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ROLLO THE COWBOY.

"Ah, dat boy knows how to take care of his scalp," remarked a long legged cowboy. "I seen him in too many close scrapes."

"You are right dar," said Mike. "I seen him lick a hull house full of Greasers last summer. It was at El Paso, dey was playin' purty big stakes, and Rollo held de trumps. And arter he had wiped in all deir yaller dust, dey tried to cuse him of cheatin' and raised a rousin' fuss. Me and Sam had just left and hadn't got far afore we hearn his shooters makin' music. We thought what was up and bolted back to find he had about waded through de hull gang um. But we gin our Texian war whoop and de few what Rollo had left just, skedaddled."

"Move up boys," said Mr. Mastin. They urged their horses into a sweeping gallop and soon reached the river at the crossing. Just as they were going into the water the sharp crack of a rifle was heard from down the river which was soon followed by the reports of revolvers.

"Dar's music down de branch," said Mike.

"That may be Rollo now," said Mr. Mastin. "Let's try to get there in time to help him."

They plunged into the water, swam to the opposite shore, then turned down the river in the direction of the firing.

CHAPTER III.

When Rollo struck the water it came near knocking the life out of him, but he never loosened his hold upon Leona. He was conscious that they were being carried rapidly along by the swift current until suddenly they struck against something which he quickly grasped with one hand and found it to be an old tree that had been washed up and floated down and lodged against a large flat rock that rose several feet above the water.

By a miracle they had not been dashed against any of the sharp rocks that were numerous in that part of the river.

Rollo crawled up on it and lifted Leona, dripping and unconscious from the water and laid her softly down upon the smooth flat rock.

"She is fairer than the snow on the Rocky Mountains," he said to himself as he smoothed her hair back from out her face. "Little did I think, when I left old Carolina six years ago, that I would find anything so beautiful in the wilds of Texas."

Just then she opened her eyes and looked up.

"Where are we Rollo?" she asked.

"Don't you know?" he answered.

"Oh, yes, I know now."

"It was a mere accident that we were not killed," said Rollo. "And now I don't see any way that we can get out of here, but probably we can find some means of escape when it gets light."

"We can only wait and hope," she replied.

"But can't our enemies find us here?"

"It would be hard for them to get to us here, besides, they have no idea that we are alive. Which would you choose, Leona, to die or again be taken by Don—by the Night Hawk?"

"I would take death with you Rollo every time."

Rollo felt his heart beat faster as she said this.

He then took her hand in his and said, "Leona, I need not tell you that I love you. I have told you that before now. But if we ever get out of this place will you be true? I am but a simple cowboy, but I'll get wealth for you if I have to dig down the Rocky Mountains."

"Yes," she replied, then added

with a laugh, "but you need not go to the trouble of digging down the Rocky Mountains, we can get along without wealth."

He bent over and kissed her, and said, "Leona you don't know how jealous I was when Don Sanchez"—he stopped suddenly and listened.

"There is fighting going on up there," he said, as far above they could hear the reports of revolvers mingled with the whip like cracks of rifles.

The firing continued for awhile, then ceased. Presently there was a yell that Rollo was very favorable with.

"I know that about," he said. "It is the Texan shout of victory."

"Then we have friends up there?" said Leona.

"Yes," said Rollo.

He then stood up and shouted at the top of his voice. He repeated for several times then waited.

As no answer came he again strained his lungs to their utmost. Presently the familiar voice of Mike's came from above them.

"Anybody down dar?"

"Yes," answered Rollo, "Leona and Rollo are down here. Let down a lariat and when I jerk it pull up again."

The end of a lariat soon came down, Rollo caught it, tied Leona securely to it and gave it a jerk.

Several strong men had hold of the other end and they drew her slowly up till she was once more out of danger. The end of the lariat soon came down again and Rollo caught the noose with a firm grasp and gave it a jerk. He was quickly drawn out. And when they both were safely landed, the cowboys pulled off their sombreros, waved them above their heads and sent cheer and cheer echoing along the cliffs of the rivers.

Rollo soon told his story and then asked, "where are the Greasers?"

"Lying around out there," said Mike pointing toward some bushes a short way off. "All except a few un em who sneaken off like coyotes. When we got hear der cap'n was stannin' over der cussin' wusser'n a bishop. We knowed who dey war and sauted right into em."

"But where is their chief?" asked Rollo.

"I seen him keel over when my shooter spoke," said Diamonds.

"I want to get a look at his face," said Rollo as he with all the others followed Diamonds to the place where the chief of the cattle thieves lay.

"Just as I expected," he said, as he tore off the mask and looked into the fallen chieftain's face, "it's Don Sanchez."

And sure enough there was the handsome face of Don Sanchez, but the fire of his eye was now dimmed in death.

Rollo glanced at Leona. Their eyes met, and she whispered—

"You will not be jealous now, Rollo."

CHAPTER IV.

In this fight four of Mr. Mastin's men had been killed and he himself slightly wounded. But the chief of the cattle thieves had been slain and the gang completely broken up.

Some of the men went and drove the cattle back across the river and they were not troubled again by thieves.

Going along back to the ranch, Mr. Mastin glanced at Leona, then at Rollo, and said—

"Leona, you and Rollo love each other. I have been noticing that for some time. You need not dread to let me know it, for I give my consent."

They were both agreeably surprised, for they had believed that he would oppose their union.

One year later there was a wedding at the old ranch, and Rollo Falcon and Leona Mastin were made one.

Among the guests Mike and Diamonds were conspicuous, especially at the supper that was given for the occasion.

I. W. B.

has found a true friend in the cattlemen and herd-owners. The reason is obvious. In this great dry country and climate the streams and water-holes on the ranges are few and far between. Moisture is the cattlemen's greatest want. Now, a beaver destroys nothing but trees, and as there are few of the latter on the great treeless plains of Montana, the beaver of necessity lives on shrubs and roots, and builds his dam where he may. This just suits the cattlemen, who finds in the insignificant little quadruped, compared to his 1,000-pound steers, a most valuable ally, in providing ponds and drinking places where there were none before.—Bugle Echo.

Good in Things Evil.

It is a singular fact that there are some troubles which every one who has ever experienced them, must allow to have been almost as gratifying as they were troublesome. This is in most instances to be accounted for by our self-love, a powerful and universal, though very sly, agent. If our troubles tend to procure us any notice, especially of a sympathizing kind, we are apt to be so much flattered thereby, that would otherwise be painful, becomes in some degree pleasant. It is often remarked with surprise, how well persons suddenly afflicted with disease keep up their spirits, and how tranquil and amiable they generally become. This is evidently the result in a great measure of soothed self-love. The singularity of their case in itself procures them some distinction; its severity causes every one to treat the patient with kindness, from a wish to compensate, by all possible means, for what they deem so great a calamity; then there is an exemption from the toils and turmoils of the world. All these circumstances tend to console the afflicted till he actually enjoys his situation, and would be sorry, perhaps, to be relieved from it. His experience has taught him that, as Shakespeare says:

"There is some soul of goodness in things evil."

Would men observingly distil it out."

Why the Crow is Black.

The Indians of the extreme Northwest had some very remarkable legends about the creation, in which the crow takes the leading part, bringing order out of chaos. Perhaps the most curious was that which accounted for the raven coat of the crow. One night, while making a tour through his dominions, he stopped at the house of Can-nook, a chief, and begged for lodging and a drink of water. Can-nook offered him a bed, but, on account of the scarcity of water, refused to give him anything to drink. When all the rest were asleep the crow got up to hunt for the water but, but was heard by Can-nook's wife, who aroused her husband. He, thinking that the crow was about to escape, piled logs of gum wood upon the fire. The crow made desperate efforts to fly through the hole in the roof where the smoke escaped, but Can-nook caused the smoke to be denser and denser, and when the crow finally regained the outer air he had black plumage. It was previously white.—The American Magazine.

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