The Devil's Own

A Romance of the Black Hawk War

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CHAPTER X—Continued.

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"Seems to be a mighty populous river up this way, hey, Mapes?" he remarked genially. "C'staways round every bend."

"What do you mean? Have you picked up others?"

"Certainly have. Hit a keelboat twenty miles below."

"A keelboat operated by steam?"

"Couldn't say as to that. Was it, Mapes? The craft had gone down when I got on deck. Had four aboard, but we got 'em all off an' stowed 'em back there in the texas. You better get along now and shuck those wet clothes."

The captain turned rather sharply away, and I was thrust through an open cabin door by the grasp of the mate before I could really sense the true meaning of this unexpected news. Mapes paused long enough to gruffly indicate a coarse suit of clothes draped over a stool, and was about to retire without further words when I recovered sufficiently from the shock to halt him with a question:

"I suppose you saw those people picked up from the keelboat?"

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Even to my view there remained scarcely a familiar feature—the lack of razor and shears, the exposure to sun and water, the days of sickness and neglect, had all helped to transform me into a totally different-appearing person from what I had formerly been; the officer and gentleman had, by the mystery of environment, been changed into the outward semblance of a river roustabout. Nor was this all. The new character was emphasized by the clothes I wore—far too large to fit; also the texture and color, not to mention the dirt and grease, speaking loudly of a rough life and the vicissitudes of poverty. The metamorphosis was complete; so complete that I laughed aloud, assured by that one glance that the gambler, confident that I was dead, would never by any possibility recognize me in this guise, or while habilitated in such nondescript garments.

But the girl—Rene? And so this was how I had appeared to her. No wonder she questioned me; doubted my first explanation. I had approached her confident that my appearance as a gentleman would awak...

...even then quite ready to go, my heart throbbing at this opportunity to survey other sections of the boat. I followed him eagerly up the ladder, and ten minutes later was busily employed with scrubbing brush and a bucket of water, in an endeavor to improve the outward appearance of the paint of the upper deck. I was engaged busily scraping at the dingy paint of the pilot house, when a negro, evidently a cook, from his dress, came up from the lower deck, bearing a tray well laden with food in one hand, and disappeared aft. He did not even notice my presence or glance about, but I instantly shrank back out of sight, for I became immediately conscious that someone was closely following him. This second man proved to be one of the fellows in civilian clothing I had previously noticed at the table below, a tall, sallow individual, attired in a suit of brown jeans, his lean, cracker face ornamented by a grizzled bunch of chin whiskers.

"Yer wait a minute thar, Jim," he called out, "till I unlock that thar door. I ain't ther kind thet takes chances with no nigger."

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on, an' made Massa Shrunk git up out er bed fer ter git him anodder team o' hosses. Den dey done routed me up fer ter hustle up sum gruff."

"Sikes; who was Sikes?"

"He lives down by de lower pike, sah; he's an abolitionist, sah."

"Oh, I see; he and Shrunk worked together. He helped with the runaway slaves."

"Yes, sah. Ah's bin called up thet way afore. So Ah just nat'larly went ter work cookin', an' purty soon dey all ov 'em cum stragglin' in ter de cabin fer ter eat. Dar was four ov 'em, sah," her voice a husky whisper, "Bill Sikes, totin' a gun in his han', a free nigger what dey called Pete, an' two wimmin. De bigger one was a quadroon, maybe 'bout forty years ol', an' de odder she wan't much more'n a gal; an' dar wan't nuthin' ov de nigger 'bout her, 'cept it mought be de hair, an' de eyes—dem was sure black 'nough."

"You learned who they were?"

"Course Ah did. Sikes he 'splained all 'bout 'em ter Massa Shrunk, an' Ah heerd whut he sed. Ah was a waitin' on 'em. We all ov us helped fer ter put 'em in de wagon, hid undeh a lot o' truck, an' den Sikes he done drove 'em out thro' de bluffs. Ah done walked wif de gal, an' she tol' mor' 'bout herself, an' whar she cum from; an' dat was her name, sah."

"Her name? What name?"

"Rene Beaucaire; de quadroon woman, she was her mother."

I could scarcely voice my surprise, the quick throbbing of my heart threatening to choke me.

"She claimed that name? She actually told you she was Rene Beaucaire?"

"She sure did. Why? Wan't thet her name?"

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planter, stolen by force, the game would be up.

But would she ever proclaim her right to freedom? If she was indeed Eloise Beaucaire—and even as to this I was not as yet wholly convinced—she had deliberately assumed to be Rene, doing so for a specific purpose—that object being to afford the other an opportunity for escape. Why, she had not so much as trusted me. From the very beginning she had encouraged me in the belief that she was a negress, never once arousing the faintest suspicion in my mind. Nothing, then, I was convinced, short of death or disgrace, could ever compel her to confess the truth yet. Kirby might suspect, might fear, but he had surely never learned who she was from her lips—that she was Eloise Beaucaire.

The conviction that this young woman was white, educated, refined, the daughter of good blood—no fleeing negress, cursed with the black strain of an alien race, a nameless slave—brought to me a sudden joy in discovery I made no attempt to conceal. "Eloise Beaucaire, Eloise Beaucaire"—the name repeated itself on my lips, as though it were a refrain. I knew instantly what it all meant—that some divine, mysterious hand had led from the very hour of my leaving Fort Armstrong, and would continue to lead until the will of God was done. It was not in the stars of Fate that such villainy should succeed; such sacrifice as hers fail of its reward.

Nevertheless, in spite of this resolve, and the fresh courage which had been awakened within me by the faith that from now on I battled for the love of Eloise Beaucaire, no immediate opportunity for service came. I could only wait patiently, and observe.

... that Kirby, whatever ultimate purpose had no present in... further injury. He ...mediate attempt at ...and would be well ...only continue to ...lusion. The thing ...against now, and ...on board, was ...

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Kirby and the Captain Appeared Suddenly, Pausing a Moment at the Head of the Ladder in Friendly Conversation.

CHAPTER XI.

The Story of Elsie Clark.

"A D——d Queer Combination, If You Ask Me."

THRILL IN SWOOP OF HAWK

Pity for the Victim Cannot Altogether Overcome Admiration for Bird of Prey.

RETURN OF LANDS TO HAY CROPS MEANS LARGE SUPPLY OF BOTH MEAT AND BREAD

In Feeding America, This Is Just as Important as the Golden Grain Field

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

You have heard a great deal about the problems of reconstruction that are pressing for solution. But, like most men, you have probably thought of them as tremendously big problems that had to be solved, nationally and internationally, by statesmen and diplomats and high executives. They are that—but not just that. Every man—certainly every farmer—has a reconstruction problem all his own.

The war unbalanced the agriculture of the United States by unbalancing the agriculture of individual farms. There had to be produced the kind of food that could be transported overseas. Wheat is pre-eminently that kind of food, and other grain crops are to an extent such. Very many farms, therefore, got too heavy on the side of tilled and cereal crops and too light on the side of hay crops and pasture. Many farmers increased their tilled and cereal crops beyond what they had any basis of experience in carrying. Labor requirements were increased. Rotation practices were interfered with. To the extent that the wheat ...

Milk! Beef! Pork! Is there a more important item in the high cost of living than these?

Plenty of Feed for Live Stock.

And so the United States department of agriculture, for the good of everybody concerned, continues to urge the sort of safe and sane agriculture that provides plenty of pasture and plenty of hay—which means providing plenty of meat and milk.

The farmer, unless he chose to head straight for bankruptcy, could not think of maintaining a wheat acreage equal to that sown for the 1919 crop. With decreased man power—and farm labor appears to be just as hard to find now as it was during the war—farmers cannot maintain a materially larger acreage of tilled and cereal crops than they did with larger man power several years ago. If they should undertake it as a permanent policy, city families would not only have less meat and milk than they are accustomed to, but they would actually have less bread, also.

War needs caused the plowing up of many pastures that, under peace-time ...

Return to Sound Farming.

Dissatisfaction.

The Flowing Tide.

Territory Taken From Spain.

The Way It Looked to Benham.

MONTHLY DISPOSAL OF CORN

More Evenly Distributed Throughout Year Than Supposed—Sales for Year of 1918.

GOOD FOR RURAL SOCIETIES

Various Marketing Problems Are Excellent for Discussion—Other Topics of Interest.

LIVE STOCK NOTES

Calves Eat Silage Early.

Don't Buy Meat.

Demand for Beef Cattle.

USE FOR OLD CARPET.

PLAID SKIRTS FOR FALL.

CATERPILLARS CAUSE RASH

Several Cases of Blood Poisoning Reported at Emergency Hospital of Salt Lake City.

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If people who are bilious are treated according to local symptoms they seldom get very much better. Whatever relief is obtained is usually temporary. Trace biliousness to its source and remove the cause and the chances are that the patient will remain strong and healthy.
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Go after it with Sloan's Liniment before it gets dangerous

Sloan's Liniment Keep it handy

KING PIN CHEWING TOBACCO
Has that good licorice taste you've been looking for.

ABSORBINE

TRY THIS FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

FRECKLES

Coughing

PISO'S

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Look at tongue! Remove poisons from stomach, liver and bowels.

Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package, then you are sure your child is having the best and most harmless laxative or physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its delicious fruity taste. Full directions for child's dose on each bottle. Give it without fear.
Mother! You must say "California."—Adv.

An Impossibility.

"Rode have gone on strike," said the man who was reading a newspaper.

"Can't be done," commented the man who was cleaning his pipe. "In order to strike a person has to quit work, and no red was ever known to be at work in the first place."

Nasty Colds
Get instant relief with "Pape's Cold Compound"

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffling! A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken usually breaks up a cold and ends all grippe misery. The very first dose opens your clogged-up nostrils and the air passages of the head; stops nose running; relieves the headache, dullness, feverishness, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.
"Pape's Cold Compound" is the quickest, surest relief known and costs only a few cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance. Tastes nice. Contains no quinine. Insist on Pape's! Ad.

What Time Might Do.

Adornment.

Kind Advice.

HER FADED, SHABBY APPAREL DYED NEW

"Diamond Dyes" Freshen Up Old, Discarded Garments.

Not the Extreme Type.

A Slight Mistake.

Alienism.

"Own a Home Saving Clubs"

By WILLIAM A. RADFORD,

(Editor in Chief American Builder and Farm Mechanics, Chicago.)

WHEN the people of the United States began to take stock of what the war had cost, one of the greatest losses discovered was in homes. Not that any of those we had at the beginning of our participation in the conflict had been destroyed by shells, but for two years we had not built any. Normally there are about half a million homes constructed each year to replace those lost by fire, or through decay, and to take care of the increase in population. Consequently we found ourselves about a million homes short of our requirements.

This situation was met, or, rather, the government attempted to meet it, by inaugurating the "Own Your Own Home Campaign." Everyone was urged to build homes, because homes were needed and because it was necessary to supply work for the many thousands of workers who were released from the war activities. But, for reasons that many were at a loss to explain, there were not and have not been as many homes built as it was confidently expected there would be. The real reason for this fact, to my mind, is that while everyone was urged to build a home no method of financing the home building projects was devised, nor even suggested, by the government.

To meet this deficiency in the government's campaign, public-spirited citizens in a number of cities clubbed together and furnished limited amounts of money to be loaned to home builders. The response to this offer was so great that the funds available did not reach half way. There were several applicants for loans to every loan that could be made.

Thus after nearly a year of campaigning on the part of the federal government, the state governments, chambers of commerce in thousands of cities and by organizations made up of public spirited citizens little has been accomplished.

Every man of family wants a home of his own. He knows that he can build a home for himself and his family and pay for it while he is living in it. But he also knows that before he can build the home and move into it he must have a certain sum of money, small in comparison with the cost of the home, but large enough so that it is rather difficult to get it together. It's that first payment that has balked the desire of thousands upon thousands of families to have homes of their own. It is to make it possible for everyone to get together in any easy manner a sum sufficient to build a home that I have suggested to builders, bankers and the public generally the formation in every community of "Own a Home Savings clubs," and these clubs are already springing up in many localities.

The initiation fee in an "Own a Home Savings club" is the desire to own a home.

The dues, payable either weekly or monthly, are what the one who desires a home feels that he can spare from his income.

The benefits that the member derives from his club are many. First, he will have a home of his own. Second, he will save money. Third, he will have a comfortable place in which to live; it will cost no more monthly than he pays in rent, and after a term of years he will have the greatest of assets—a home of his own, all paid for and readily convertible into cash.

The inauguration of a "Own a Home Savings club" is simple. All it requires is initiative on the part of the bankers of the country. They are the ones who must start these clubs. And after they are started I predict that being a member of an "Own a Home Savings club" will be as popular as owning a Liberty bond or two was during the war.

Before considering the reasons why "Own a Home Savings clubs" will be popular, let me explain more fully how the plan is conducted ...

... member has fixed in his mind a home that will cost $5,000, he must have at least $500 for the first payment. Split $500 up into weekly payments of an amount the club member knows he can save, and the goal, and the length of time it will require to reach that goal, will be known. Then the objective of the member is fixed.

The next move in forming a successful club is to place before the people of the community the advantages of owning a home and to stimulate the desire to own a home that every normal man has.

To diverge a bit and to illustrate how astute merchants capitalize a latent desire, consider for a minute the methods of the makers of garments for women. They depend almost entirely in marketing their goods on illustrations. There is not a magazine in which is not displayed pictures that show the beauties of women's clothes. Women study these pictures, and as they study them the desire to possess attractive clothes grows. Thus is this desire crystallized into sales.

This is equally true of pictures of fine homes. There is not a woman—and there are few men—who will not give more than a passing glance to a home design. They may not know it, but it is that inherent desire to possess a home that causes them to take more than a casual interest in this picture. Mentally they consider the advantages and disadvantages, the beauty or lack of beauty of the home they are looking at, judging it, of course, from their own ideas of what a home should be.

This dissertation on how the banker and builder can successfully inaugurate an "Own a Home Savings club" is made to take those who will be approached on this subject into their confidence. It is a "peep behind the scenes." But if it has the effect of bringing to the minds of persons who do not own their homes some of their mental processes, thereby giving them an opportunity to analyze their feelings on the subject of home owning, the revelation will be worth while.

Owning a home brings more happiness than the possession of any other one thing, or several things. We all have homes, it is true, and take pride in our possessions. We furnish them to the best of our ability and in accordance with our tastes. But this is as far as the man goes who lives in a house he rents. He has nothing to say about how the exterior looks; neither did he have anything to do with the planning of the interior. Just now, too, he is unable to make much of a choice in exterior appearance and interior arrangement; he takes what he can get, and is thankful for four walls and a roof.

How different is the home of the man who has planned and built his residence. The exterior of his home approximates his ideas of what is attractive; the interior arrangement conforms to his ideas of comfort and convenience. But the greatest satisfaction of all is his pride of possession.

The pleasure that comes from owning the home is not its only advantage. Owning a home is a business asset that brings many opportunities for financial advancement. To the salaried man, owning a home means that he is a more stable ...

... and in consequence has lived in ... owned by others. But he must remember ... has paid for those houses just the same ... something besides. House owners are not philanthropists. They do not rent houses to ... from any altruistic motive. They are in the ... to make money. And the renter pays the ... they make.

"Own a Home Savings clubs" point the ... for the wage earners and salaried men to ... homes of their own. They provide an easy ... for everyone to save for a home. Bankers ... provide the machinery by inaugurating clubs ... within the next few years thousands upon ... sands of persons will have realized the gre... of all ambitions—owning the homes in which ... live.

TENANTS OUTNUMBER OWNERS.

The United States has fought all her wars to "preserve the home," and yet probably 60 per cent of her people are tenants. This was the text selected the other day by United States Senator William M. Calder of New York in an address before the New York Real Estate association's convention urging the necessity of a national campaign for the creation of homes. He said:

"The object of each of our wars has been, in last analysis, to preserve the home. Yet we ... that to the majority of people in this country 'home' means little more than a dwelling ... which they are paying rent. What is worse in ... situation is that the percentage of these rent payers is growing.

"In 1890 we were advised that 52 per cent of ... people in America lived under the rental system ... in 1910 that the percentage had increased to ... and probably the census of 1920 will show ... fully 60 per cent of the people will be classed ... tenants."

Taxation on the Home.

The necessity for giving proper attention to real estate taxation was brought to notice in a paper by Harrison B. Riley, president of the Chicago Title and Trust company, which was read at ... recent convention of the Real Estate Association of the State of Illinois in Champaign. In his paper Mr. Riley said:

"It is undeniable that real estate and, therefore, the home keeper, pays an increasingly unfair amount for the support of the government ... the convenience of the people. A lazy indifference and a stupid lack of intelligence in the levy and collection of taxes must be corrected, so that real estate bears only an equal proportion of the expenses of government and of civilization with other classes of property.

"Heretofore real estate has furnished over ... per cent of the revenue needed by the state, ... several counties and the unnumbered municipal and quasimunicipal corporations.

"Personal property, which equals or very likely exceeds the value of real estate, has escaped paying any fair proportion of governmental expense...

"I suggest that the new state constitution ... have only two restrictions on the power of ...

Carried the Bluff Through

Burdened Housewife Wouldn't for a Moment Admit That She Had Little Leisure Time.

POSTSCRIPTS

CHRISTMAS DAY.

FISH THAT TRAVEL ON LAND

Contrary to General Belief, There Are Many Species That Can Exist Out of the Water.

Johnny's Mistake.

Need More Native Rice.

Lines to Be Remembered.

The One Exception.

Poor Pussy's Tail.

Two Souls with but a Single Thought.

Caesar's Change of Disposition.

A Connoisseur.

A Tired Tyrant.

CINCINNATI MARKETS

Stock Raising in WESTERN CANADA
Farm Land at $15 to $30 An Acre

UNCLE SAM
a SCRAP chew in PLUG form MOIST & FRESH

LONG FACES
"Cascarets" for Liver and Bowels bring back Smiles

ITCH!

FINDING NEW DISEASE GERM

Distorting Modesty.

FOUND IN AMHERST COLLEGE

Discovery of Audubon Collection of North American Birds Will Delight Ornithologists.

Just Grievance.

Not as It Sounds.

A Wiry Lamb.

The Reason Why.

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