Stanway caught him by the shoulders and drove him back into his chair. "Did you know that after you had gone and before he was spirited away Senor de la Guerra attached certain notes to his memoirs?"

"What are you driving at?" fumed Dempton.

Stanway stepped to the door.

"Vidal," he called, "Mr. Dempton will remain here in the library. You will see that he does not grow lonesome. Bueno." He came back to Dempton's side and added quietly: "I am driving at this: the senor made certain observations upon the character of Americans. He mentioned the fact that a certain man had just come and gone whom he did not trust; he stated why that man had come; he mentioned a flaw that that man had pretended to find—Ah!" as a look of sudden understanding and a quick fear with it leaped into Dempton's small eyes. "Now you see? Shall we leave them, senorita?"

Teresa stepped through the door, Stanway following and closing it after them.

"We'll have him scared out of his life in no time," he chuckled. "By tomorrow morning he'll be ready to tell everything he knows if we'll just promise him twenty-four hours to dig out."

"You are very wonderful, Senor Billy!"

The look she flashed him was unmistakably full of gratitude; and his leaping hope sought to read something else in it.

"Teresa!" he whispered.

But she had slipped from him, laughing, and a lady mantilla was in his hands, and from the far side of the room, as she whisked into the hallway, she warded him a kiss from her pink finger tips.

"Teresa!" he urged.

But the door had closed.

## CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

Six Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Is a Well-Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

Brownsville, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Kilman, of this place, says: "After the birth of my little girl, my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me...but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable...I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot..."

I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial.

"Add that?" curiously, wondering how far Torre would go in showing his hand.

"There will be other witnesses of whom you do not guess yet—witnesses carefully selected, who will not be shaken in a point they make. And they will swear that Senor de la Guerra became very angry with his granddaughter upon the very day of his disappearance; that he quarreled openly with her; that he vowed he would disinherit her, and that he sent immediately for his lawyer to make the new will. Do you care, senor, to know what these witnesses will prove to be the cause of the quarrel?"

"Well?" asked Stanway.

"It will be that Teresa, heedless of her grandfather's hatred of all Americans, had fallen in love with one of them; that she defied De la Guerra, and swore that she would marry—"

"Why?" gasped the rancher. "It's perjury!"

"Certainly." The smile merely deepened upon Torre's handsome face. "But let us think not of the legal morality of it but of the effect upon a jury. Who, when this point is made, will seem the one who would be desirous of the disappearance of the old gentleman?"

"Who then will appear in the light of the abductor? I leave it to you," busy over a new cigarette, "if the point will not hold."

Stanway's mouth hardened. He saw that if Torre had made one mistake—if Dempton were in reality what he appeared, a weak tool—yet the young Spaniard had planned painstakingly elsewhere.

"You may mark a certain seeming discrepancy," went on the Spaniard. "I suppose the De la Guerra estate is worth a million. And I am asking only twenty thousand dollars to reimburse all claim, free the old gentleman, go away and leave you, senor, to pay your court to the heiress!"

He laughed softly at Stanway's quick, angry frown, and continued swiftly:

"It is because I have very urgent need of ten thousand dollars. It would save me from an embarrassing position, senor. You do not guess how embarrassing. And I am very modestly asking merely twice my actual needs."

"True, there is more to gain by slitting the throat of my esteemed kinsman and inheriting the whole. You see, I don't mind speaking frankly, between friends."

"But, on the other hand, the danger of which you speak would be much greater—and I need the money now, not after the courts can have had time to haggle over the will for a year or two. So, senor, you have my offer. What do you say?"

"I say," cried Stanway hotly, "that you are a scoundrel, and I believe only so much of what you say as I judge wise. If Senor de la Guerra dies, why then you go to the hangman—provided Gaucha and his men allow you to go that far. You will save him to save your own neck. Do you absolutely refuse to accept my proposition?"

"Absolutely. I shall make better terms."

Stanway went to the door.

"There is going to be no more making of terms," he said briefly. "I shall talk to you henceforward as I'd talk to a rat in a trap!"

Torre sprang up swiftly, his face flushing darkly with a rush of angry blood.

"You shall see," he cried harshly. "That even a rat in a trap may have sharp teeth. You fool, it is I who will offer terms—or dictate—at my pleasure!"

He turned away with a short, ugly laugh. Stanway for the first time felt a little shock of positive dread; fear that he was risking too much; that he had no right to assume this responsibility. For there was something in Torre's voice which told him that the man was making no idle threat.

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