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### THE BIT OF RED

By HONORE WILLSIE

get, trying to remember her voice year since she refused him? never again close his eyes withou seeing the red of her gown? It seeme half a lifetime that he had been guare ing these beasts, rounding up stra glers, keeping watch lest the her stampede for the river. Day after ear of burning sun and night after night of stars the loneliness of the plain oppressed him; the cattle irritated hi with their stupid docility. The ho ngon sun blistered down on thei brown backs. The black flies buzze

The broncho raised his head suddenly was so unusual for Dick to show signs of life during the noon hour tha the man was startled from his reverie A subtle disturbing wave seemed t sweep through the herd. Here an there a head was tossed, and dilate nostrils sniffed the summer air. The man, vaguely disturbed, looked to ward the rear of the herd. Far ou on the plain was a buckboard with bit of red fluttering in it. "Good Lord," he said aloud, "one of the foo easts has caught sight of that! It's

above them and their-

hold tight now or the devil to pay!"

His year on the plain had taught his hat the cattle herd is more sensitive o panic than even the human throng A sudden movement, a strange flutter of sound or color, and far down in the grazing herd comes a sudden closing of ranks, a slow moving forward of constantly augmented mass that, with il a thousand panic stricken steer

ampede across the plain Bruce sat rigid upon his broncho a he head of the herd. Alone, he knew t was hopeless to attempt to make the erd "circle," the one sure remedy for stampede. Even the slightest moveient on his part might precipitate maters, while absolute quiet might pre ent the breaking of the storm which

A half mile out on the plain the ckboard and the fluttering bit of red lrew nearer. More heads were tossed n the air: On the outskirts of the herd arest the coming buckboard here and there a steer ceased grazing and moved hesitatingly toward the center. Inquiring heads were lifted to see what the movement meant. Those that pied the fluttering red followed quickly to the center. Those that falled to e the cause felt the vague wave of error and with short snorts of fear ought to move close to their fellows. In rapid succession the animals were struck by the panic wave. With brain clear and tense, as full realization of his danger came upon him Bruce held in his restless pony and thought rapidly. Facing him was the herd. Behind him, three miles out across the plain, was the river. If the stampede came,

heaven alone knew whether the mad-dened cattle would plunge headlong over the banks, those in front forced on by the unseeing ones in the rear, or whether the leaders could turn all at right angles and follow the river bank. For one moment Bruce thought of rying to turn the stampede and by thip and shout endeavor to send the rightened brutes back, away from the iver, but dauger to the nearing buckpard, now so close that he could see it contained the figures of a man and a woman, precluded that plan. Then all wer of controlling affairs was taken om him, for Dick, suddenly attacked by the fear contagion, gave a pitiful whinny of terror and, with the bit beween his teeth, bolted toward the river. The sudden sound and movement were all that was needed, and in the next instant Dick's boof beats were

drowned in the roar of hoofs in mad flight about him. Bruce, with knees that gripped the saddle like iron, gave one glance behind him. He was riding among the leaders, but the heavy hurtling ranks behind them threatened at any mo ment to ride them down. If he could make an opening Dick had three miles in which to pull away from them, and the toar of the maddened beasts, their wild snorts, and the occasional shriek of one of their number, who fell and was instantly trampled to death, made spur or whip or word unneeded for the broncho. Trembling, with head thrust far forward and nostrils distended, he sped on with all the speed the beasts crowded about him would permit.

Could they turn at the river? If not Could they turn at the river? If not,

Bruce knew that death for him was a matter of a few moments. And suddenly life seemed very sweet to him Even life without her seemed suddenly earable. The scent of the linden bud bearable. The scent of the linden buds, the red of the gown she wore, how vivid and how lovely even the memory was! And was this all that life was to hold for him—a few years of hope deferred and early-destroyed, then a few memories, and then death? And what a death—trampled, mangled, made into a thing unspeakable by those trampling hours.

oofs. Ah, the pity of it, he thought to have no taste of happiness! He clinched the reins tighter. No. he For a moment he, too, was panie tricken. "Dick. Dick!" he groaned. Can't you go faster? Pull away from them, old boy! There is no one to care anch what happens to us, but we want

Again he looked back. Slowly the

herd was gaining on the leaders. The forward ranks were more and more massed. Worse than the roar and screech of a hundred locomotives was the din about him. He could see the break in the level stretch of prairie that marked the river banks. Nearer and nearer it came, and closer about the quivering broncho pressed the snort-ing cattle. Now Bruce could see the rocks on the opposite bank, now he caught a glimpse of the brown water, and then—a sudden stumble, a mad roar, and horse and rider went down

For years and years he seemed have been falling. Sometimes he caught sight of her, and always her lips moved, but he caught no word or sound. Sometimes he ventured to ask her what she said, but his questions when they came were absolutely irrelevant, and he cursed himself for a fool, and gradually the search was becoming painful. Strange aches and miseries racked his strange acutes and miseries racked his body. The glimpses of her face became less and less frequent. Suddenly he opened his eyes to rest them. The wails of his little ranch bedroom seemed fa-miliar enough, but what were these agonies that wrung and wrenched him? Then memory came. Ah, yes—the stampede and the fall. He closed his eyes again and feebly pondered over his rescue. Then a soft rustle and a little murmur near the foot of the bed made him open his eyes once more. It was she! The red gown, the vivid face, he soft parted hair were all the same If this were delirium, he thought, why, let delirium go on to the end of the chapter, and just for luck he would speak to her once more, just to see if he would faint away, as usual. "It's a nice day, Alice," he remarked

n a strangely small voice. "Oh, Allen, Allen, do you really know me?" And with a rush of skirts she was on her knees beside the bed. Know her! Could he recognize his "You were in the buckboard," he

"How did you know?" she asked. "I didn't know. Did the cattle get

The girl shuddered and moved closer "No; the pony fell close to the river's edge, his body shielded yours from the herd, and the cattle used him for a dividing point and went up and down the river. They had to shoot the poor broncho, but we got you into the buck-board and back to the ranch some-

Bruce turned a bewildered face to ward her, and in response the girl went on

west, and I wanted to say hello to you. Cousin Frank told me you were Then came the stampede. Her voice trailed into silence. Bruc put up a feeble hand and pressed her soft cheek close to his own. This, then

had been the reason for it all-the lonely vigils, the long hours, the con loneliness. "Alice," he said gently, "is it to b

The girl caught her breath. Her only rswer was to leave her cheek close And Bruce, nestling closer, closed his eyes and fell asleep.

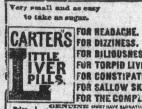
Love and Laundering. The Korean mother, anxious to as-ture her daughter's successful marriage, makes certain that the young woman becomes a good laundress, for ability in this direction counts for more than beauty with the Korean swain. He does not even demand that his wife shall be more than a fairly good cook, but she must be able to keep fresh and spotless the linen garments which every one, from prince to peasant, wears. In spite of the fact that every article of wearing apparel is of white linen, not even the humble flatiron has made its appearance in Korea, and the attempts to introduce such occidental fads as washing mamarked disfavor, The laundry work is done in the same manner as it was centuries ago, and the first recommen

lation to a young man's favor is abili-

ty as a laundress. Living Barometers Among the best of the living barome-ters are snails, which do not drink in the ordinary sense of the term, but absorb moisture during the wet weather directly through the skin and exude it afterward. As they are anxious not to have the moisture evaporate too quick-ly, thus creating a premature thirst, which cannot be conveniently satisfied, they keep during dry weather in strict seclusion, moving abroad only during or just before rain. Immediately be fore downfall they may be seen climbing the trunks of trees and busily get-ting in among the leaves. Gnats assemble in clouds under trees, and orses grow restless. Swans, where they are plentiful, may be seen flying against the wind. Spiders crowd on the walls, toads come out of their holes, and pigeons may be seen going to the dovecots earlier than usual.

A Cigar That Saved a Life. M. Guizot, the great French historian, once owed his life to his eigar. Walking in one of the Paris gardens. Walking in one of the Paris gardens, he noticed that he was being followed by a shabbily dressed man. M. Guizot calmiy sat down on a bench, upon which his unwelcome follower also seated himself, watching him all the time with an uncomfortably threatening air. The historian, however, was not troubled but took is a few set. not troubled, but took a cigar from his pocket and quietly lighted it. As he did this the stranger rose and, muttering that he had been mistaken, added, "That scoundrel I seek does not smoke," Some days later the man was arrested for a myslerour according arrested for a murderous assault upon a public official against whom he had a grudge and for whom he had mis-taken M. Guizot, whose cigar was thus a veritable life preserver.

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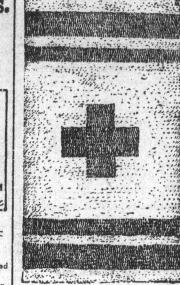
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The only implement needed is an ron book, which can be made out of a forty penny nail. It should be about five inches long, including the handle and filed into shape at the end and curved backward.

Good designs are the most important features. Broad, strong lines must be used and the designs made as barbaric and crude as possible. The stencils are usually stamped on the burlap by means of a heavy bristled brush. For this purpose liquid bluing has been

found very useful.

Other workers have preferred to make the color of the design corre spond to the final color of the rug. As t is impossible to get it in suitable col

orings, the flannel must be dyed.

The rugs are actually made by hook ing the strips of flaunel through the burlap in little loops about one-quarter of an inch high. These may be left rather uneven. When the rug is finished it is gone over with sharp shears and the highest loops are cut, leaving mixture of loops and straight ends. Some rugs have a pile one-half of an inch thick, while others are about one quarter of an inch thick.

is held in the right hand, the strip of cloth is held in the left hand and is allowed to be drawn loosely through the



FILLING IN A THIN PLACE. fingers, the left hand being under the irlap and the right hand containing

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