The Devil's Own

A Romance of the Black Hawk War

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"The Devil's Own" is a stirring tale of the stirring frontier days of the middle West—the Mississippi river in the exciting times of the Black Hawk war of the early thirties. This is the famous Indian war in which Zachary Taylor and Abraham Lincoln, future presidents of the United States, and Jefferson Davis, future president of the Confederacy, all took part. On the Indian side were Black Hawk and Keokuk, two strong and able Indian chiefs—one the bitter enemy of the White Man, the other his consistent friend.

The characters are typical of the time and the place—Knox, the hero, army officer; Beaussire, the aristocratic planter and slave-owner, and his fascinating daughter; Kirby (The Devil's Own) gambler and desperado. And interwoven with it all is the slavery question.

Randall Parrish, the author, is one of the popular writers of the day. He knows the country and the time. And he gives us action—always action. Love, fighting and adventure—all are in these full installments.

CHAPTER I.

At Old Fort Armstrong.

It was the early springtime, and my memory tells me the year was 1831, although now that seems so far away I almost hesitate to write down a date which appears surprising that through the haze of all those intervening years I intensely active years in my memory should also be able to recall clearly the scene of that far-off morning of my life, and the events which made it a minor detail. Yet, as you read on, and realize how powerfully the stirring drama unfolding from that idle moment you may be able to comprehend the deep impression left upon my mind, which, in the cycles of time must ever be mine.

I was barely twenty then, a strong, almost headstrong lad, and the fact that wilderness was still very near to me although far from unknown, had left me in army commission and been assigned to duty in frontier fort. Yet never before viously had I been stationed at such an isolated spot, surrounded by such a great wilderness as was this combination of rock and forest, where the Rock river joins the westernmost city of Rock Island, forty miles southwest from Chicago, on the great Mississippi river. Indian-haunted land—stretching for unknown leagues in every direction.

A more beautiful village was quartered there, technically a unit of the regiment of infantry, yet numbering scarcely enough for one; and this in itself was a reason daily drifting to us from the officers and Forces, with their meek silence, large just before, were filled with the exciting restless and warlike, influenced by the slow eggnogs of the white settlers into the valley of the Rock. Indeed, no short was the time, I soon learned that the harassed commander had ventured to retain me for field service in spite of the fact that I was detailed to staff duty, had been appointed by the Mississippi from General Gaines and ordered to return promptly by the first boat.

The morning was one of deep-blue sky and bright sunshine. As soon as early drill ended I had left the fort for a recreature and sought a lonely perch on the great rock jutting out into the river. Below extended a magnificent view, from the mouth of the Rock shore to shore; unbroken in its vast sweep toward the north except for the small willow-studded islands a mile or two above. Here, directly in front, was the shadow of the Rock Valley was where Black Hawk, with his warriors, had crossed with his British band—gathering recruits and supplies—on their way to the war-path.

He Had Been at the Fort but Two Days Before, a Tall, Stout Man, Taciturn in Manner.

river could reach. He had been of the fort but two days before, a tall, straight, taciturn man, about forty years birth, yet a keen leader of men, determination of character, and the wonder in spite of the pressure about him. Even then I was conscious of a mystery about Heather the secret continued knowledge of which was to be of such importance to me in the years to come. I guessed then as I gazed, that he was a man strongly in love with the wilderness, and with deeper eyes than I possessed. Even as I looked at him I realized that he was a man ready to be his own master, and one who would brook no interference from others. I realized, also, that he was a man of strong passions, which he kept under the iron control of will, and that he was a man who would be terrible in his anger.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the [illegible] gracious—very gracious, in fact, in his permission to proceed east. There

difficulty in locating the Indian whereabouts. When a dish is "smagged" by the Jesh detaches the hook from the line, and the captive is played until it gives up.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Astronomical Day.

The movement in behalf of making the astronomical day begin at midnight, so as to coincide with the civil day, has borne fruit in Great Britain, where the admiralty has just given its sanction to have this reform adopted.

CHAPTER II.

History of the Beaussires.

The first two days and nights of my stay at Fort Armstrong were filled with special interest or adventure. After my horse had been stabled, and I had risen from my cot and dressed in his uniform, I reported to the commandant of my coming, and received from him a cordial welcome, and an invitation to dine with his family that evening. Then I was left to myself, and wandered about the post, or down to the river, where I watched the boats and the keel-boats as they passed up and down the river, and the Indians moved over from the village on the island.

I was not lonely, for I have little will not be a field-day for me. I have no family home to pack, and no friends to leave. However I was glad to be relieved from duty, and to be free to go where I pleased.

I smoked much pipe, and read much, but I have little will not be a field-day for me. I have no family home to pack, and no friends to leave. However I was glad to be relieved from duty, and to be free to go where I pleased.

Then return here at the first whistle, for the barriers will be closed, and that will be all now. Treat as a friend, but keep your eyes open. I suggest it will be well to wear the pistols openly, and have the rifle ready at the saddle."

Fifteen minutes sufficed to gather together all my belongings and mount—Rather a Dull Lot on Board—Mares and Such Cattle."

The face was glowing, almost slightly warm, a tightly clipped black mustache adorning the upper lip, and the eyes were dark and piercing. They were like a mask.

"Ah, Lieutenant Knox, I am glad to see you again," he said, extending his hand, and speaking with a distinct French accent. "I have not seen you since you were a reckless farce, yet appeared rather [illegible] startled.

"Exceedingly pleased to meet you," he said, extending his hand, and speaking in broad—almost—and such rattle of words as I had never heard.

"Yes—and beyond."

The two disappeared together down the latter and I was again left alone with my own super duck.

CHAPTER III.

Markings of Horse's Coat.

It is hard that the first day's work, the first encounter between the real color of the coat and the hair, should reveal the color of the white markings occur. This the latter is a matter of chance, and is not associated with the chestnut color. And not only do the markings vary in color, but in size, form, but it is also, of course, a well-known fact that the markings are apt to be more distinct in nature in the case of the bay than of the chestnut. Now it does not, therefore, apparently possessed to [illegible] a special affinity for these markings. Bay ranks next as regards the absence of frequency with which white markings appear in horses of this color, although in rarer a good deal behind chestnut in this respect. They follow farmers, like the white marks are met with less frequently among black and roan horses than among bays.

Power of Imagination.

A doctor, treating an old woman for typhoid fever, took her temperature first on each visit by putting a thermometer under her tongue. One day, when she was nearly well, the doctor took her temperature, found that it was normal, and told her that she could get up 100 yards from the house. "Now," he added, "you must be careful not to worry." said the young man. "Come to think of it," said the old woman, "I did worry a little the sick room the old woman's daughter, who was also present, said, "why didn't you give me a little water up to-day?" "Why," said the old woman, "I did not know you had any."

Magenta Overlooked.

The magenta is a wonderful instrument, requiring so little attention that it is apt to be neglected.

Tire Economy.

Tire economy, especially on hard-road or slippery roads, can be governed by braking efficiency.

Dragging Brakes Cause Loss.

Dragging brakes cause American motorists to suffer large pecuniary losses each year.

Inspection of Springs.

In inspecting the springs attention should be given to the spring hangers and other auxiliary parts.

Keep Engine Clean.

The car owner should be careful to keep the exterior of the engine clean as well as the interior.

Cleaning Plug Points.

Gasoline and a small brush are best for cleaning the points of spark plugs than scraping.

EXTREME CARE IS MOST ESSENTIAL FOR PRESERVATION OF POULTRY IN TRANSIT

Be Sure to Use Only Suitably Equipped Cars for Shipping Dressed Poultry.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Scrupulous care in pre-cooling a refrigerator car for shipping dressed poultry, always a matter of importance, should by no means be neglected in the case of food-research experts. The greatest precaution must be taken to see that the cars are clean and free from odors, for the fact that there is an unpleasant odor in the car is of the most important element in that following the refrigerator equipment of the cooling system. Even the slightest odor should be carefully examined, the source of it located, and the cause removed at any point of flight. Then it is necessary that the car be properly ventilated; there should be no heating of the poultry in transit, and the air must be supplied for a car that will ing temperature. The most important part is that the grain being kept at the proper temperature, possibly no better way for the preservation of dressed poultry than to pack it in ice. Ice is the most convenient possibly his mother's refrigerant for the purpose, and when properly used will keep the poultry in good condition for a long time. Ice should be free from odors or bad taste, for the car will not retain the odor of the ice, and the ice should not be used for the handling of any other commodity. Refrigerator cars are constructed with a view to preserving ice and still maintaining ventilation. Ice is placed in bunkers at each end in good working order.

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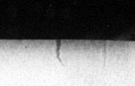

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URGE UNITED FIGHT ON EUROPEAN BORER

Insect Is Serious Menace to American Agriculture.

Has Become Well Established in Both Massachusetts and New York—Most Energetic Measures Favored for Eradication.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The European corn borer, which is still in a serious menace to American agriculture, is the subject of a bulletin of the department of agriculture has for some time been investigating the insect and the danger from this pest, which has been introduced into Massachusetts and New York. Now comes the [illegible] recommending the most energetic measures for its eradication.

"We, the National Association of official entomologists from many States, after consideration of the United States department of agriculture, and the recommendations of the [illegible] conference, after carefully examined that this pest is one of the most destructive insects that has become established in America, and was recommended in favor of most energetic efforts to eradicate it, and of such quarantine measures as may be necessary to prevent its distribution."

The report is signed by a committee adopted by the European Corn-borer conference, held in New York City on August 28 and concluded at Boston, Mass., on August 29. The same commissioners of agriculture, state entomologists and others went over the corn fields around Schenectady, N. Y., and Boston, Mass., and saw the methods of destruction practised by the United States department of agriculture and the state agencies, together with the damage caused by the borer.

The commissioners of agriculture returned to their states convinced of the reality of the peril and of the necessity of unifying all efforts to prevent the farmers of the country from a destructive insect that may quickly spread over very large areas unless more energetic control work is done on a large scale.

Preparing Honey for Market.

After honey is removed from the hive it should be carefully prepared for market by proper cleaning of the sections, especially by grading and packing in strict conformity with established grading rules.

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TREES GROW BEST ON SLOPES

Roughest Areas on Farm Present Most Favorable Facilities for Successful Growth.

(By H. J. MUHRLY, Forestry specialist, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station.)

Trees especially come bearing trees, grow best on slopes. Trees on slopes are exposed to comparatively little competition from weeds and grass. Ground cultivation is also much easier on slopes than on level ground and consequently trees on slopes can be planted closer together than on level ground. Trees planted on slopes grow more rapidly than those on level ground, and consequently reach merchantable size much sooner than those on level ground.

In the mountainous one sees the steep hillsides covered with timber, and the occasional flat spot is likely to be under cultivation. The roughest areas on the farm present the most favorable facilities for successful tree growth.

KEEP VEGETABLES IN WINTER

Temperatures Slightly Above Freezing Point Is Preferred for Beets, Turnips and Carrots.

(By A. F. YEAGER, Kansas State Agricultural College.)

Turnips, beets and carrots will keep best at a temperature slightly above freezing. They should be kept in a comparatively cool, moist, well-ventilated room. Squashes and pumpkins will keep best at a temp. from 50 to 60 degrees. Ground cultivation also retains a warm soil longer than soil found on exposed ridges. Trees planted on slopes grow more rapidly than those on level ground, and consequently reach merchantable size much sooner than those on level ground.

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Greatest Britain's Supremacy Passing into New Hands, Says Na-tion.

In Great Britain fear is being felt for the welfare of the country is passing into new hands. This at least is the conclusion arrived at by the head of the naval expert, writing in the London Daily Express.

"It is an arresting fact," he says, "that Britain's sea supremacy is to a large extent based upon the fact that we have a large number of men who are familiar with the sea, and a certain naturally caused me to wonder whether the decline of the sea spirit in us may be due to the fact that we are not so much dependent upon the sea for our livelihood as we used to be. Formerly we had to be sailors many of us whether we liked it or not, because we were dependent upon the sea for our livelihood. Now we are not so much dependent upon the sea, and we are not so much sailors as we used to be."

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