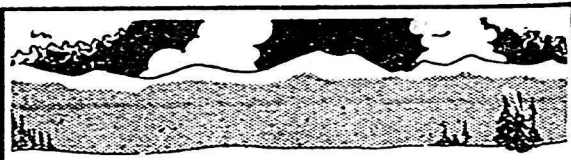


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Valley of Revenge

BY JACKSON COLE

Synopsis: Valdez finds Garvin and is obliged to shoot him. Garvin's men surround him and are about to shoot him.

CHAPTER VII

Then suddenly, miraculously from the street in this part of town rifle shots broke out with deafening roars. The steady hail, so totally unexpected, broke the ranks of the hired gunmen, scattering them like scudding leaves driven by an angry wind.

Their horses wheeled and pawed, many of them rearing and whinnying as rifle shots stung them, and riders fought to control them. For an instant the pursuers of El Caballero Rojo hung there, bewildered, as the concerted fire from both sides of the street raked horses and riders.

More surprised even than the victims of the sudden onslaught was El Caballero Rojo himself as, from the shelter of the darkened alley where he had sought temporary cover, he watched the carnage. He could not understand it, could give no possible guess as to the meaning of his deliverance.

He had not moved when finally, in a wild dash, most of the gunmen—those who had not already fallen—managed to break through the cross-fire of rifles whose yellow daggers of flame stabbed through the night. And then they were gone, routed completely, even while the echoes of the shots that had sent scurrying still rolled down the darkened street.

The firing ceased at that moment, as suddenly as it had begun. There was no sign of life from the windows of any hotel on either side of the street. It was abruptly as quiet as though the Mexican village had not been aroused at all.

The strange and timely assistance from these people puzzled Michael Valdez. Why had they done it? For him? That must have been the reason, but why? No one knew he was here; no one knew the mission that had brought him.

He had started to move cautiously



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Modern Etiquette

By Roberts Lee

Q. When a man and a woman are standing in a crowded street or bus and another man offers her seat to the woman, should her escort also extend his thanks?

A. Yes, both the woman and the man thank the person who offers the seat, and the man lifts his hat to him.

Q. Does a bridegroom ever ask men other than his best man and ushers to his bachelor dinner?

A. Yes, if he wants to. He is privileged to ask any friends he chooses.

Q. Should the whole hand be dipped into the water when using a finger bowl?

A. No; dip only the fingertips, and one hand at a time. Then dry the fingers with the napkin, on the lap.

Q. What are some of the most important duties of the hostess?

A. She must always greet her guests, introduce those who are not acquainted with each other, and see that they are comfortable and enjoying themselves.

Q. When the dessert is served at the table, should it be done by the host or hostess?

A. The hostess usually serves the dessert, though the host may do so, leaving the hostess free to pour the coffee.

Q. When a person is introduced to another person for the second time, is it necessary to recall the previous introduction?

A. It isn't necessary, although optional.

to us all who once have come from Mexico."

Michael Valdez nodded. "I thank you, and all your people, Juanita," he said with grave courtesy. "I am deeply grateful. And I want you to tell all your people who have lost their land that it will be returned to them as soon as it can be arranged. Tell any others who may be in danger of losing their land and homes through mortgages that they needn't worry any more. They won't be bothered about such things again. . . . But I've got to be going now. Buenas noches, Juanita."

Before she could speak again Valdez lifted El Cielo's reins and pointed him toward the crescent moon, which had moved from behind the clouds. And he rode swiftly. For he knew that, even among these people in whom Juanita de Cuevas had such confidence, there could easily be some who might be attracted by the fabulous rewards on the head of El Caballero Rojo.

So it behooved him to ride fast and warily. He had gone perhaps ten miles from Luna Roja, angling up into the mountains, intending to leave Paisano Valley, now that his main purpose here was accomplished before he eased up his speed to any extent. A careless song was on his lips, sung just below his breath, for the Irish in Michael Valdez had come to the top, now that the serious business of the night was successfully accomplished.

The low-pitched Irish ballad that he had learned from his mother was an accompaniment to pleasant thoughts. He was deciding on how best he could hand out the money he had taken from Raymond Garvin and return it to its rightful owners.

He felt a peculiar twitching in El Cielo's muscles first, and then he suddenly became conscious of being followed.

He turned around a big boulder on the trail and swept a quick glance backward. His instinct—or El Cielo's—had been right. There was a horseman on the trail, some distance back.

Pushing his horse into cover, and with his gun out and ready, he circled around to a spot where he would meet the rider face to face when he rode out of the trees. He was pushing through the trees to the side of the trail when suddenly he saw the rider. Though "rider" was not the word. The shadowy rider who had been following was now afoot, and the horse was lying on the ground. Valdez rode into the trail to confront his follower, gun up, ready.

(To Be Continued)

STUFF AND THINGS



"Just what, Sir, made you think I was stealing a bowling ball?"



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"UNHAPPY BRIDE-TO-BE."

LIVE ALONE
I think you know without my saying. Your marriage belongs to you and your husband. Inviting your mother to live with you, even if she admired him unreservedly, is tempting fate.

As for her, she will be far happier in a position she enjoys, living her own life as she pleases. There is nothing like independence for a middle-aged woman. Coming and going as she will, making new friends through her work, busying herself with her church and clubs, she will know a second coming-of-age. For a little while she will miss you sorely, but when she sees how happy you are in a place of your own she will accept it, and rejoice in your good fortune.

No roof can cover two families without the constant risk of friction. When your mother comes to dinner, she will come as a guest. She will grow to like your husband more as she realizes how well he takes care of you, and their relationship will become pleasant and, I predict, mutually agreeable.

You have taken care of her well.



Cup Collector—Having won more beauty contests than any other girl in southern California this year, Jean Brown—Miss Hollywood, 1947—poses with some of her trophies. Figures on the prize-winning figure are: Age 21; height, 5 feet, 3 inches; bust, 34 inches; hips, 34 inches; and waist, 22 inches.

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Sunday School Lesson

Worthy Objectives for Life

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 17; 2:1, 11, 24, 12:1-8, 13-14.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Fear God, and keep his commandments.

—Ecclesiastes 12:13. "Objectives" is a big word. "Plans" or "goals" might be better. But the real theme is, how can one get the most out of life?

It is the question that has agitated the minds of those who have had minds to be agitated as far back as man became a thinking being. Some haven't given much thought to it.

But among those who have given some thought to it, and to whom some choice has been possible in determining what sort of lives they would live, or how they would get the most out of life, there have been varying choices and goals. To many the chief aim has been to get as much pleasure and happiness out of life as possible.

Other goals of life have been the acquiring of wealth and possessions, often without much regard for their essential value and use; the acquisition of power, with the mastery and sway over great empires, with ruthless tyranny.

The Hebrew prophets and poets had much to say concerning these various quests, and the greatest value in life. If the writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes seems to be an incurable pessimist, declaring that all is vanity, it should be remembered that he is exploring the futility of what he deems false and unsatisfying quests,

but is setting over against them what he states as man's proper goal.

His "conclusion of the whole matter is: 'Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.'"

What does that mean? God, to these Hebrews, was the creator and upholder of the universe. To His laws governing the earth and the heavenly bodies they found a parallel in the moral law governing man's character and his relationship to his fellowmen. Hence the conception of righteousness and uprightness became dominant in all thought of the highest and best in life.

To keep the commandments was, therefore, the means and goal of the true life. In characters that need reforming, and a world that needs rebuilding, it may well be asked, is there any other way?

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Saturday's Fatalities Statistics show that there are more motor accidents on Saturday than on Sunday, says Canadian Business. It does seem reasonable that after the accidents on Saturday, there are less people remaining to have accidents on Sunday.