

The Heritage Of The Desert

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Charger. He rode bareback except for a blanket strapped upon the back, with a loop and a knot, thick with a loop and a knot. When the gate opened the bayonet-like branches of the Indian rode into the corral. The watchers climbed to the knoll. The Navajo snorted a blast of fear. August's huge roan showed his teeth, he stamped, and shook his head as if to rid himself of the blind.

In a whirl of dust the roan drew closer to the gray, and Silvermane began a mad race around the corral. The roan ran with his nose to nose. When Silvermane saw he could not shake him, he opened his jaws, rolled back his lip in an ugly snarl, his white teeth glistening, and tried to bite. But the Indian's moccasined foot shot up under the stallion's ear and pressed him back. Then the roan hugged Silvermane so close that half the time the Navajo virtually rode two horses. But for the rigidity of his arms, and the play and sudden tension of his leg-muscles, the Indian's work would have appeared commonplace, so dexterous was he, so perfectly at home in his dangerous seat. Suddenly he whooped and August Naab hauled back the gate, and the two horses neck and neck, thundered out upon the stretch.

"Good!" cried August. "Let him rip, Navy. All over but the work, Jack. I feared Silvermane would spear himself on some of those dead cedar spikes in the corral. He's safe now."

Jack watched the horses plunge at breakneck speed down the stretch, circle at the forest edge, and come tearing back. Silvermane was pulling the roan faster than he had ever gone in his life, but the dark Indian kept his graceful seat. The speed slackened on the second term, and decreased as, mile after mile, the imperturbable Indian held roan and gray side to side and let them run.

The time passed, but Hare's interest in the breaking of the stallion never flagged. He began to understand the Indian, and to feel what the restraint and drag must be to the horse. Never for a moment could Silvermane elude the huge roan, the tight halter, the relentless Navajo. Gallop fell to trot, and trot to jog, and jog to walk; and

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hour by hour, without whip or spur or word, the breaker or desert Mustangs drove the wild stallion. If there was cruelty it was in his implacable slow patience, his far-sighted purpose. Silvermane would have killed himself in an hour; he would have cut himself to pieces in one headlong dash, but that steel arm suffered him only to wear himself out. Late that afternoon the Navajo led a dripping, drooping, foam-lashed stallion into the corral, tied him with the halter and left him.

Later Silvermane drank of the water poured into the corral trough, and had not the strength or spirit to resent the Navajo's caressing hand on his mane.

Next morning the Indian again rode into the corral on blindfolded Charger. Again he dragged Silvermane out on the level and drove him up and down with remorseless, machine-like persistence. At noon he took him back, tied him up, and roped him fast. Silvermane tried to rear and kick, but the saddle went on, strapped with a flash of the dark-skinned hands. Then again Silvermane ran the level stretch beside the giant roan, only he carried a saddle now. At the first he broke out with free wild stride as if to run forever from under the hateful thing. But as the afternoon waned he crept wearily back to the corral.

On the morning of the third day the Navajo went into the corral without Charger, and roped the gray, tied him fast, and saddled him. Then he loosed the lassoes except the one around Silvermane's neck, which he whipped under his foreleg to draw him down. Silvermane heaved a groan which plainly said he never wanted to rise again. Swiftly the Indian knelt on the stallion's head; his hands flashed; there was a scream, a click of steel on bone; and proud Silvermane jumped to his feet with a bit between his teeth.

The Navajo, firmly in the saddle, rose with him, and Silvermane leaped through the corral gate, and out upon the stretch, lengthening out with every stride, and settling into a wild, despairing burst of speed. The white mane waved in the wind the half-naked Navajo swayed to the motion. Horse and rider disappeared in the cedars.

They were gone all day. Toward night they appeared on the stretch. The Indian rode into camp and dismounted, handed the bridle rein to Naab. He spoke no word; his dark impassiveness invited no comment. Silvermane was dust-covered and sweat-stained. His silver crest had the same proud beauty, his neck still the splendid arch, his head the noble outline, but his was a broken spirit.

"Here, my lad," said August Naab, throwing the bridle rein over Hare's arm. "What did I say once about seeing you on a great gray horse? Ah! Well, take him and know this; you've the swiftest horse in this desert country."

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MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER AT DUNBOYNE

Given in Honor of Miss Hazel Churchill

A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Miss Hazel Churchill when about seventy of her friends and neighbors gathered at her home at Dunboyme on Wednesday evening, March 28th. An address was read by Miss Dempsey and a suitable reply was made by the bride-elect. Two large clothes baskets of presents were carried into the room by the Misses Lela Garnham, Olive Percy, and Ada and Ida Garnham, who also assisted in unwrapping the gifts. The gifts which were beautiful and numerous, show the high esteem in which the bride-elect is held. The evening was pleasantly spent with games and music. A dainty lunch was served after which the guests joined heartily in singing. "For she's a jolly good fellow." They then departed wishing Miss Churchill every success and happiness.

A WOMAN'S FEDERATION

The women of this Country and the United States, are beginning to realize the power they possess in the ballot. And since Prohibition is a burning issue across the Line, as it is here, the U. S. women are uniting to protect it. Nine Women's organizations, containing over Eleven Million Members, have formed "The Woman's National Federation for Law Enforcement."

They say—"Women want Prohibition. The 18th Amendment to our Constitution has given it to us. We demand its retention and enforcement."

These U. S. federating bodies are, The General Federation of Women's Clubs; Young Women's Christian Association; Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions; Council of Women for Home Missions; International Order of King's Daughters; National Council of Women; Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN

Now watch this column and you will see what Ontario Women are doing. Just as a starter there are now four Women's Societies whose aggregate membership is about 200,000, and who have said—"You can count on us. We believe in Prohibition. We will stand back of the O. T. A. Never in the history of Canadian Temperance Work has there been any such interest and enthusiasm amongst its women supporters, as we find today."

ACROSS THE SEA

And, the world-around, this question of the suppression—not of drunkenness but of the legalized sale of beverage intoxicants—is seizing upon the hearts and consciences of legislators and educators and business men.

Why, over in Bulgaria the National Minister of Education has ordered the schools to observe, with appropriate exercises, the day on which the United States went under Prohibition! Bulgarian legislators realize two things—that Prohibition is a financial asset to any country; and that the place to begin a propaganda in behalf of a "dry law," is amongst the children.

ONE LIE NAILED

Despite an enormous increase in the sale of liquor in the two wet Provinces—British Columbia and Quebec—the consumption of spirits in Canada has dropped, since 1913, from an average of 9 pints for every man, woman and child in the country, to only 3 pints. The fermented drink statistics have fallen almost as much. These figures are taken from "The Dominion Bureau of Statistics."

RAMSAY MacDONALD

England's drink bill, notwithstanding her unemployment, is £7, 9s per head of the population! No wonder Ramsay MacDonald said, when appealed to oppose a Local Option Bill, on the ground that the rich man can have his wine-cellar:—

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