

# Fighting Ranger

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CHAPTER XXXI.  
FIGHTING THE FIRST LAP.  
The night of the first lap. Except for the street aimlessly, and the low voices of the streets of the deserted. They had found the car of Buck nor any clew to the street was flooded with a glare of automobile headlights.

"Look out!" cried Terence, and they pulled their horses to the edge of the road just in time to avoid being struck by the maddening car. In the fleeting instant that the machine was passing them Terence caught a glimpse of the two tense faces in the front seat.

"Did you see who was in it?" he cried excitedly. "It was Buck, and that Montrose woman. Come, quick, we must get a car and follow."

They spurred their horses down the street, stopped at the public garage, awakened the reluctant man in charge, and hired a machine.

"No time to lose," shouted Terence, jumping to the wheel. Mary and Bud leaped in beside him, and they sped off in the direction in which the other machine had vanished.

There was a tremendous pounding on the door of the sheriff's Pico. "We've been robbed—have been robbed!" cried a voice.

The sheriff, half-dressed, came to the door. He found Taggart in an excited rage, his face white and nerve-racked.

"They broke into my house, attacked me while I slept, and robbed me," cried Taggart. "My topaz and some valuable papers are missing. They were priceless. Quick, get a posse. I think I know who it is, and I know just about where they would go."

The two men swam in, clambered up, and both took deep running dives toward the car.

The two men tore at the wreckage, and at the caught part of the girl's clothing with all of the force they could muster between them. After a struggle during which they exhausted themselves, and were themselves endangered of drowning, they finally wrenched her free and brought her to the surface.

Terence started to work resuscitating Mary at once. He shouted with joy, as after frantically moving her arms up and down a few minutes, he saw her breath slowly returning. Bud came out of his exhausted daze and helped. They soon had Mary revived, sitting up.

"You had better stay with Bud, Mary," said Terence. "I'm going to run down that McLeod yet, in spite of everything, before Taggart gets a chance at that treasure."

"I'm quite alright now," was Mary's firm reply, "and Bud and I are going wherever you go!"

Bud vouched for his own determination. Terence took them by the hands, and looked into their steadfast eyes, exhilarated by their spirit.

"We three—together through the crisis—to the end, whatever it may be!" he said with emotion. They jumped up, crying, "All right. Let's go. There's not a moment to spare. Over the next divide—it's quite a hike, but we'll make it before dawn—is a forestry station. I know the ranger well. He has both airplane and auto for scout service. He will aid us."

CHAPTER XXXII.  
THE SECRET OF THE TOPAZ.  
"And now for the secret of the topaz!" exclaimed Buck jubilantly. The dawn was just breaking over the purple summit of Sierra Diablo. They had left their car at the mountain's base, and were sitting on rocks, in front of a flat topped boulder upon which Stella had spread the two pieces of the map.

## NURSES

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Stella, pointing. "I wonder if I could buy a few gallons from you? I must reach Pico as soon as possible on a vital mission."

"Why certainly," answered the woman, the forest ranger's wife. "I'll be glad to help you. My husband's out, but I guess we can manage."

The ranger's wife disappeared, returning in a few moments with two five-gallon cans. She helped Stella carry them to the car and fill the tank. "You can't think how grateful I am," said Stella, and reaching into her purse to pay, she found she had no money, but withdrew a few crumpled of the gold from the cave. "Oh, I've run out of cash, but an old Yaqui friend staked me to this—won't you take some of it?"

She handed several pieces of the gold to the woman, leaped to the car, still overwhelming the puzzled woman with voluble thanks, waved good-by, and sped away.

The ranger's wife returned to the house with the gold, perplexed and suspicious as to its origin. She was still overhauling the puzzled woman with voluble thanks, waved good-by, and sped away.

They pulled up at the ranger's house at almost the same moment that he had descended to his field in back. He came running from the machine to greet them.

"Hello, Jack. Surprised to see us?" asked Terence as they shook hands. After they had been introduced, Terence pointed to the sky where an airplane hovered. "That must be my friend," he cried. "We're almost there."

CHAPTER XXXIII.  
THE CRASH IN THE CLOUDS.  
Stella's car had been faltering. Suddenly it stopped dead on her. She got out to inspect.



THE PRINCESS FROCK.  
There's magic in the word "princesses"—it seems to mean something slim and delicate and very lovely; and there's magic in the princess frock, too, for it gives one a slim silhouette and smart appearance. The versatile neck may be worn high, or low with turn-back revers and set-under vestee. The sleeves are long and button trimmed. Cuckoo brown mirllean fashions this model, having silk crepe in a contrasting color facing the revers and the long tie collar. Golden brown velvet or velveteen would make one of the smartest dresses, with the revers, vestee and tie of gold metal cloth.

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Broke Her Engagement.  
In the old days when a young man took his sweetie out to ride in a side-car buggy behind a high-stepping nag instead of in an automobile, a certain betrothed couple of my acquaintance went forth of a summer evening for a romantic drive, writes Dorothy Dix in the New York Evening Post.

Strength and Longevity.  
There is not much connection between great muscular strength and longevity. Sigmund Breitbart, an extraordinary creature who used to exhibit himself supporting incredible weights and biting iron chains apart, scratched his finger the other day, and died of blood poisoning. And Eugene Sandow, a more famous Samson, died in middle life from a broken blood vessel that he got from over-exerting his great strength in lifting a ditched automobile single-handed.

When she returned home at lunch-time, the first question her mother asked her was this: "Well, darling," she said, "how did you like your new teacher?" "She seems very nice," replied Millie, "but I can't understand all she says."

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Day Dreaming.  
No dreaming is in vain  
Castles that shine afar  
Lead on to mountain peaks  
Topped by a wonder star.

Ample Supply of Nuts.  
Hubby—"I really believe you've forgotten to get any nuts for my dinner party, dear."  
Wife—"I didn't think it necessary. Aren't those friends of yours going to attend?"

When hoarse use Minard's Liniment.  
Making a Park.  
Mary—"I don't see any park here."  
Peggy—"That is simple. There isn't any."  
Mary—"Then why does that sign say, 'Park Here?'"

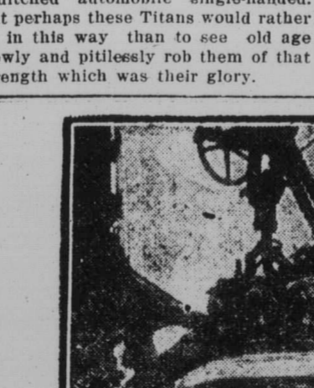
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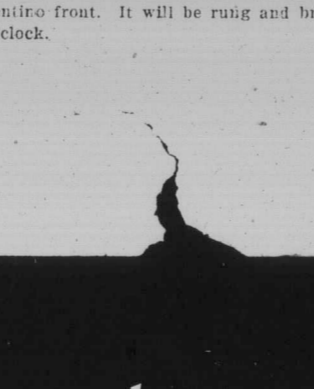
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Impediment.  
Little Millie had achieved great success at her school, and was being moved to a higher form.



The Largest Animal.  
The blue whale, which reaches a length of 87 feet, is the largest living animal.



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