



WHISPERING SAGE

CHAPTER I
BODINE BUYS A RANCH.

The scorching rays of the noonday sun beat down upon the Nevada desert. Across the waste two tiny specks moved. Save for them all life seemed dead. Two horses and men were gray with dust. The men's throats were bricky and yet the taller of the two hummed a song. Ahead of them green trees beckoned.

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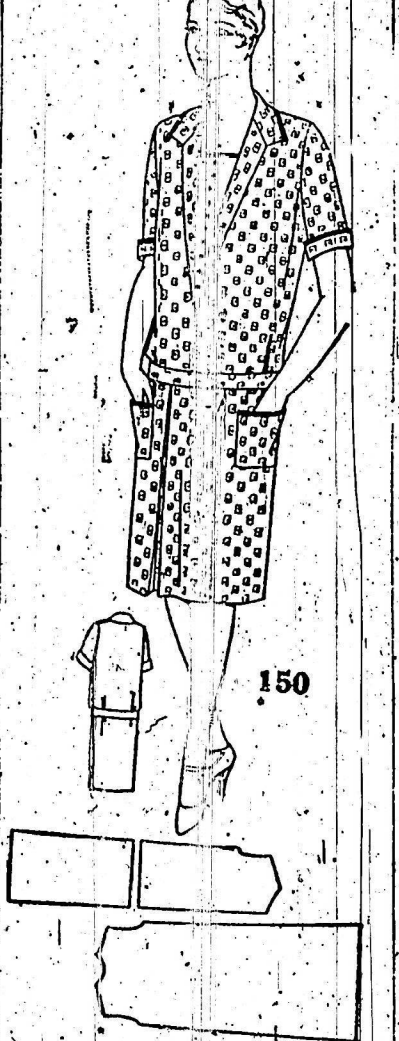
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From your nest at the Bull's...
Head, those riches down here must...
be ok pretty sweet. What a place this...
valley would be to fatten cattle in...
And to think that you could have had...
it for a song!

He stood it as long as he could...
and then, instead of bawling Bodine...
he rode to the Rancho Buena Vista...
to see the Senor Araschada. Jose was...
the most powerful of the Basque...
kings.

"The quiet, half-darkened house...
was a relief to Acklin after the noise and...
glare of the Bull's Head. Jose led...
him to the patio, where cool zephyrs...
seemed eternally playing. The old...
man clapped his hands, and the...
wrinkled, lenthery Mariano, his m...
or house-boy, came on the run. Jose...
sent him for refreshments.

"By the way," said Acklin's big...
blue eyes gleamed until they seem...
ed to shade gray, "have you seen...
the fellow who bought the old Web...
ster place?"

Kurdish Chief Claims \$200,000 From Britain

Asks Compensation for His Estate on the Tigris—Suit Involves King Feisal Also

With the arrival in London of Hamid Beg Baban, the surviving head of the Baban dynasty of Mesopotamia, powerful and wealthy in the days of the Crusades, the High Court of Chancery will be asked to settle a claim against the British Government for \$200,000, which also involves King Feisal of Iraq.

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Just before the British troops occupied the region in 1916 he had secured from Stamboul, it is alleged, a full title to the land, with a map showing its situation. This is said to have the endorsement of the local department of the British collector of taxes.

According to the brief that Hamid Beg's lawyers have lodged with the court, part of his land was occupied by military forces, his irrigation engines were commandeered or destroyed, as were his fruit trees, and his whole estate was rendered a desert by the closing of the Khirir canal which he had built.

He would be well off, he as a Kurdish Prince and the last of the Baban dynasty, would acknowledge himself a vassal of King Feisal. This he declined to do on the following grounds: "All good Kurds wish for the protection of the British mandate, but they cannot admit the overlordship of an Arab ruler."

Then, finding it impossible to journey in the ancient city of Calpulis and having a great admiration for British justice, he determined to seek the latter in London. He entered his complaint at the Colonial Office, which advised him to apply to the High Court. However, the Colonial Office, he alleges, intimated to him that he would be allowed about a two-hundredth part of what he asked, on condition that he would accept the arbitration of a British judge in Iraq and would relinquish the amount of his claims were not allowed. This he declined on the ground that he had no money to present his case adequately before the designated judge. A supplement to his brief says that since his departure from Bagdad some of his lands have been sold by an irregular civil court established by King Feisal and that this latter was the purchaser.

"How are you getting on with your husband dear?" "Oh, splendidly. I never find him at home, and he never finds me out."

Storing Apples for Christmas

Good eating apples are always particularly welcome at Christmas time, and the passer-by of even one or two trees of late-blooming varieties would be wise to strip the fruit until December or January, when prices are well on the upgrade.

A cellar, when available, may be utilized most successfully as a fruit room, the temperature being low and the atmosphere not too dry. The apples may be stored two or three layers deep on straw on the floor, except the choice varieties, which should be arranged in single rows. They should be looked over occasionally, and particularly in this necessary for the first few weeks so that the bruised and bad fruit may be thrown out. In frosty weather a covering of straw is advisable.

It is not always realized that apples may be successfully "clamped" like potatoes, in the open ground, which often proves a solution of the storage problem.

The apples should be bedded upon straw well covered with it, and left there for about three weeks before "sweating" is over. All bruised and bad specimens can then be removed, and the sound ones recovered in straw, six inches of soil being added, and a few wisps of straw left at intervals along the top of the mound for ventilation.

Apples will remain in good condition for months when stored in this manner.

When only a small quantity of choice keeping varieties of apples is grown, each one may be wrapped in paper and stored in a cool place. Only perfectly sound, unbruised and unpecked specimens, however, should be chosen for this method of storage.

Imperial Preference

Quebec Eyewitness (Conts.): Sir Austen Chamberlain represents better than anyone else the closed union of the countries of the Empire by the strongest ties of commerce. When the day dawns in England which is going to see the principle of preference given to British products from all the four corners of the globe, the name of Chamberlain will be honored as a pioneer.

Silver Foxes

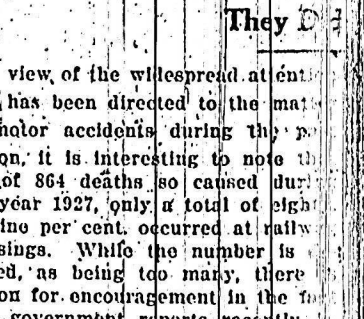
Sherbrooke, Tribune (N.B.): The development of silver fox farming is somewhat obscurely known, but the lack of knowledge of the treatment which silver foxes demand in captivity. Until this is known, rearing the foxes will raise difficulties which do not exist in the case of any other animals.

Graftitude

That possession which we gain by the sword is not lasting; gratitude for benefit is eternal. —Quintus Curtius Rufus.

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They Look

In view of the widespread attention that has been directed to the matter of motor accidents during the past season, it is interesting to note that out of 864 deaths so caused during the year 1927, only a total of eight or nine per cent. occurred at highway crossings. While the number is small, as being too many, there is reason for encouragement in the fact that government reports recently issued note a marked tendency toward a decrease in this percentage of crossing fatalities.

The year's total of 864 motor accidents compares with 606 during 1926, the increase largely reflecting the tremendous increase in the number of motor cars travelling on Canadian roads. Despite this fact, the percentage of fatalities for the two years were exactly the same number, eighty. Thus, while the percentage of such fatalities in 1927 was nearly 18.2, or nearly three times as high as in 1926, it was over thirteen per cent. in 1926.

It is interesting to note that total death toll in Canada during 1927 was 2,100, or 11 per cent. of the population. In the United States during 1926, the latest year which figures are available, the total was 18.2, or nearly three times as high. This fact and also the striking percentage of crossing accidents in Canada may be set down to various safety campaigns that have been carried on, and to the fact that the public in general has been educated by the publicity in which latter days they have been greatly aided by the public-spirited attitude of press towards the matter.

The report of the Board of Inquiry into the cause of the fatal accident which occurred at the crossing of the railway tracks at the city of Montreal, Quebec, on the morning of the 1st of January, 1927, is a most interesting one. It is to be noted, however, that in the case of such accidents occurring outside the city limits, the injured are usually taken to city hospitals and usually die.

Finds Tigress Under His Table

Forest Officer in India Relates an Exciting Experience

An extraordinary incident occurred in the Nalgonda (Kurnool) district of Madras, India, in the current issue of the Indian Forest Ranger.

While on a tour in the jungles of the Nalgonda district, Mr. Wimbush, Conservator of Forests, accompanied by other forest officers, was staying in a forest rest house.

One evening after sundown, while some of the party were enjoying a bath, Mr. Wimbush was informed by a village head that a large animal had just jumped over the wall of the rest house.

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Norway Wins Fight to Get Blue Whales

500,000 Research Expedition Financed by British Goes for Naught—But Sad Part is Extinction of Sea Monsters

London.—Norway has triumphantly won the fight for the 500,000 research expedition financed by the British Government to hunt for blue whales in the North Atlantic. The expedition was a failure, but the public knows and cares for little about the business. It is the fact that the blue whale, the largest animal on earth, is being exterminated, that is the sad part of the story.

More disconcerting to those who are interested in the extermination of the great whale which America, which is filled in small numbers, but the Norwegians are now killing thousands. Whales for which were once issued for small British whalers on the shores of the Falkland Islands, but the Norwegians have licenses unnecessary by their whaling stations, which are being unregulated. The great Antarctic whale, which grows to 100 feet in length, multiplies slowly, but there is grave danger that the species will some day become extinct.

They would acquire the whaling stations with abundance from the Colonial Office here, and would then press for international regulations to govern the whaling industry. Only in this way, it is argued, will it be possible for British whalers to reap the benefits of extensive whaling in the North Atlantic and the English more to for in the industry of importance in the Arctic.

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Famous Atlantic Liner to Make Her Pacific Debut



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During the World War the "Empress of France" was chosen because of her speed to be flagship of the 10th Auxiliary Cruiser Squadron of the British Navy. Under the command of Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair she transported nearly 10,000 vessels plugging between Canada and Europe and prevented tons of contraband materials from falling into the hands of the enemy. Early this year the "Empress" made a cruise from New York to South America and Africa, touching

Holder for Draining Vegetables



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Advertisement for 'HEINZ' products, including 'HEINZ BABY SOAP' and 'HEINZ VEGETABLES'. The ad features illustrations of a baby and a vegetable holder, and text describing the benefits of the products.