"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 life-long friend of Slim Loyale.

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

CHAPTER XIX

"I say yes," exploded Tisdale. "I got money in my poke an' the boys down in Jericho Valley have authorized me to act for the whole crowd. Let's go an' see the young lady right away."

That night, behind locked door and shuttered windows, three men met in heated argument in George Arthur's office. Arthur himself was again nervously pacing back and forth, while Sarg Brockwell and Jigger Starbuck occupied chairs.

"I tell you," snapped Arthur. "we've got to act quick, without a minute of delay. If we don't, we lose everything. Those herds are nearly to the north end of Jericho Valley right now. Tisdale, the Big Bend representative, raved like a wild man when I told him it would cost him and the others a dollar a head to cross the range, but they'll pay in the end. They'll have to, and they know it.

"But now Loyale is going to loan Miss Hall money enough to pay me. We've got to stop that move somehow, and there is only one way to do it. I've told you how. We'd be better off if we had the Circle L too, but we simply gotta get the Dot H to get any money outa this deal."

People Are On Edge

"It's a pretty stiff deal yo're handin' me an' my gang, Arthur," growled Brockwell, his big teeth showing in a snarl of anger. "Robbin' a bank is apt to start somethin' we cain't stop. Folks in this neck of the woods are beginnin' to get kinda on edge."

"Why shouldn't they?" broke in Starbuck. "Yuh've messed things up from the first, Sarg. Yuh won't leave that Vasco stage alone. Yo're so danged greedy yuh cain't see the end of yore own nose, if a dollar is in the way.

"I'm about ready to chuck the whole thing an' pull my freight. Time was when I was a square-shooter. Yuh jaspers dangled a lot of promises an' false bait in front of me, an' I turned coyote. I'm sick of the whole deal."

"This is no time to quarrel among ourselves or quit," snapped Arthur. "We can still win out—big. Brockwell, that bank has got to be robbed, and Loyale and Blue have got to be rubbed out. Furthermore, we've got to act tonight."

Silence fell. Every one of these three realized that they were gambling madly beyond all reason. Yet so deeply were they in the fire already, they could not stop. A wild, reckless light flamed in Starbuck's eyes.

"Gimme enough men for a posse, an' I'll go out to the Circle L an' arrest both Loyale an' Blue. If they resist an' I hope they will, we'll rock 'em off. If they don't well, I can allus swear they made a getaway attempt along the trail to town an' rock 'em off anyway. Gimme five men an' I'll make my play. Like Arthur says, it's whole hawg or none."

Whole Hog Or None

Brockwell licked his thick lips. "Keno! I'll split my crew. Jigger, yuh can take half; I'll take the rest. While yore outa town, I'll spear that bank. It'll be a good alibi for yuh anyhow."

"But we don't take all the risk. Arthur, at daybreak tomorrow mornin' yo're due at the Dot H Dot. Clamp that foreclosure on, an' make it stick. I don't care how much time of notice yuh've give that Hall woman. Take it back. Slap that foreclosure on without another day of grace. Savvy?"

"Oh, I'll do it," promised Arthur. "We've got to pyramid now—push our luck for all we've got. That's decided. Let's drink on it."

From the lower drawer of his desk, the renegade lawyer produced a whiskey bottle and three glasses. And with him drank a renegade sheriff and a renegade cattleman. Without further words, Starbuck and Brockwell went out into the night.

Arthur remained and drank and drank until he was dead-drunk. At least, the other two were fighting men, who, in the final showdown, were game to sniff smoke. But he was the rat, drinking to stifle his innate cowardice, to try and whip his shaking nerves to face the big showdown.

Watch the Money

Out at the Dot H Dot, Mona Hall was radiant. Sam Tisdale had just laid a pile of bills on the table before her. "There's five thousand dollars, Miss Hall," he said. "There'll probably be a thousand or fifteen hundred more due yuh. We'll make a good count as the herds go through the pass at the north end of Jericho. Yuh can rest happy that we'll shoot square with yuh."

"Oh, I know you will, Mr. Tisdale," she cried. "You don't know what this means. You can't guess."

Tisdale grinned. "Mebbe I can better than yuh think, miss," he zroke in. "Give all the credit to Loyale here. He figgered it out for the both of us."

As the three men were leaving, Mona caught Slim by the arm. Her eyes were starry. "You're the best, dearest friend ever, Slim," she told him.

Slim smiled and chucked her under the chin. "Me, I'm beginnin' to get tired of that word 'friend'. It's okay for some cases, but in others it's pretty darned empty soundin'. When things are squared away on this range again, we'll argue that out. Adios! It's plumb good to see yuh smilin' again an' with roses in yore eyes, Mona."

Outside, Slim paused for a moment beside the Dot H Dot bunkhouse and called Abe Fornachon. "Abe," he said, "Mona's got quite a lump of money there in the house — enough to squelch that mortgage. Kinda keep yore eye on things, will yuh? An' if Arthur shows up tomorrow to try an' foreclose, yuh be present an' see that he takes the money an' receipts the note an' turns it over to Mona."

"I'll ring his damned neck if he don't," promised Abe.

At the Circle L, a heavy argument was in progress. Steve Owens and Charley Quinn were sprawled flat on the ground behind a substantial pile of spare corral rails, their cheeks pressed to the stocks of a pair of Winchesters, the muzzles of which bore steadily upon a dark clump of riders.

"Yuh jaspers stay put!" yelped Steve. "Yuh start anythin' an we'll shore finish it."

"But I've got warrants, I tell yuh," came back Jigger Starbuck's voice. "This is the law. Put down them guns an' get some sense."

"Yore kind of law has got a busted back around this ranch, Starbuck," retorted Steve. "Best thing yuh can do is pull yore freight. Won't be no warrants served around here."

There came a mutter of argument from the posse, then Leo Brockwell's venomous tones sounded. "Aw, hell! This blab makes me sick. Let's rush 'em. We cain't stand here all night arguin'. Let's spread out an' circle that pile of rails on' show them jaspers they're draggin' a short rope."

During the renewed argument over this plan, Steve and Charley got busy immediately. Not unlike a pair of awkward land crabs, they spraddled backwards, located the corral fence with their feet and slid under it. Then, rising to a crouch, they stole along it.

"Yuh git behind the feed shed, Charley," whispered Steve. "I'll hole up around the bunk shack. If they start murderin' that pile of rails, give it to 'em."

(To be Continued next week)

Bolero-Charm for Juniors!

PATTERN 4853

By ANNE ADAMS

Wear a bolero, if you'd be known as the best-dressed in your class! That's what this fashionwise Junior recommends, and all smart "six-to-sixteeners" will agree. The older of the girls will especially adore Anne Adams' design—because they can easily make it themselves, by following through on every simple direction in the Sewing Instructor of Pattern 4853! Look, there's choice of two flattering necklines in the pretty frock. And how pleasing the "girdle" section and flared skirt are! As for the bolero, whether matching or contrasting, long or short-sleeved, it's the crowning touch. Useful with other frocks, too!

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Of Interest to Women Readers

WINTER DESSERTS

By Katharine Baker

There is no dessert problem in the summertime with fresh fruits available but it sometimes does assume the proportions of a problem during the winter. Because the main courses of winter meals are usually heavier and take more time to prepare, let the desserts be light, simple and easy to digest. For this purpose, winter fruits and a tin of coconut, tender, fresh and meaty—preferably "southern style" can be kept on hand. The following recipes will show how easy and delicious coconut desserts can be.

Coconut Tumble

3 bananas, diced
Juice of 1 orange
Juice of 1 lemon
½ can coconut, southern style
4 tablespoons sugar

Combine bananas, fruit juice, coconut, and sugar. Pile in sherbet glasses. Chill. Serves 4.

Hot Pineapple Ambrosia

3 slices canned pineapple, diced
9 halves canned apricots, diced
1 can coonut, southern style
¼ cup maple flavoured syrup
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Arrange layer of pineapple and apricot in baking dish, sprinkle with coconut, repeat until all fruit is used. Pour on syrup and lemon juice and top with last of coconut. Bake in moderate oven (350 deg. F.) 20 minutes, or until mixture is heated and delicately browned Serve hot. Serves 6.

Coconut Apricot Fluff

Add ½ cup powdered sugar to 2 cups stewed apricots, cut into quarters; fold in ½ cup cream, whipped, and ¼ can coconut, southern style. Chill. Serve in sherbet glasses and sprinkle with another ¼ can coconut. This may also be used as filling for tart shells. Serves 6.

Coconut Banana Snow

Combine 3 bananas, cut in small pieces, ½ cup powdered sugar, and 2 teaspoons lemon juice. Force through sieve and chill. Fold the chilled fruit mixture into stiffly beaten egg white; then fold in ½ cup cream, whipped and ½ can coconut, southern style. Serves 6.

Snowy Fruit Mounds

Allow two slices plain or sponge cake, or two flat cookies for each serving. Put slices together, covering tops with sweetened crushed berries, or pineapple; sliced apricots, peaches or bananas; or sections of oranges, free from membrane. Pour fruit juice over fruit as needed. Sprinkle southern style coconut generously over each layer. Garnish with whipped cream around base, if desired.

Beauty for YOU

The Secrets of Good Looks by Barbara Lynn.

OFFSETTING WINTER'S RAVAGES!

Winter can play havoc with our looks, and an ounce of precaution is better than suffering a red nose, blue lips and coarse, chapped hands!

Many winter worries are due to a poor circulation. If you suffer from this complaint, get down to a daily routine of exercise. After your bath, sprinkle eau-de-Cologne on your hands and rub yourself down vigorously.

Here is a special morning "bath" which will give you a good send-off for the day. Stand in a foot or so of hot water and give yourself a quick sponge-down with water as hot as you can stand it. Next, still standing in the hot water, rub yourself down with a cold sponge. It takes some courage, but is well worth it! Scrub yourself with a turkish towel, then finish off with a rough linen towel.

Hands are a sore point in cold weather. Wash them in lukewarm water; never hot nor cold. If your hands roughen easily, add a few drops of glycerine to the water. To avoid chapping, rub vaseline over them before going out, and if they are already chapped, instead of washing the hands with soap, use a paste of fine oatmeal and vaseline.

Now for your nose! When you have a spare moment, pinch your nose from tip to bridge, then start over again. If you nose still gets pinkish, bathe it now and then with a five-per-cent. solution of alum and water.

To keep the lips from chapping, use a lypsyl salve under your lipstick, and, at night, smooth in some tissue cream.

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Modern Mother Termed Tyrant

Democracy Should Begin At Home, Noted Psychologist Warns

Those famous last words of the household—"mother knows best"—make mother an autocrat and also threaten democracy in the home, in the opinion of David Seabury, psychologist.

And lack of democracy in the home, added Seabury, "is a main cause of insanity," in the United States.

"We live in 1939, mechanically, but socially, morally and ethically, we live in the year 939. What can keep a man sane?

"We must realize the true spirit of democracy and teach it in the home if we are to escape complete insanity."

Oldest Living Thing

A giant palm, believed to be 15,000 years old, has just been replanted at Tomborine Mountain, near Brisbane, Queensland.

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Canadian Diplomat Promoted

Appointed as new secretary to the Canadian High Commissioner's office in London to succeed Lt.-Col. George P. Vanier, now Canadian minister to France, L. B. Pearson is seen at his desk after taking over his new duties. Mr. Pearson will have the rank of counsellor.

Fourteen Tips For Shoppers

Ask Yourself These Questions When You Are Considering The Purchase of Anything From Handkerchief to Fur Coat

1. Can I live without it?
2. Had I planned to buy something like this?
3. Am I buying it at the right time?
4. Will it serve for more than one season?
5. Have I enough things of this kind?
6. Can I give it a dual or multiple personality?
7. Does it fit into my season's color scheme?
8. Is it an obvious imitation?
9. If an accessory, will it raise the tone of my costume?
10. Does it go well with other things in my wardrobe by actual test?
11. Is the price within my budget?
12. Is it a "high" style riding for a fall?
13. Is it too colorful to be worn often?
14. Is it a fashion "Ford" — or likely to become one?

South Africa is making a playground and bird sanctuary of Deneys Lake, 55 miles from Johannesburg, the largest artificial body of water in the world with the exception of the lake created by Boulder Dam.

Lady Bessborough Fashion Leader

In Old London the Former Chatelaine of Rideau Hall, Ottawa. Is Winning Acclaim for Her Taste in Clothes

The Countess of Besborough is the smartest woman in London — royalty excepted — according to Norman Hartnell, the Queen's dressmaker.

Recently awarded the Golden Palms by the President of France for "his artistic achievement." In other words the much-photographed gowns the Queen wore during her Paris visit. Norman Hartnell is the most quoted authority on style in England.

Famous For Her Hats

Lady Bessborough, who leads the list is already known in Canada for her lovely clothes. In London she is more famous for her hats. They are never extreme enough to be startling but always ahead of the current mode and have a dash that makes other women who see them immediately want to own them. Lady Bessborough was in Canada as wife of the governor-general from 1931 to 1935.

Lady Beatty, second on the roll, has a marvellous complexion and a "just out of the bandbox" look. She is at her best in riding clothes.

The Duchess of Leeds — third — is in her 50s and spends much of her time in Italy. She is particularly fond of black.

The Duchess of Buccleuch — sister-in-law of the Duchess of Gloucester — comes fourth and is very much photographed in tweeds.

Gertrude Lawrence — fifth on the list — is renowned for lovely evening dresses.

Mrs. Lambeth Walk

Claiming that his wife walked out of their home two years ago, and that he has not seen or heard from her since, Mr. E. E. Lambeth of Amarillo, Texas, is suing for divorce.

MEN LOVE GIRLS WITH PEP

If you are peppy and full of fun, men will invite you to dances and parties.

BUT, if you are cross, lifeless and tired, men won't be interested. Men don't like "quiet" girls. When they go to parties they want girls along who are full of pep.

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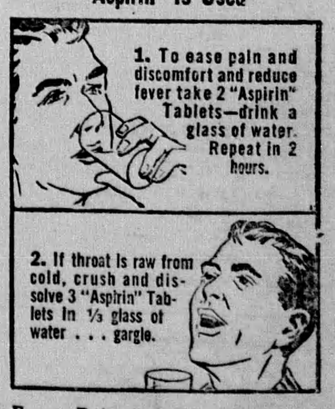

Eases Pain and Discomfort and Sore Throat Accompanying Colds Almost Instantly

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