

EL DIABLO'S WHITE HAT

By William L. Roper

OLD Vince Hammerman's crafty eyes studied the thin, freckled face of the young man over the top of the roll-top desk. Pointing out of the ranch house window at the cattle in the corral, he said: "All you got to do, Jimmy, is drive 'em across the Rio Grande, and leave a few scattered along the way so the range dicks can find 'em."

Jimmy Shinn blinked his pale blue eyes and nodded. "You want the insurance?"

"If the Cattlemen's Protective Association don't get suspicious, they'll pay off. Anyway you can't lose. I'll give you two hundred in advance."

"No, Mr Hammerman," Jimmy protested, frowning. "Rustling is a serious offense and—"

"Si, Señor," Hammerman broke in, "and so is murder."

Jimmy Shinn's thin face twitched. "What murder?" he said hoarsely.

"What murder?" Hammerman mocked. "You know what I'm talking about. I suspected you was on the hoot owl trail when I hired you to cowpoke. You had that hunted look. Well, I did some checking, found out about your trouble down in Duvall County, Texas." Hammerman paused, licked his thick lips. "But, Jimmy, I don't want to have to notify the sheriff."

"I didn't murder nobody," Jimmy said. "I shot a gunslinger in self-defense."

"Yeah, in self-defense," Hammerman echoed sarcastically. "Well, Jimmy, it's up to you."

For a minute the young Texan glared defiantly at the old man. Then he slowly nodded. "You win, Hammerman. When do you want the job done?"

"Tonight," Hammerman's coarse face seemed to relax. Getting up from his chair, he crossed the room and fished a white sombrero from a wardrobe closet. He handed the hat to the cowboy.

"You've heard about El Diablo, the king of New Mexico rustlers," he said. "And how he always wears

a white hat. Well, tonight I want you to wear this sombrero, a dead ringer for his, and toss it off beside the trail about two miles from the ranch."

"So the range detectives will find it?"

"Si, Señor," Hammerman winked slyly. "It will convince the range dicks that the rustling was the real thing. Savvy?"

After the door had slammed behind Jimmy Shinn, Hammerman took a freshly printed poster from a desk drawer and read it again.

"Five thousand dollars for El Diablo, dead or alive," he said, chuckling to himself. "Well, Jimmy isn't as old as El Diablo but he'll do."

Hammerman continued to grin while he oiled his Winchester and attached a telescopic sight to the barrel. That white hat would make a good target in the moonlight.

On the following day, old Vince Hammerman rode out on the trail with the two range detectives and a posse headed by Sheriff Tim Gallo-way. It was an easy trail to follow and they had not gone far before they found a white sombrero lodged in a mesquite bush.

"A good imitation of El Diablo's if it isn't the real thing," the sheriff said, inspecting it closely. "Even got a bullet hole in the crown."

He "as starting to hand it to one of the range detectives when a folded note slid from the sweat-band.

"Stick your hands out, Vince," he said suddenly, and Hammerman seeing the lawman's gun pointing at him, meekly complied. When the handcuffs had clicked on Hammerman's wrists, Sheriff Gallo-way read the note.

"To whom it may concern: Old Vince Hammerman paid me \$200 to pull a fake rustling so he could claim insurance. He also tried to kill me, putting a hole through the top of this hat. There was only 20 cows in the corral. You'll find them scattered along the Rio Grande.—The Texas Kid"

Monthly Report NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

The following Vouchers were issued:

Poor Fund \$698.40
General Fund \$5,725.08
Debt Fund \$11,987.82

I, Evelyn H. Pate, Register of Deeds, in and for Yancey County, State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, as of January 3rd, 1955.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 12th day of January, 1955.

Evelyn H. Pate, Register of Deeds, Yancey County, N. C.

TERREL STATON PROMOTED TO T. SERGEANT

Fifth Air Force, Korea—Terrel Staton who is serving with the 6171st Air base Wing in Korea as a ground safety supervisor, was recently promoted to the rank of Technical Sergeant.

A veteran of 10 years service, Sergeant Staton served in the European theater during World War II. Among his decorations are the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Good Conduct medal with 2 clasps, ETO medal with campaign star, World War II Victory medal, American theater medal and the National Defense service medal.

Sergeant Staton is the husband of Mrs. Norma Staton of Box 58, Mountain Home, Idaho. They have a daughter, Sandra, and a son, Michael. The Sergeant's mother, Mrs. John W. Staton resides at Micaville, N. C.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

In The Superior Court
NORTH CAROLINA
YANCEY COUNTY
John Phillips

vs.
Amanda Phillips

The above named defendant, Amanda Phillips will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of North Carolina, Yancey County, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant upon the ground that plaintiff and defendant have lived separate and apart for more than two years next preceding the bringing of this action; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Yancey County, in the courthouse in Burnsville, North Carolina, within thirty days after the 12th day of February, 1955, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 10th day of Jan. 1955.
Lowe Thomas Clerk Superior Court.
Jan. 18, 20, 27, Feb. 8

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W. A. ROOR, 3140 Raymond Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois, says that grid mold is a very important piece of manufacturing equipment in a battery plant, and must be very carefully designed and built to extremely close tolerance limits since mold life is figured on ten to fifteen years and each mold produces literally millions of grids.

For more than three years he had ordered new grid molds and it had taken five months to get each of such new molds into satisfactory operation and up to expected production. Some took more time, some took less, but an average of five months was needed to break in new molds.



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Such long mold break-in periods are exceedingly costly, so he decided that on the next new mold he would try to reduce that break-in time by using a highly recommended rule. So he called in the operating foreman of the plant as well as the maintenance foreman, general foreman and plant engineer. After presenting the problem to them, he asked for their ideas. At every point during the design of the mold they were asked for their ideas. Such things as location of water lines and ejectors were considered.

In due course the mold was constructed and put in operation. Within one week it was in satisfactory operation and up to normal production. The time was cut from five months to one week!

Why is he telling us this story? Simply because it illustrates, and very vividly, the tremendous value of using an important rule. He had let the other fellows feel the ideas were theirs. This became their mold and they meant to make it work.

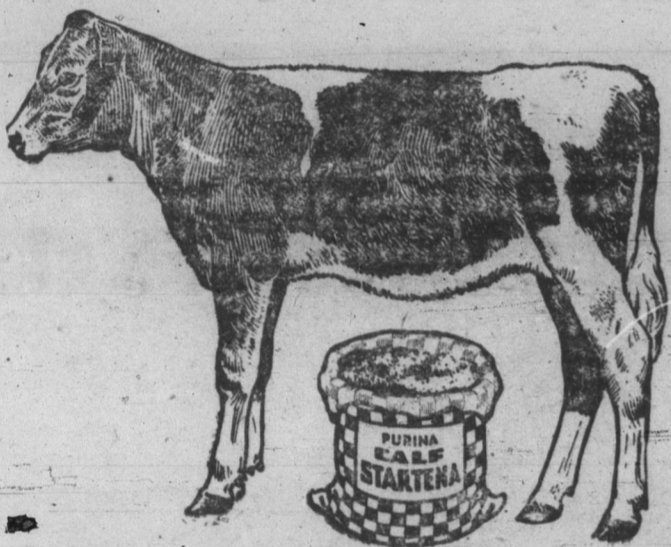
Yes, it is a personally experienced proof that if you conscientiously cultivate and practice this rule your success in winning people to your way of thinking and getting enthusiastic cooperation is just bound to be enhanced.

YOUR brain budget

1. Lutecium is (a) name of a star; (b) metallic element; (c) medicine.
2. Scaramouch means (a) soldier; (b) clown; (c) merchant.
3. The avocet is (a) a shore bird; (b) monkey; (c) wild cat.

ANSWERS

1. Rare Metallic element.
2. Clown.
3. Shore Bird.



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<h2>8</h2> <p>New 162-h.p. "Turbo-Fire V8" engine has ultra-short stroke, 8 to 1 compression ratio.</p>	<p>Sweep-Sight windshield gives safer wide-angle view.</p>	<p>Tubeless tires are standard on all models, offer more protection against blowouts.</p>	<h2>6</h2> <p>New "Blue-Flame 123" engine has six-cylinder economy, better cooling and lubrication.</p>
<p>"Outrigger" rear springs are set wider apart to resist body-rol; permits lower frame.</p>	<p>Glide-Ride front suspension with spherical joints gives softer flexing over bumps.</p>	<p>Anti-Dive braking control checks tendency of front end to nose-down during fast stops, keeps car "heads up."</p>	<h2>HOTCHKISS DRIVE</h2> <p>HOTCHKISS DRIVE lets rear springs absorb acceleration and braking thrusts and lowers the center of gravity.</p>
<p>Glass area is up to 18 per cent greater so all passengers get a broader panorama.</p>	<p>Lower center of gravity provides greater stability on curves, better road-holding.</p>	<p>New "Touch-Down" Overdrive* transmission reduces engine speed 22 per cent.</p>	<p>Powerglide* automatic transmission now offers smoother shifts, has more durability.</p>
<h2>12 VOLTS</h2> <p>12-volt electrical system gives easier winter starting, higher voltage for all speeds.</p>	<p>Swing-type brake and clutch pedals permit draft-free seating of passenger compartment.</p>	<p>Bodies are wider inside, with more room for hips, hats and shoulders, both front and rear.</p>	<h2>ALL 4</h2> <p>All 4 fenders are visible to the driver for use as guides in parking, traffic driving.</p>
<p>High-level ventilation intake at base of windshield picks up cleaner air above road fumes.</p>	<p>Over-all height is cut as much as 6 inches without any sacrifice of headroom for passengers.</p>	<h2>6</h2> <p>New "Blue-Flame 136" engine teams with Powerglide* automatic transmission.</p>	<h2>35 COLORS and COMBINATIONS</h2> <p>35 colors and combinations. A rainbow-full of 14 solid colors and 21 two-tone combinations.</p>

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