

GOLD BULLETS

by Charles G. Booth

SYNOPSIS: Momentarily safe from the shots of his unknown assailant in the Landy Place, Peebles rests in the room into which he stumbled. As the terrific windstorm abates and the darkness of the room lifts slightly, Peebles makes a discovery that leaves him gasping. Two silent figures are seated at table near him, apparently playing cards in the dark. Peebles believes he is becoming mad, shouts at the figures, begging them to speak. They remain silent. Peebles crawls to the table, touches a figure on the arm, then on the face and feels—cold flesh! He faints.

Chapter 23
THE DESERT RAT
It was morning when I came to. A finger of sunlight shone across my face, intensifying an ache at the back of my eyeballs. Still in a dazed condition, I lay quiet and waited for memory to refresh itself of the events of the night.
First, there had been the windstorm, turning calm day into furious night and spinning me in the room; discovery of Dillon in the hall, my ascent of the staircase, and Dillon stalking me in the gallery. The crash of his pistol, the bite of bullet on my forehead. They were as vivid to me as five. A door had opened, then—

Here I paused. The sandstorm, my experience with Dillon, my painful entrance into the room beyond, had been real. But the rest of it? The two men playing poker in the dark. Their cold, waxed faces—I shuddered. Nightmare or delirium? Nothing more. Yes, I saw exactly where reality ended and illusion began.
I was lying on the floor in one of the rooms off the balcony, a pillow under my head. A bed, a bureau, and a chair were in the room. The door had been smashed in. Sitting on an empty case, a rifle between his knees, was the oddest-looking creature I had ever seen.

He was a little wizened-up, crabapple of a man. Snow-white hair thatched his skull and ears, and neck, and his face was furrowed like a fresh-plowed field. His arms were long like an ape's and enormously strong, I thought, and they terminated in a pair of slinky hands. He was fingering a lump

of quartz, at which he peered through a lens stuck in his eye. "Good morning, Purie," I said, at length.

His ancient head flashed up and I put his age at eighty. The small, red-rimmed eyes, China-blue in color, were set in a dirty wedge of a face. The glass in his eye, held monocular fashion, was eight-sided.

"He—he—he!" the old man chuckled. "So you can't hold your yet, huh?"
"I don't know that it isn't your fault I'm not," I observed.
"Huh!" he shrieked, shaking his shaggy head at me. "Hain't I bust in the door an' put yer head on a pillar an' gived ye a guzzle o' water?"

"Very kind of you," I admitted, "but I was thinking you tried your hand at putting a bullet in my head from my head up at the Two Brothers."

"There's too many comes a-snowin' round these parts now days!" he screamed. "That that mine ain't none o' yer business, nor hold's else?"

I managed to get to my knees and, by degrees, to my feet. Dropping onto the bed, I fixed a stern eye on the crazy face in front of me.

"See here, Purie, you called on Nathan Hyde Friday morning. Where did you find that pistol you sold him?"

He began to interlace his bony fingers. "Hain't I said I ain't tellin' nothin'?"

I leaned nearer, pointing my finger at him. "You also called on Andrew Ogden. You took him a specimen of gold quartz. Where did you get it?"

"I ain't tellin'!" he yelled.
"Well, it doesn't matter," I said softly. "You got it from a new vein in the Two Brothers."
He leaned to his feet, speechless and foaming, his walnut shell of a face as yellow as saffron. Quivering, he shook his bony fists in my face, his eyes bloodshot.
"Is my bold, this!" he screamed, brandishing his fist and down, except rattling on his wire. "Hain't I trapped Skull and Skeleton 50 year ago!" he yelled. "Hain't I trapped an' starved Hain't I burned an' sweated an' froze? But I found it! An' nobody's agoin' to take it away from me!"
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He nodded mournfully. "Uh-huh. Who'd live in this devil's skillet but a old fool of a desert rat like me? When I get crazy I talk to Bull and Nap."
"Bull and Nap?" I exclaimed. "Who are they?"
Can Purie solve the mystery of Andrew Ogden's Murder? Peebles is rescued from his predicament in tomorrow's chapter.

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As a rule, nothing else can sound as dashed off as a poem that is dashed off.

Both Experts

A "shark" is a slang term for one who excels in something. A "sharp" is a term for an expert, but seems to have the idea of cheating. The idea was formerly included in the word "shark," but that meaning has now become obsolete.

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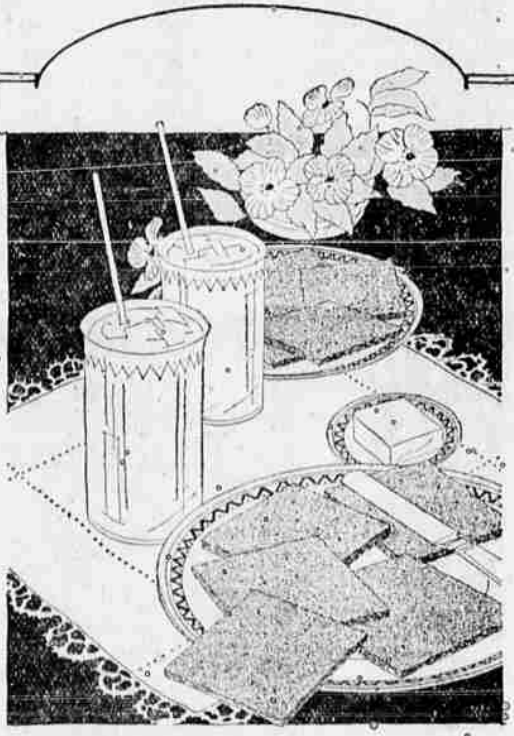


COOKING history was made recently when four famous cooking experts met in a kitchen high up in a New York skyscraper. The question before the house was what could be done to make vegetable dishes as delicious as they could be. The result of the experiments, which were carried on for several days, was the far-reaching new discovery of an old secret. The best way to cook vegetables is in a small amount of water, and with the addition of sugar. In every case vegetables so prepared received the unanimous vote of the experts.

For luncheon or dinner cook 6 medium carrots with a level tablespoon of sugar in the least boiling water possible. Slice, reheat and let simmer 10 minutes in 2 teaspoons of butter, pinch of salt, and 1 level tablespoon of sugar.

For delicious stewed tomatoes, peel, slice and stew 6 ripe ones, then add a lump of butter, 3 teaspoons of salt, 2 level tablespoons of sugar, and 1 tablespoon of bread crumbs. Cook 10 minutes longer and serve.

Just try sugar with vegetables in your own kitchen and notice how much better it makes these healthful foods. Try a dash of sugar with lima beans, string beans, corn, peas, parsnips, squash, onions and tomatoes. It makes children and adults like them. Most foods are more delicious and nourishing with sugar. The Sugar Institute.



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Over The Valley

Mabel E. Morton, Valley News Editor

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Hillgard: Marion Soling.
Kamela: Warren Hawes; Jack Horstman.

Liberty: Delbert Groat.
Moss Chapel: Dallas McKennon, Martha McKennon, Margaret Zurbick.

In regard to the recent eighth grade examinations, Mr. Sayre says: "The pupils writing the exams did extremely well. There were very few failures. The questions were very fair. Reports are being mailed out as fast as possible."

To Reach In Stem—
Friends in the valley of Gurnee

A Fletcher, a graduate this year from Willamette university at Salem, who has often visited frequently in the valley and has made friends and acquaintances here, will be interested to know that he has been elected director of boys' physical education in the Leslie junior high school at Salem.

Trees Live Many Centuries

The Forest Service says that the trees attain an age of about 4,000 years. Most of those standing are about 2,000 to 2,500 years old.

Expert Passers

Politicians are expert at passing laws, a writer declares. But that's nothing to what they can do with the buck.

They're Easy to Find

Some people like to quarrel, but they ought to pick their opponents from among those that feel the same way about it.—Atchison Daily Globe.

RELIEF FROM CURSE OF CONSTIPATION

A little Greek physician says: "Constipation is responsible for more misery than any other cause."

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3 Lb. 55c

Cheese

Full cream.

Pound 28c

Macaroni

Best quality bulk.

4 Lbs. 49c

Salmon

Max-I-Mum Brand.
Best grade Red Alaska Sockeye

2 Large 55c

Corn

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Bananas

Green cords. They are the best.

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2 Lbs. 19

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