

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1921

A VACATION PRAYER

Our Indian huts are held under;
O Master of us all!
Take that thy children to the wide,
Hived in rooms of the fields and
tide.

Where summer voices call;

Let thy dear hills and forest be
Our teachers for to-day.
Until we learn to trust in thee,
Shall train our hearts to trust in thee.

The hills that look to those for rest,
The trees that strike their root,
Deeper for every storm and strain,
Thinner, yet more stately, gain
Their crown of flower and fruit.

The tides that float us by the will,
In rhythmic ebb and flow,
The waves that yet thy word fulfil,
Ad what in vain had them, "Peace, he
still."

He many years ago,
They myriad hosts of living things
In sea, and field, and air;
They drift and drift, still whirr,
Glad to find such mounting beings,
Untouched by sin or care.

Look, let them teach us in thy book,
Till we learn from tree and bush,
From heart-beat creed, and sheltered
By power to heal and bless.
—Mark Earle.

The Proving of
Red Feather

By Dan Warrington

EN ARIZONA sheep man expects to lose a few lambs in the course of the season, and does not think much about it. But the Ardley Ranch was not of the ordinary wool-and-mutton kind. Reassuring that a good sheep is no more than a scrub and was worth ten times what a lamb was, the owner of the ranch, who was raising nothing but pure-bred Shropshires. Every lamb was in thing of price, so when they began to disappear from the grazing ground one by one, the owner went out to all hands to find the reason why and report at once.

Most of the herders thought the lambs were killed by wolves, either coyotes or foxes, but Red Feather, that slipped down from the mountain, but Roger Ardley shook his head.

"If the wolves did the damage 'we'd be barking-and-wolf-blowing' around here," he said. "The herders and the guards carried them off, but they don't kill; they wait for things to die. And they're the only birds around here big enough to carry on a live lamb."

"I saw three dead lambs this morning," said Red Feather. "Noddy, his pony, dashed up to the ranch house on his spotted pony, leaped to the ground almost before it came to a standstill, and then reared and reared until the old, half-military salute with which he always greeted the "young blood."

"I have found," he said tersely. "What?" Roger Ardley him self was not used to words.

"Noddy! There are no eagles this side of the Heartooth Range."

"I have found," repeated Red Feather, stiffly.

Questioning brought out the fact that the young Indian, while wandering far among the foothills of the range, had seen what he called a "warrior eagle" perched on a rock. He had a hawk in his talons, and Roger Ardley revised his notions of the habitat of eagles with reference to his ranch. He knew there was only one thing to do. What eagle must be killing the lambs? He had to capture, or captured, or there would be no sale of pure-bred Shropshires that he could find a place of refuge—the Indians, he thought.

"Good work, Red Feather. I'll get a couple of the boys and we'll go after that lamb-killer with our Winchester."

"Red Feather can shoot straight," said the young Indian meaningfully, but Arley laughed and shook his head.

"You shoot pretty well," he said kindly, "but you won't be able to turn for the ranch if you do."

Red Feather said nothing more. For a moment he stood like a bronze statue, his gaze fixed thoughtfully, his fingers clasped behind his back.

"You have got to prove that you can shoot, sir! Wa-ah, them Diggers is awful plumb."

"Red Feather, let's a Digger," said Roger Ardley, watching the swiftly receding figure. "It's a Pawnee and mighty proud of it, too. Only a Pawnee can ride like that!"

"Indian is a Pawnee," he added hurriedly. "N' their room's a heap better than their company. Now, 'bout that-those eagles."

"We'll see about that," said Arley, with Noddy and Bill's Eyes. "Mac, we two best shots on the ranch, should go next day into the foot-hills of the Heartooth Range and make a sharp lookout for the most dangerous eagle."

Agree also that it would be a hard job, since the eye of the eagle is as keen for enemies as for prey, but the boy he had heard his grandfather, old and blind and well past the century mark, tell of the ordeal by which his people had made him fit to follow tribal traditions. With no weapon but his bare hands he had caught and killed a war-eagle. With this deed he had earned his name, he was no longer a boy, but a full-fledged warrior honored among his tribesmen.

"We can do," asserted the Indian youth grimly as he recalled the story of his people's young chief, "Noddy, his Mouth" (his twin name for Noddy). "Red Feather no kid, 'no can do'."

That might he snared a rabbit and shot it with his bow and arrow, a small case to carry it in. This he hung in the smoke of burning grass to destroy all animal meat, and at the same time to keep the smoke away.

The evening he started for the region of the foothills where he had seen the eagle. He carried the imprisoned rabbit, a canteen of water and a small pack of dried beans.

As he trotted along over the stony prairie he suddenly felt very small and very much alone.

Forming a circle, he retreated from the path ahead of him; strange shapes scuttled away into the gloom on either side. One coyote and then another gave a single long, shuddering howl.

Out of the darkness a hand clutched upon his trail, and followed him. It came nearer, nearer, curiously alert. Red Feather went steadily on. Presently he passed two other quavering forms, and the first one turned aside to wrangle with them. This was a good omen, and the Indian had gone on courageously.

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