"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.

The Brockwells and their gang are plotting to gain possession of Circle L ranch and the property of Mona Hall, a neighbor and lifelong friend of Slim Loyale.

Slim discovers that Sheriff Starbuck has joined the plot against him. With the help of Dakota Blue and his comboys, Slim Loyale defies the land-grabbers to do their worst.

CHAPTER XV

Starbuck came over and entered. "Well?" he demanded. "What did Loyale an' Blue want?"

The lawyer fumbled nervously for a black stogy, snapped the tip off and lit it. "Loyale tried to get me to sell the Dot H Dot mortgage to him. I'm afraid they are beginning to get wise, Starbuck."

"I know damned well they are," grunted the sheriff. "They shore hung me over a barrel just now. I got a hunch I'm gonna be the final goat in this deal. It won't be healthy for a lot of folks I can name, if things shape that way too strong."

Arthur looked puzzled. "I don't exactly understand."

"I mean that Brockwell is gettin' too raw," exploded Starbuck, the anger he had been subduing breaking forth in full fury. "Him an' his crowd are clumsy as a bunch of oxen. Start from the beginnin' an' count up the slips he's made.

"Yuh an' me put Slim Loyale in Jarillo, knowin' Bart Loyale would be daid before Slim got out. Then the question of a parole for Slim came up. Brockwell promised us that he had influence enough to block that parole. He fell down an' Slim got out.

"In the meantime he was gonna see that Dakota Blue was put outa the way. The best he could do about that was to miss a good shot at Blue one day along Nigger Ridge. Since then Blue's been too wary to be got. Sarg ain't been able to pull down the Dot H Dot herds fast enough to keep the Hall girl from payin' her interest on that note yuh hold.

"Why, I hear that he was even dickerin' to buy up some of her stuff. Course he'd have robbed her, give her only half what the stock was worth, but had the deal gone through, she'd have had more money to stall yuh off. Brockwell is so damned greedy he's blind!

"Anyway, last night he had a chance to get Slim Loyale on the trail between the Circle L and the Dot H Dot. Loyale got through clean with the help of Roy O'Brien. Before the night was over, O'Brien plugged Rango Deale.

"Deale an' Cinder Alton were pals. So what does that crazy Alton do but try to wipe out Loyale again just now up in the Wild Horse. Loyale didn't even have a gun on him. Alton got upset an' his guns were taken off him. An' Loyale an' Blue are all through turnin' the other cheek.

Back Him to a Finish

"Loyale's puttin' on his guns. He told me straight that, parole or no parole, he's gonna start throwin' lead. He also said that if I tried to take him into custody he'd salivate me. An' Dakota Blue an' the whole Circle O outfit is backin' Loyale to a finish. Damn Brockwell an' his crowd for a bunch of knot-haided fools, anyhow!"

Starbuck had talked so fast and with so much pent-up anger, that he was breathless when he finished. George Arthur had begun pacing about his office again, his thin lips pursed, his forehead wrinkled with agitated thought.

"Things have been badly messed," he agreed jerkily. "But of course, if the worst comes to the worst, we can stage a raid on the Circle L some night and clean up the whole nest."

Starbuck laughed scornfully. "Yuh gone crazy, too?" he demanded. "Yuh sound like it, talkin' that way. Listen here, Arthur. Only a idiot underestimates his opponent. Slim Loyale is a scrappin' fool; he comes from that kinda stock.

"Backin' him are three of the most dangerous men that ever swung a laig over a saddle. I'm referrin' to Dakota Blue, Stoney Sheard an' Roy O'Brien. Wind them three up an' get 'em started, an' they're better than a dozen ordinary men. Steve Owens an' Charley Quinn are young cubs, but not afraid of anythin' under the sun.

On the Move

"An' me, I'd rather trade wallops with a grizzly bear than mix it hand to hand with that big Swede cook, Oscar. So just knock the idee outa yore haid that the Circle L spread can be rushed an' wiped out in a pitched fight."

"But we've got to do something," snapped the lawyer. "The opening of the Kicapoo River range is due the middle of next month. The migration of the Big Bend herds will start immediately. In fact, I know that some of them are on the move already, intending to be the first on the new ground. We've got to get control of the Circle L and the Dot H Dot, or all our plans and work will go for nothing. We've just got to do it, I tell you!"

Starbuck laughed harshly. "Yuh an' Brockwell go ahead an' get 'em then," he said mockingly. "Me, I'm about through. I sat into this plan in the first place, willin' to do my part, 'cause I figgered I was sidin' in with men who had some savvy an' brains. I found I was mistaken.

"I'll still play the game with yuh, as far as I can swing it. But I'm sittin' back an' saying nothin'. The finish is up to yuh an' Brockwell, damn him. He ain't played fair at all. He won't even leave the Vasco stage alone. An' folks are beginnin' to look at me sorta outa the corners of their eyes, because I ain't roundin' up the jaspers who are pullin' them hold-ups.

"We fixed one of them hold-ups once on a innocent man, Slim Loyale. But that game ain't gonna get over a second time. Nope, I'm keepin' my coat tails in the clear from now on. Yuh can tell Brockwell that, an' to hell with both of yuh!"

Saying which, Jigger Starbuck stalked out of the door and crossed to the solitude of his own office.

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It is estimated that of approximately 3,000 persons in Canada and the United States, killed each year in accidents with firearms, about a third are hunters afield.

Of Interest to Women Readers

THE AFTERMATH

Or What To Do With Left-Overs

By Katharine Baker

When you sit down to your New Year's dinner, you will probably think that here is one meal where there will be no left-overs. But when things are finally gathered up and put away, there will be the odd bit of this and that to store away. These odd bits of food will come in handy in the economy program which most of us are forced to adopt after the spree.

The left-over vegetables can be moulded in lime or lemon flavored jelly powder to make delicious and good-looking salads, which, incidentally, will be welcome after the heavy holiday meals.

The chicken or turkey which you had for the big dinner, can be used as hot luncheon sandwiches, with brown gravy, or in pot pies, croquettes, or souffles. This recipe for chicken croquettes or cutlets will show you how.

Chicken Croquettes or Cutlets

3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon paprika
2 tablespoons green pepper, chopped
2 tablespoons pimiento, chopped
½ cup milk
½ cup chicken stock
1½ cups cooked chicken, chopped
Sifted bread or cracker crumbs
1 egg, beaten with 3 tablespoons milk and dash of salt.

Combine quick-cooking tapioca, salt, paprika, green pepper, pimiento, milk, and stock in top of double boiler. Place over rapidly boiling water, bring to scalding point (allow 3 to 5 minutes), and cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add chicken and mix thoroughly. Chill—mixture thickens as it cools. Shape into balls or cutlets. Roll in crumbs, dip in egg mixture, then roll in crumbs. Fry in deep fat (390 degrees F.) 1 minute, or until golden brown. Drain. Serve with red current jelly. Makes 8 croquettes. If chicken stock is not available, canned consomme may be substituted or chicken flavored bouillon cubes (2 cubes to 1 cup water).

The Best Pelts Seen At Show

Ontario Fur Farmers Get Together—1,700 Breeders—Championship Cups Awarded

L. B. Pollock won the grand championship award in silver foxes at the fifth annual Ontario farmers' pelt show at Toronto. The Keswick, Ont., breeder also took the reserve grand championship and four other championships and three reserve titles.

The Sunglo Cup, awarded to the breeder with the highest aggregate score in open classes, was won by O. W. Thompson, of Kitchener, one of the largest of Ontario's 1,700 breeders and president of the Ontario Fur Farmers' Association.

Pollock displayed the champion adult silver fox pelt, winning a cup donated by the Ontario Government.

The grand champion mink pelt was displayed by Martin and Stevens, St. Mary's, Ont., mink breeders. A cup donated by the Ontario government went with the grand championship.

Mother On Relief Hands Over Gift

"You take this money, Mr. Relief Officer; it belongs to you, not to me," was the statement of a young mother whom the Gananoque relief board has been looking after for some time, when she appeared at the relief office last month.

The mother, who has two children, is appreciative of the kindness she has received. She received a ten-pound note from her uncle in Scotland and immediately went to the relief officer, Fred Mooney and handed it to him.

Mr. Mooney conferred with the welfare board and it was decided to keep $30 of the money and place it in the rent account, which is paid direct by the town, and hand remainder back to the woman with the suggestion that she use it for Chrismas cheer.

Tailored Delight For Matrons

PATTERN 4928

By ANNE ADAMS

Turn up at week-end luncheons and informal Christmas "bridges" in this stunning bloused shirtwaist dress! You'll look so slenderized that friends will vow you're pounds thinner—while you yourself will swear by Pattern 4928 as the easiest-to-make tailor-type that ever was! This Anne Adams triumph is perfect for novelty-stripe or ribbed silks, with the softly rippling skirt bias, and the neat yokes cut on the crossgrain. It's equally pleasing in new sheer wools, with the skirt cut straight and sleeves long instead of short! The extra fulness in the bodice will be welcomed — and also the choice of two lovely neckline treatments. Buttons and pockets are decorative as trimming for this smart frock!

Pattern 4928 is available in women's sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36 takes 4½ yards 39 inch fabric.

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The Secrets of Good Looks

by Barbara Lynn.

SECRETS OF SLIMMING

It is comonly supposed that women MUST get fatter as they grow older. This is not so. You can retain your slim and attractive figure despite advancing age, if you are prepared to pay the price!

There are some exceptions, of course. Certain glandular and functional changes, peculiar to women, sometimes affect one's weight. And some diseases, too, have a similar tendency. Women who are subjected to these conditions should seek medical advice before attempting drastic reducing.

However, most cases of overweight — 85 in every hundred — are due to under-exercising and to over-eating! A regimen of increased exercise and reasonable dieting is, therefore, the answer to the problem of surplus weight.

Here is an exercise which will help to make you more supple: stand erect, feet fairly wide apart, arms otustretched at the level of the shoulders. Swing the body sideways to a right angle, then bend down. Whilst in that posiion reverse the body, come up and go down on the opposite side. Breathe out while going down; breathe in while coming up. Repeat five times.

My special leaflet on "How to Slim" gives further interesting exercises, as well as complete dieting advice. You can obtain a copy, and any of the following helpful leaflets, by sending a 3c stamp for each one required: Face Care; Bust Development; Reducing in Spots; Superfluous Hair; Eye Beauty; Your Hair; Hand Beauty; Feet Care; Underweight. Ask about your personal beauty problems at the same time. All letters are confidential.

Please mention this paper, and address your letters to: Barbara Lynn, Room 421, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto, Ontario.

Gentlemen May Prefer Redheads

Is is Forecast That Blondes and Brunettes Are Likely to "Cultivate" That Auburn Glint in Their Own Locks

Latest hair news says that gentlemen will prefer red-heads in future! Instead of bleaches working overtime to creat synthetic platinum blondes, henna is being used to give a red glint. Both blondes and brunettes wan. an auburn touch. A henna rinse gives a bronze sheen to dark locks and a lovely Titian gleam to fair ones.

The Mode in Hairdos

A topknot of curls is essentially youthful, yet it is as suitable for middle-age as for girls. A few silvery-white curls clustered on top of the head are lovely on an older woman.

Fringes are back — not heavy ones, but a light curly froth on the forehead. Ears are bare in nearly every new dressing hence the revival of pretty ear-rings.

Dressings for daytime are simple and manageable. For evening frivolity you can pin on a bunch of curls—in fact, false hair is rapidly returning to favor. These curls are matched exactly and sometimes mounted on a tiny piece of net.

Flew 5,000 Turkeys For Xmas in Arctic

Shipped Complete With Cranberry Sauce, By Plane From Edmonton to Gold Fields

Five thousand fat turkeys, cleaned and plucked and complete with "all the trimmings" including the cranberry sauce, were flown from Edmonton the third week in December. They constituted Christmas dinners for pioneer residents of Canada's northwestern hinterland.

It's an all-time record turkey total for the northland, and a gain of about 1,000 over last year, according to veteran aviation officials here. More than half the increase is attributed to development recorded within the past year of Yellowknife, sprawling gold-mine town, 700 miles north of Edmonton, and less than 300 miles south of the Arctic circle.

Right down to the smallest detail, residents of booming Yellowknife this year were able to have Christmas feasts as elaborate and plentiful as any rich family in Edmonton or Toronto — but they'll pay plenty for it. For example, it costs $8.55 to buy a 15-pound turkey in Edmonton, get it plucked and dressed and equipped with the usual "extras" and delivered in Yellowknife by air express.

Major Watler Hale, superintendent of the Edmonton postal district said it costs $17 for express charges alone on a 12-pound turkey that is flown from Edmonton to Aklavik, 1,500 miles to the north on the Arctic rim. But that doesn't prevent Aklavik residents from ordering turkeys by the dozen.

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Portrait of Queen Mother to be Exhibited

The personal property of the King, this painting of Dowager Queen Mary, by Simon Elwes, famed British Court painter, has been loaned for its first public showing in an exhibition of Elwes' paintings n New York.

Hitler Annoys Makers of Maps

No Sooner Do They Finish One Atlas Than It's Outdated

These are troublous times for map manufacturers. Hitler's "incorporation" of Austria meant redrafting the face of Germany at considerable expense. Atlases were put out of date immediately.

Now the British map firms have been badly hit by Hitler's Czecho-Slovakian adventure. Europe's new face will mean further intricate alterations costing many thousands of dollars.

To Draw New Boundaries

In some cases it will be possible to overprint the new Germany on old maps. In others the maps will have to be scrapped altogether and others drawn showing the new boundary.

A greater difficulty will be the names of the towns, some of which were German before Czecho-Slovakia was founded in 1918. After the war they had to be changed to Slav names, and now they will have to be changed back to German.

The Polish acquisition of Czech territory will also mean the redrafting of Poland's boundary and the changing of Slav names to Polish.

Fabrics Of 1900 For New Styles

Colors, Textures, Patterns of New Materials Are Victorian Or Edwardian

Not only are many forthcoming fashions to be based on ideas adapted from the early 1900's, but so are the colors, textures and patterns of silk materials.

Victorian and Edwardian mauves, pale blues, and rose shades are significant colors.

Stripes, plaids, and small weave patterns have been adapted from the French fabrics that were synonymous with the styles of the early 1900's.

Crisp, rather formal-looking materials are also coming swiftly into fashion, such as taffetas, moire, surahs of many different kinds, stiff duchesse satins, bengalines, and ottoman, all of these in more pliable modern versions than their Victorian prototypes.

The trend toward laces and ribbons is also strengthened.

Even a number of modern soft materials are harking back to the thin finely crinkled crepon the sort first used after crepes were taken up as dress material during Edward VII's reign.

Silence of Hemlocks

No quiet on earth is like the hush
That these groves of shaggy hemlocks share,
Here beneath a veiled thin silver sun
With a scent of snowfall in the air.

Each bough is poised expectantly
As if listening to a far-off call;
Each lacy needle waits in utter stillness
For the first white flakes to fall.

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.

Don't let love and romance pass you by. Help build up your pep and you, too, should have gay friends.

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