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Ben Potter's **Proxy**

It Proved to Be a False Friend

By CLARISSA MACKIE

Ben Potter was a cowboy down in that part of the western part of North America where the Mexicans have always been in evidence. Ben was as brave as a lion where a man adversary was concerned, but had a constitutional fear of the fair sex. A little gun play wouldn't faze him a bit, but to tell a woman he loved her was beyond the scope of his audacity. One day he came across a greaser who kept par-

rots for sale. Ben Potter stood in front of the par-rot's cage and poked a tentative forefinger at the beautiful green and yellow bird whose vellow markings edged with black added to its gorgeousness. "You're dead certain she can talk?" he demanded of the storekeeper.

"Kin a duck swim?" retorted the storekeeper testily. "What kind of talk can she hand out? I don't want no swear words, mind, Dawson-it's for a lady-it's for my sister," said Ben laboriously striving to cover up the fact that the parrot was for Linda Day, who was not his sister and who he fervently hoped

would never offer to be a sister to him.
"No swear words!" chuckled Dawson. "Will you hear that?" he went on addressing the bird. "Tell the gen-

tleman pretty things, Polly?" "I love you," croaked Polly, with a vicked glance at Ben. Ben flushed hotly. If that was the sort of talk Polly indulger in she was just the bird Ben needed to convey the story of his tender but diffident

The deal was concluded, and Polly

nd her cage were transferred to Ben

passion to Linda Day.

them there until dark.

"I shan't be going back again till 9 o'clock," he said casually. "There won't anybody know you've bought a hansum parrot if you sneak it home in the dark," said Dawson in-

nocently. "That's just what I'm calculating on, you idiot," snapped Ben coolly, as he turned and went down the street, his

boot heels clicking on the board walk and the brim of his hat flapping in the "I love you," chuckled Dawson as he

shook a finger at Polly. "Oh, you Polly! And oh, you Ben Potter!" It was after 9 o'clock when Ben Potter called for his parrot. He had bought a new blanket, which he wrap-

ped around the big cage, leaving an opening at the top.
"Good night, Polly," he called down

the opening. "Get out!" growled Polly crossly. Dawson gave vent to an exaggerated

yawn, "I'm about closing up now," he mut-

tered to hide a smile. "Hope you like the bird. If you get tired of her hand-ing out that line of soft talk, why, you can teach her something else, you know. "Sure thing," said Ben as he left the

As he went galloping home to the Twin Star ranch, the trail unwinding before him like a broad white ribbon, he held the cage on the pommel of his saddle and wondered what Linda Day would say to his strange gift. "Gee whiz, I'm glad it's night!" he

muttered as he neared the ranch. Suddenly he paused and looked around at the moonlit spaces of the cattle range. "Why not give it to her now?" he asked himself. "They'll sure hand me

He wheeled his horse and dashed down the trail, turning to the right when he reached the three cottonwoods

that marked the cross trail leading to the Widow Day's ranch. He was glad that the bunk house was dark and that the big dance in Red Spider had evidently drawn all

the men away for the evening. He guessed that Linda Day might be sitting calmly reading in her living room with a gun beside her on the table. She was perfectly able to take care of herself, and yet she was far from being masculine. It was her mixture of fearlessness and soft woman-liness that made her fascinating to the rough cowboys of the Red Spider dis-

Ben Potter knocked briskly at the door. He knew that Linda hated a soft, sneaky knock. It "gave her the

creeps," she admitted.
In a moment she stood there, framed in the lighted doorway. "Oh, good evening, Mr. Potter," she MAKES PERFECT BREAD

said pleasantly. "Won't you come in?" she added hospitably. "No, thank you," murmured Ben-"at

least only to put this on the table for you. I heard you say you wanted a pet, so I found this one." He followed her into the living room

and placed the cage on the table. He took off the blanket and revealed the "For me? How very kind of you!" cried Linda Day, as she gazed at the brilliant bird. "I think they are too amusing, Mr. Potter, and it is a bit lonely here sometimes. Polly and I shall become great friends," she continued confidently as she tapped the

cage with her slender finger. Polly writhed uncomfortably, cocked glassy eye at her new owner and

urmured throatily: "Bye-bye! I'm going to bed now!"
"How cunning!" cried Linda. "Poor polly shall go in this nice dark corner. and tomorrow I will have a hook placed for her in the window. It was very thoughtful of you, Mr. Potter." She glanced up at Ben's embarrassed face. His blue eyes looked at her wistfully, and his lips trembled as if words were eager to betray his love; but he was so very diffident, she thought regretfully, when he finally turned away and with a hurried good night made for the front

In the safe shadow of the yard where he had mounted his horse Ben called back the important message he had to deliver. His tone was elaborately care-

"By the way, Mrs. Day," he flung over his shoulder, "that parrot can speak a few words, and what she says is-is-just what I think, only I can't find words to say it-you understand." He could not see Linda's tender smile as she closed the door and went back

to the living room. "As if a goose couldn't understand," she murmured glecfully. "You great big, brave, bashful little boy!" This last remark was addressed to the small snapshot picture of Potter which she kept hidden in her needlework. If Ben Potter had known about that picture he would have expired from very joy. He had left it there one evening, and when he inquired for it the widow had been unable to find it—even while she fumbled with trembling fingers in her. work basket.

"Polly-Polly Potter!" laughed the widow joyously. "You've got to wake up and tell me that story tonight-understand? I can't wait another minute." And she gently withdrew the covering from Polly's cage and brought it into the bright light of the evening

It was five minutes before Polly awakened sufficiently to exercise her vocal powers.

"Polly," whispered Linda, her soft ves shining and her swe Polly, dear, what have you got to say to me?"

Polly, disgruntled because of this rude awakening from her slumbers, was in a diabolical temper. "Want to say-eh? Want to say-

eh? You're a busybody—there's only one girl in the world for me and her name is-her name is-gr-gr-grrrr wheezed Polly. "What is her name-tell it to me, Pol-

ly, dear," coaxed Linda, eager to hear the sweetest story ever told, even through the medium of the strange proxy Ben Potter had chosen. "Tell

me the name of the girl he loves!"
"Her name is—ha, ha, ha! Her name is Maud—there! Lead me to my little bed!" choked Polly, wrathfully. "Maud, I love you dearly—Maud—Maud—Maud! Where are you, dearie? I'm waiting for you-it's a great joke-

joke-ha!" Linda's eyes were full of tears. "You horrid thing!" she cried, "Th not have you in the house. I thought he had taught you some—something else!"
"Oh, the deuce!" cried the parrot, impatiently. "Trouble all the time." Linda threw the blanket over the cage, blew out the light and went up

to bed. The next morning she got up and wrote a note to Ben Potter. "Please come and get your parrot," she wrote, crisply, "it is impossible for me to keep it."

It was a very much abashed and dis-concerted cowpuncher who rode up to Linda's door the next evening. Linda Day stood in the sitting room

staring resentfully at the form of Pol-ly, who was swinging in her cage. "I'm sorry you don't like the bird," said Ben awkwardly. "What seems

to be the matter?" "Every-everything!" cried Linds, very near to tears.
"I guess I made a mistake," said

Ben slowly, his heart sinking down and down in bitter despair. "You didn't like the message I sent you?"

Linda flashed an indignant glance at "Of course it is a matter of perfect

indifference to me whether you love

a girl named Maud," she said coldly, "Maud! Maud who?" he demande "Oh, Maudie." shrifted Polly airtiy,

"I forgot to kiss you goodby! You're the girl for me! I love you!" "There!" cried Linda Day thoughtly, "I'll kill Dawson for this," said Ben

Potter in a cold, deadly tone.

"What do you mean?" she breathed hurriedly. "You'll not kill any one, Ben Potter. Where did you get that

parrot?" "I bought her from Dawson a few hours before I brought her here," said Ben grimly. "She repeated some words-that I wanted to tell-you-and I thought-I never thought that she might know some other words-andand-see here, what are you doing?" He leaped toward the cage and snatched from Polly's inquisitive beat

the needle book, which had been lying close to the bars of the cage. From the needle book there fell small picture, and he picked it up and

glanced at it. There was his own gallant young form astride his new horse. He turned shining eyes upon Linda's blushing. downcast face.

"Oh, Linda, Linda!" he said softly. "And you had it all the time!" Linda's pretty head drooped lower as he came close to her. She did not re sist when his arms enfolded her.

"Ah, I love you!" cooed Polly sud-Ben laughed gently. "That's what I wanted Polly to tell

you for me," he whispered in Linda's "But I knew that long ago," cried Linda saucily. "But, Ben, you can tell me again—now?"

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