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"The Leashed Guns of Circle L"

by Perry Westbrook

SYNOPSIS—Slim Loyale is paroled from prison after serving 18 months for a crime he did not commit. He returns to his Circle L ranch to find his father dead and sinister forces at work, trying to make him violate his parole so that he can again be railroaded to prison.

CHAPTER III

Starbuck nodded, and poked a legal-looking envelope lying on the desk. "Got word yesterday. What yuh aimin' to do, Slim?"

"Go out to the Circle L an' get to work."

"Glad to hear that. Was afraid yuh'd come back with the idee of startin' trouble. An' that'd be bad—with yuh on parole."

Slim's lips tightened. "I ain't aimin' to turn the other cheek, Jigger," he said softly. "Remember, I'm human. Certain folks in this neck of the woods gave me a dirty deal. I ain't exactly gonna kiss 'em when I run into 'em, but I know what that parole means.

"At the first sign of trouble I go back to —hell. Well, I aim to do the best I can. But if some folks start trompin' on my toes, I'll see that they get off. Yuh cain't blame me for that?"

"I ain't blamin' yuh for nothin', Slim. But my personal feelin's ain't matterin' one little bit in this. It's the law yo're beholden to. So yuh wanta watch yore step."

Slim laughed a little harshly. "Yuh still got ice water for blood, ain't yuh? Yo're a funny guy, Jigger. Sometimes I think yo're white, an' sometimes I ain't so shore."

Starbuck shrugged without offense. "I took my oath to uphold an' enforce the law. It ain't me to question how it works. I aim to do my duty."

"Yuh would," retorted Slim tersely, "even if it broke yore own heart an' ruined yore best friend. Well, I didn't come in here to get into a argument. I was told to report here to yuh every two weeks, and I'll do it—for the next eighteen months.

"After that, I'm my own boss again. An' after eighteen months certain folks in these parts are gonna find that a woolly wolf has come back to live with 'em. Nobody can steal a year an' a half of my life, blast my reputation, an' get away with it. Now I'll thank yuh for my guns, Jigger. I suppose yuh still got 'em?"

Slip Of A Girl

"I've got 'em," nodded Starbuck. "But I'd rather yuh wouldn't wear 'em, Slim. They'll be a temptation—a bad temptation, as long as they are hangin' on yore hip. If yuh go to throwin' 'em, it's hard tellin' just how yuh'll end up."

"That's my pie," said Slim grimly. "I want 'em."

Starbuck shrugged again, crossed to a little clothes closet and lifted down a pair of cartridge belts, carrying two heavy, holstered Colts. He handed them to Slim, who buckled them about his waist, and he stepped to the door. "Much obliged, Jigger," he said over his shoulder. "See yuh two weeks from now."

Loyale left the sheriff's office and started to cross the street. A buckboard was whirling up from the south end of the street, drawn by a fast-stepping pair of bang-tail mustangs. A girl was driving it alone, but on either side jogged two mounted men. Slim recognized the trio immediately. The girl was Mona Hall. The two men were Sarg Brockwell and his son, Leo.

Slim stiffened and he went a little white about the lips. For a moment his impulse was to pull his hat low over his eyes, lower his head, and hurry across the street. But a surge of burning defiance forestalled this truant weakness. So he watched them quietly, rolling and lighting a cigarette with a steady hand.

They were almost opposite him before the girl saw him. For a moment she stared. Then with one lithe twist of her slender shoulders, she set the bang-tails up short, locked the brake, looped the reins about it and jumped to the ground. She ran to him, lightfooted as a fawn, a pliant little figure in khaki blouse and divided skirt.

A Greeting

Her hair, where it escaped in truant tendrils from beneath her dusty Stetson, was crisply brown. Her eyes were blue and heavily lashed; her nose short and straight, her lips generous and soft. And the blood flushed rich in cheeks and throat of a smooth, velvety tan.

"Slim!" she exclaimed. "Slim Loyale—oh, but it's good to see you!"

Slim, a little shaky, took both her outstretched, gauntleted hands in his. "Yuh really mean that, Mona?" he muttered huskily.

"Mean it?" she cried. "Indeed I do mean it! If you need further convincing—there."

Before Slim could think, she had stepped close to him, risen on her tiptoes and kissed him. "Satisfied?" Her smile was a little tremulous.

For a moment Slim could not answer. "It's worth goin' through hell—to come back to heaven," he muttered finally. "Mona, yo're a little thoroughbred, same as always. But yuh'll be ruinin' yore reputation, kissin' an ex-convict."

Mona stamped one little, booted foot. "Bosh! Don't mention that word to me again. You are just an innocent man who has gotten a mighty shady deal. And if I can't kiss my old pal hello, I want to know why."

"I—I'm glad yuh feel that way about the innocent part, Mona. Some folks don't agree with yuh."

"Other folks be hanged!" she retorted spiritedly. "I know you, Slim Loyale, better than anybody else. I ought to; we grew up together. Now let's talk of other things. You'll be going out to the Circle L, I suppose?"

Slim nodded. 'Soon as I can rustle up Dakota Blue. He's over in the Wild Horse Saloon."

"Then I want you to come over home and see me this evening, Slim. There's a lot to talk about. You'll come, won't you?"

"Try an' keep me away," grinned Slim. "I reckon I ain't forgot the trail."

She gave his hands a squeeze. "That's better," she said softly. "I was afraid you would be changed in some terrible manner. I want to see my old pal, Slim Loyale, not some hard-boiled stranger. Now I'll be getting along. Don't forget—seven o'clock."

Again her slim, strong little fingers tightened. Then she went back to the buckboard, climbed in and kicked off the brake. She waved to him as the broncos broke into a run.

Slim watched her until she had halted the rig in front of Ase Langley's big general store and disappeared from sight through its shadowy doorways. Then he sighed deeply and relit his cigarette, which had gone cold during her greeting.

Suddenly he remembered the men who had been riding with Mona. When he looked for them, he saw that they had dismounted in front of the Wild Horse Saloon and were just entering it. Slim's lips tightened and his eyes grew bleak. But he crossed the street and entered the place himself.

There were just five men in the Wild Horse when Slim entered. Dakota Blue was there, talking across the bar with Spud Dillon, the short, fat, red-faced proprietor. Then there was old Joe Rooney, a broken-down old mule-skinner who did the swamping for Dillon. Joe was sanding down the cues behind the pool table.

Sarg Brockwell and his son had swung up to the bar near the door and Spud Dillon was just moving down toward them when Slim entered. But at sight of Slim, Dillon seemed to forget all about the Brockwells. His fat, red face broke into a wide, delighted grin and one pudgy hand shot across the bar.

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English Co-ed Is A Career Woman

Most English Girl Students Go To University for Education, Not Romance

Joe College and Betty Co-ed in the "new world" who are back at their university this fall, probably would be thrilled to tears if their old gas buggy should sprout wings and set them down in an English university instead.

They would be weeping for another reason if they knew what awaited them—they would discover that, Hollywood portrayals to the contrary, you don't go to an English university if you want a campus romance.

Most English students, say those in the know, go to university for an education, not to play around. Studying is an all-day job, although in some institutions you can get by on three hours' work a week.

As for the typical English co-ed, she is far different from her American cousin. Rarely do you find a gorgeous eyeful strolling on the campus. English co-eds are career girls, out to get an education—not a man. Anyway, Englishmen still look askance, on co-education, and English universities—22.9 per cent.

The universities don't have the set-up for a boy-meets-girl social life. Fraternities and sororities do not exist.

Cold Storage Cabbages

Cold storage of cabbages at 31.1 to 30.6 degrees Fahrenheit has been in use in Germany on a very large scale since 1931. For some varieties of cabbage, 30.2 degrees Fahrenheit is the lowest limit without risk of freezing, and for other kinds 29.3 to 30.2 degrees Fahrenheit. For lengthy storage, relative humidity is 80 to 85 per cent. At the beginning, 70 to 75 per cent. relative humidity is advisable for the rapid drying of the outside leaves which act as a protection.

Something New and Different

And Something New to Serve

There was a young man so benighted
He never knew when he'd been slighted.
He'd go to a party,
And eat just as hearty,
As though he'd been really invited.

This was in the days when hostesses gave old-fashioned parties to which so many people were invited, and so many people attended, that one or two more or less weren't noticed.

Unlike many hostesses, we know one lady who keeps a list of guests and menus she serves so as never to duplicate a dinner or refreshments to the same people.

So here's a cake which will improve the occasion: Harvest Cake with Harvest Moon Frosting. The recipe is new, but not too new. It is popular already with the few hostesses who have tried it. They report that there isn't the slightest risk of boring even the most jaded taste.

HARVEST CAKE

2 cups sifted cake flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
1-3 cup butter or other shortening
¾ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
2 egg yolks
2-3 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks, beat well. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla. Bake in greased pan, 8 x 8 x 2 inches, in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 45 minutes, or until done. Spread with Harvest Moon Frosting.

HARVEST MOON FROSTING

2 egg whites, unbeaten
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
Dash of salt
¼ cup water
1 teaspoon vanilla
¾ cup almonds, blanched, toasted and chopped

Put egg whites, sugar, salt and water in top of double boiler. Beat with rotary egg beater until thoroughly mixed. Place over rapidly boiling water, beat constantly with rotary egg beater, and cook 7 minutes, or until frosting will stand in peaks. Remove from fire, add vanilla, and beat until thick enough to spread. Add nuts. Makes enough frosting to cover top and sides of 8 x 8 x 2 inch cake.

HOW YOU CAN Attract MEN

OF course, you have no men friends if you've let yourself become dull, cross, and nervous. Men like lively, peppy girls—girls with plenty of energy to go places and enjoy life.

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Fashion Features Bloused Effects

Lumber Jackets Popular; Armholes Are Wider

PARIS.—New Paris sports costumes, like those for tailored wear, are independent of other style trends, adopting only those elements that are both practical and smart. Bloused effects lend a new silhouette to many winter outfits. Lumber jackets, always sports favorites, are more popular than ever and their bloused fullness is introduced into many dresses, sweaters, coats and longer jackets for both active and spectator sports wear. Armholes are growing ever wider. Dolman or out-and-out kimono sleeves appear even on heavy tweed sports coats and jackets. However, their cut has been carefully studied and gores and gussets cunningly placed to allow complete freedom of movement to the arms.

Narrow Line In Skirts

In contrast with bloused tops, many sports skirts maintain a narrow line. The necessary width is achieved by inverted or box pleats which begin high enough to give the knees free play. Straight split skirts seem to be fading out of the sports picture; variations on the kilt theme are supplanting them; these are being featured by all the leading Paris couturiers.

Hindu Women Are Deserting

Many Leave Husbands to Join Monasteries, Says Journal

A widespread movement among married women which in many ways parallels one in early Buddhist times, when masses of women abandoned their husbands to take to monastic life, is discussed with alarm by the Indian Social Reformer, weekly journal of opinion, of Bombay.

The Om Mandal is the name of the most conspicuous of these "monasteries for revolted married women." It is located in northwestern India, with headquarters in Hyderabad (Sind), branches in Karachi and oher places, says the New York Sun.

Husbands Picket

"The latest," the above journal reports, "is that the husbands of the devotees have taken to picketing the Om Mandal premises in approved passive resistance fashion. They are there early in the morning and prevent their wives entering the sanctuary. The women came prepared to sit out the patience of their spouses which they found more enduring than in normal domestic life!"

Fatal Poetry

Because his wife was an emotional poetess whose verses he could not appreciate, and because she tried to improve his mind, Nelson D. Boyer, of Los Angeles, killed her with a dumb-bell and buried her in a vacant lot.

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