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DOWN BY THE RIO GRANDE

By CURRAN RICHARD GREENLEY
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The long gray adobe walls of the hacienda lay bathed in the quiver of yellow light. Alayne traced Margaret's face for a sign of travail, but the windows came and went between the vines that draped the patio as the inevitable Sabbath afternoon dragged away and Margaret remained buried in her book. "And all about a beggerly horse thief," he murmured to himself as he sat up straight and sent the pile of magazines crashing to the floor.

There was a lack of consciousness about the back of that sharply leonine head that held itself so persistently averted, but Alayne deemed it wiser not to reopen the subject of Miguel.

Over in the corral things were a different story. Two of three men loomed in the shade of the high wall. Alayne yawned and looked at his wrist and at a faint movement of the figure in the rocker. "Margaret! The crack-back!" Someone away to the east took three shots rang out in rapid succession, a posse and then three more.

Over in the corral the bounding figures sprang to life, and an instant later three ponies were galloping in the direction of the stable. Alayne dashed into the house, rejoining with the field hands. "They've got him!" he was peering at a collection of black dots on the edge of the horizon.

"Got who?" Margaret laid her hand upon his arm.

"The mischief!" Alayne jerked the glasses down. "I forgot you were here." Under her steady gaze his color changed. "Yes, if you will have the whole story, it's not a matter to be persuaded to stay out of it, it's that soundest Miguel."

Margaret shrank away from him with a low cry of distress. The look in her eyes was straight to Alayne's heart, and his voice softened to a tender pleading as he tried to draw her to him. "Little woman, you cannot be the judge of these matters, and you cannot shoot a lower shot than I prefer. Let me think for a moment and I will tell you what to do."

"Miguel has been shot," Alayne said, and she looked at him with a face as white as paper.

"You forget that there are men's laws to be considered as well as God's, and out here on the fringe of the world the rule knows no greater error than lifting a broncho, and the lifting of many bronchos aggravates the case. It is not a question in which my wife may meddle," and Alayne strode to ward the corral, while Margaret picked up the glasses.

"The wind blown stretch of bare brown mesa told her nothing of the tragedy brewing behind the crest. She watched Alayne until her eyes were shut, a cluster of hoofs and a voice calling her name brought her to the door where a half broken equine snorted and pawed. Alayne's hand set bright eyes, Miguel's Indian wife, the brown baby swung to her back. There was a queer ashen pallor on the woman's stolid face as she slid from the pony's back, one hand clutching at the dangling thing that held the reins.

"White man get Miguel! Miguel he die!" Here she pointed to her throat and made a gasping sound. "White squaw much hurry. Miguel he no die. Sabe?"

Margaret frowned before the awful pleading in those savage eyes. "Not a question in which my wife may meddle," John had said, but there was no time to weigh scruples, and she snatched a half a dozen scattered ponies into the face of the setting sun, and the rough little equine strove to keep pace with the swinging stride of the hindmost. Far ahead a black dot moved against the sky that Margaret knew to be Alayne. A glimmer of consequence flashed across her mind, but the sweet young month only gave a little firmer as she struck the trail of many horses and knew the goal to be in sight.

On and on, sagrath and prickly pear, the yellow sand beneath and overhead the blue melting into the evening's violet crown—nature's own smile upon the scene that swept into view, where men and horses were grouped around the impassive figure wrapped in the rugged ponies that loomed by careless grace against the white scarred trunk of a large mesquite. Margaret's eyes went instinctively to the larriat knotted about the bronzo throet. It was not the first time that Miguel had felt it there, but Rusty Pete himself had told of this one.

"The voices leaked instantly, and to a man the wild songsters were lifted as Margaret slipped from the saddle and stood looking from one dark face to another. An awful sense of self engulfed her, and in another moment Miguel's case would have been lost. But the arm set of Alayne's mouth as she started toward her gave her the courage that is born of cowardice. Before he could reach her she had broken through the circle to Miguel's side, and the sun struck along the barrel of a revolver leveled straight at Rusty Pete. "Drop that rope!" she cried.

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THROAT EXERCISES.

Exits That Come From Misuse of the Vocal Organs.

The chronic sore throat is not infrequently produced by the misuse of the vocal organs. Very often that surely little member, the tongue, is accountable for the difficulty, as it is for a great many other troubles in this transitory life. Many people have a habit when talking of pushing the tongue so far back against the delicate membrane that line the throat that irritation more or less painful is caused, and if it continues any length of time ulcers will form, and so will a doctor's bill.

Control of the tongue is excellent in all cases of the throat. Physically this organ may be untraced by depressing it into a hollow at a point three-quarters of an inch back of where the tip of it comes when in a natural position in the mouth and at the same time singing very light, shrill tones. This exercise requires some patience at first, but the habit of keeping the tongue down is soon acquired. In speaking or singing it should not be allowed to loop up and fill the mouth, thus interfering with the free passage of the tones of the voice from the throat to the front of the mouth, where they should strike, and then escape clear as a bell. This hooping up of the tongue in the mouth is the cause of the indistinct and stately utterances to which we are too often obliged to listen.

In many people we notice the line from the point of the chin to the neck is in the form of a right angle. In a shapely throat this line forms a curve, just as a surveyor's line when the small yellow arrows are starting to curve. To develop the throat and make this angle a curve stand before an interior so that you may watch the throat swell out. Now thrust your tongue out as far as it will go, then draw it back quickly and forcibly, at the same time bringing it downward in the mouth as far as you can. Place your thumb and forefinger against the larynx (trachea) and push the Adam's apple; and if you are making the right movement, you will feel the larynx pass downward. For a week or two make the movements lightly. After that time put as much force into it as you can. The exercise should be practiced for a few minutes several times a day to insure rapid and good results.

To fill up the hollows of the neck stand correctly and then slowly fill the lungs with air without elevating your shoulders. As the air is forced upward into the throat hold it there a few seconds and then expire slowly. This exercise is best performed soon after rising in the morning and before retiring at night.—New York Post.

OLD TIME LEGAL METHODS.

When the Evidence of Ghosts Sufficed to Hang Men.

The testimony of a ghost would not now count for much in a court of law, but the day has been when it was sufficient to hang a man. There was a ghostly accuser in a case with which the readers of Scott are familiar. Soon after the "45" an English soldier wandering near Braunton met a violent death. Years passed and then came a story of a communication from another world.

A farm servant declared that in the night a spirit had appeared to him declaring itself to be the ghost of the soldier, whose bones, it is said, by still unburied. The Highlander must see to their decent interment and have the murderers, two men named, brought to justice. The Highlander promised, but did not keep his word, and a second and third time the spirit appeared and upbraided him for his breach of faith. Alarmed at last and no longer daring to delay, the man called a companion and went to the spot which the spirit had indicated and there found the bones of the murdered warrior concealed in a mossed tract called the hill of Christie.

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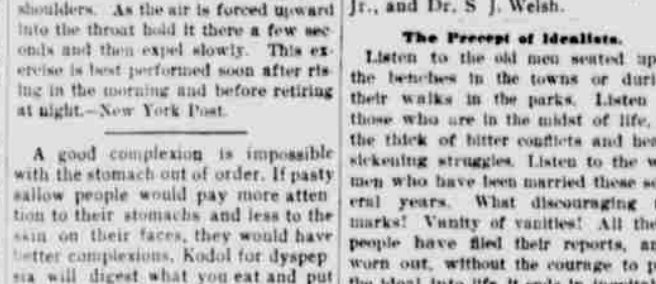
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