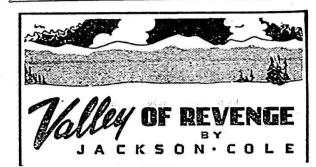
So handy



CHAPTER VII

Then suddenly, miraculously from the Mexican hovels on both sides of 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 gun-men, scattering them like scudding I-aves 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 Cabalero 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 fallenmanaged to break through the crossfire of ritles whose yellow daggers of stabled through the night. And then they were gone, routed completely, even while the echoes of the shots that had sent them scurrying still rolled down the darkened

The firing ceased at that moment, as suddenly as it had began There was no sign of life from the windows of any hovel 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 rea-son, but why? No one knew he was here; no one knew the mission that

He had started to move cautiously



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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee .

O. When a ma mand a woman are standing in a crowded stretcar or bus and another man offers his 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

Q. Should the whole hand be dioped 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 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 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

to us all who once have come from Mejico."
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 sl.e corld 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 re-wards on the head of El Cabellero Rojo.

With a madman's laugh of tri-umph he whipped out another gun and fired.

from the alley, hoping he could find someone who would explain matters

for him when he saw a moving

shadow coming toward him from the

other end of the alley. He started toward the shadow, half expecting

to see some friend who he had not

guessed was hereabouts, though who that could possibly be he could not

imagine. He rode on. But the sight that

reached his sharp eyes when the ad-vancing figure moved out of the shadows was the last he would ever

have thought to see.

It was a friend, a loyal friend. It

For the first moment of recognizing

the girl he had left miles away that

morning. Valdez could not speak. There seemed to be nothing he could say. This girl here! What was she

"You followed me," he said sud-

He could see her smile up at him

"Of course, Senor Caballero Rojo."

she said softly, "and I am glad I have

come. I wanted to do something to Senor Raymond Garvin for what he

madre -and to me. But now that I

am here I have seen that you can do all these things of which I hear.

Tonight, though, I knew that they

would be too many for you. I knew

that you must have help, even though

fame has travelled far amone my

ment looked away from him, "Some

of the stories we hear we-my peo-ple-cannot believe. Some we do not

"There are always stories going around about me, wherever I go," Valdez told her somberly. "I pay no

"I know," she said, her voice

growing softer. "Some say you are a bad man, but how can you be? To-

day when I saw you so gentle, so full

of kindness and sympathy, I say to myself, 'This is a good man. He can

be no other."
"When I get to this town tonight,

and outside of it I find a dead guard,

I am fearful for you. I have hurry

away then and gone to my friends here in the town-I have many of

them who have been brought here from the border country on vain

promises-and have told them El Caballero Rojo is here to collect for

them from Senor Garvin, to see that

up this so good reception for the

outlaws that have become a plague

"So our Mexican men have fix

their land is returned to them

people." She hesitated and for a

want to believe, because-

attention to them."

you are El Cabellero Rojo and your

was Juanita de Cuevas.

in the half light.

denly.

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 carcless 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 pleas-ant 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 ben right. There was a horseman on the

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 suddealy 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 out into the trail to confront his follower, gun up.

(To Be Continued)

STUFF AND THINGS



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



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ANNE HIRST Your Family Counselor On her own, with the sum your hus-

band offers added to her income, her life will become richer and fuller. It is probable that she has given up

many personal things she once enjoyed because you have been living with her. With you gone, she will have the chance to indulge her

whims as she likes, plan her own life, and have the assurance that you

are enjoying every woman's birth-right-a good husband and a home

TO D.F.": I can only suggest that

you see your lawyer as soon as you can and find out what can be

* done to make your wife live up * to her promises. It is wrong that

* you be deprived of your children's

visits after she agreed to them.

One more idea: Try to get along

better with her family, for it will be a great thing to have them on

your side when all this comes up

for discussion. I cannot tell you

how, since you feel they are so un-

reasonable: yet there must be a way to appeal to their sense of

justice. If you ever hope to win her back, you will need their moral

support.
Your wife must have quite 2

time trying to raise the children on the amount you say you send her.

* If you mean that your family come

first with you, I should think you

would manage to increase this

support. Perhaps that is the big

reason behind her stubborn re-

fusals. If she finds you more generous, her heart may be

See her again, and talk things

over. Tell her you have never stopped loving her, and remind

* her that all these arguments would *vanish if you two would try once

* more to make your home together. * The children need a father too, as

much as you need them. This add-

ed appeal may sway her decision.

TWO IN LOVE DEAR ANNE HIRST: I need

your help badly. .I'm 25, and in love

with a woman I've known since we

were children. She is divorcing her

husband (he has always been a

drinker and a poor provider). She has two fine boys. We aren't seeing

each other, but I know she loves me

too. She is 27.
"I've been divorced since my wife

left me while I was in the Army. I have a four-year-old girl. I own a

home, and believe I could give this

woman what she has never known.

I know what I want, but I have read

your column for some time and sin-

WHY shouldn't you two nice people

* make a fine marriage? You have
* both had shocking experiences in
* your first trial, and should appre* ciate a marriage governed by

You are exercising good judg-

ment in not seeing her until she is * free. Anything which reflects up-

* her divorce. I realize what re-

straint this imposes on you both,

* and I sainte you.

* If you are thinking of the slight

* difference in your ages, forget it. * You have known this woman for

years, and are convinced you can

* be compatible. So go ahead with

* your plans, and give these three

* children the good home they

DON'T start your marriage living * with any in-law if you can avoid it. * You can avod it. You need to live

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Saturday's Fatalities

more motor accidents on Satur-day than on Sunday, says Can-

on Saturday, there are less people

remaining to have accidents on

adian Business. It does reasonable that after the accidents

Statistics show that there are

* children * should have.

* St. West. Toronto.

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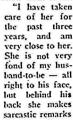
cerely believe you can help me. 'SMOKY".

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of her own. Cheer up!

Mother Should Live Her Own Life

"DEAR ANNE HIRST: What is * my obligation toward my mother? * I expect to be married in three months, but I am so worried and * unhappy I don't know what to do.
"I have taken



which hurt me. But here is my problem!
"My fiance refuses to let her live * with us. He senses her attitude, * and says it won't work out. Also * his job pays little, and he feels he will have all he can do to support me. My mother can get a position if she has to, but I hate to * see her lonely and perhaps un-* happy. Yet I know in my heart she will make our married life unhappy with her unkind criticisms.
My fiance is willing to contribute a small amount to her each week,

* but puts his foot down on her "I love him dearly. This bicker-* ing is getting on my nerves. Please * tell me what is the right thing to

* do. "UNHAPPY BRIDE-TO-BE." LIVE ALONE

Ithink you know without my say-ing. Your marriage belongs to you and your husband. Inviting your mother to live with you, even if she admired him unreservedly, is tempt-

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

fortunc. No roof can cover two families without the constant risk of friction. When your mother comes to daner. 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 agrecable.

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 tyramy.

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 Feelesiastes 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 wha

His "conclusion of the whole mat-ter 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 be-came 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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