

The Free Traders

By Victor Rousseau

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(Continued from last week)

...sitting on the unresisting girl back into the boat, threw in the utensils that he had taken out for the meal, and started the engine again. Soon the boat was cutting its way downstream once more. It was going faster than any horse could follow. Hathway's spirits began to soar again.

He looked at Joyce, lying quiet in the bottom of the boat. She was no longer looking at him. She had fallen asleep. A slight smile hovered about her lips. It frightened him, that smile; it was as if in her sleep she commended with some protecting force that assured her of safety.

And suddenly his heart was filled with superstitious fears. This woman seemed unbreakable. He thought of Estelle's words. And now he wished that he had taken her advice and let the girl go.

About the middle of the afternoon he ran ashore, weary and weathered more

...and cooked a meal, eating ravenously. He tried to make Joyce eat, but she lay still in her bonds, ignoring him. When he kissed her, her lips were cold as ice.

He cut her bonds. He drew her into his arms. The touch of her unresisting body against his own restored his courage.

"Joyce!" he cried. "Joyce! I've got you now! You're mine!"

She was not looking at him. She was looking past his head and smiling. Involuntarily Hathway turned his head to see.

A mile away, on the shore of the lake, he saw the two horsemen riding steadily toward him.

Furious on this burst from his lips. At that moment he seemed to read his doom. It was incredible that they could have ridden so fast. He must go on and on now, on till he had pitted the last ounce of his machine fuel against horse flesh—and won. Once more he carried Joyce back into the boat. Once more he hurried his craft downstream.

An hour passed. The sun was beginning to decline. And now out of the far distance a faint murmur broke upon his ears. Hathway knew what it was; he had often heard it before. It was the roar of Reindeer falls. Beyond those there was no trail—nothing but impenetrable forest through which no horse could pass. Beyond the rapids he was safe. And he had often navigated them. He knew the narrow channel between the rocks.

Once more his hopes revived. Looking back, he could see nothing but the forest, reaching down to the lake shore. The roar of the rapids drew louder. They appeared in the distance, a line of foam crinkled with the black overcropping of the rocks.

However, the engine began to misfire, and Hathway perceived that the gasoline was almost exhausted. He

...med the reservoir from the drum. The engine rattled and stopped. The boat began to drift sidewise with the increasing current.

Hathway examined his engine. He could not discover what was the matter with it. It seemed in perfect order—it would not run, that was all. He cursed. He looked about him in despair. He looked back; there was no sign of the horsemen.

Suddenly, as if illumination had come to him, he tilted the drum, poured a little stream of the contents into his hand, and raised it to his nostrils. Then, with a frenzied oath, he raised the drum and hurled it into the lake.

Kramer, to prevent Hathway's escaping with the gold, had emptied the drum of its contents and refilled it with water.

Hathway looked back in his despair and once more saw the horsemen riding on the trail.

CHAPTER XXI

Saved by Estelle

As the wall of the hut burst into flames Lee struggled with all his might to free himself of his bonds. But in spite of all his efforts he could not loosen them an inch.

He writhed until the cords drew blood from his wrists, and the thought of Joyce, lost to him at the last through Estelle's trick, inspired him to still more frenzied efforts, but equally in vain.

Suddenly a figure darted through the doorway. In his condition of semi-consciousness he was dimly aware that Estelle was crouching at his side, trying to unloose the ropes. It was impossible to see anything through the thick smoke that filled the interior of the hut, and Estelle's fingers, groping for the knots, were not strong enough to loosen them.

Still she fought in a frenzy, maddened by Hathway's desertion of her, his blow, and Shorty's murder, hardly knowing why she was bent upon saving Lee when her whole life had gone down in ruin. Two walls of the hut were now in flames, and the whole roof was smouldering. Estelle screamed wildly into the empty air.

Lee tried to push her away. "Go—never mind me!" he tried to mumble

...light, and would be able to free yourself and her. He only wanted a few minutes' respite. I—I believed him, the perjured liar. He tricked me, and now he's gone forever!"

She broke down in sobs. Lee said nothing. At that moment, when everything seemed lost, and it was impossible to save Joyce from the worst, he could only build up endless schemes for future retribution. He would pursue Hathway, if necessary, not only to the Arctic ice, but to the ends of the earth. But—it was too late.

That stunning realization kept him as still and silent as if nothing mattered at all.

All the while these thoughts passed through his mind he was walking with the others across the promontory. It was growing light now, but they could see no signs of movement in the huts opposite them. Lee quickened his footsteps, oppressed by a vague fear. Outside the huts he stopped, uttered a cry.

Father, McGrath lay in a huddled heap. There was a bloody wound in his head. Lee threw himself upon his knees beside the old priest, sure that he was dead. He took one wistful

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Town Election Notice

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West line of Sixth Street; thence southerly parallel with and one hundred (100) feet west of the west line of Sixth Street to the south line of Sheridan Street; thence easterly along the south line of Sheridan Street projected to a point which is one hundred and thirty (130) feet west from the center line of Marquam County Road, also called Terwilliger Boulevard; thence southerly and westerly parallel with and one hundred and thirty (130) feet westerly and northerly from said center line of Marquam Road, also called Terwilliger Boulevard, to a point which is one hundred and thirty (130) feet northerly from a point at the division of said Marquam Road and Terwilliger Boulevard and in the center line of both said road and boulevard; thence westerly parallel with and one hundred and thirty (130) feet northerly from the center line of Marquam County Road to a point where such line intersects the northerly line of Marquam Road Addition to the city of Portland, Oregon, which point is approximately one hundred and thirty (130) feet northerly along said northerly boundary line of said Marquam Road Addition, from the center line of Marquam County Road as now located, and is in Section nine (9), Township one (1) South, Range one (1) East of the Willamette Meridian; thence northwesterly along the northerly boundary line of said Marquam Road Addition to the northwest corner thereof, which point is the most northerly point of Lot fourteen (14) of Block three (3) of said addition; thence due west to the west line of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section nine (9); thence following a straight line in a southwesterly direction to the center of Section eight (8) in Township one (1) South, Range one (1) East of the Willamette Meridian, in Multnomah County, Oregon; thence west along the center line of Section eight (8), Section seven (7), Section twelve (12) and Section eleven (11), to the quarter corner Sections ten (10) and eleven (11) in Township one (1) South, Range one (1) West of the Willamette Meridian in Washington County, Oregon; thence North one-half (1/2) mile to the Northeast corner of said Section ten (10); thence west one (1) mile to the Northwest corner of said Section ten (10); thence north one-half (1/2) mile to the quarter corner on the east line of Section four (4) in Township one (1) South, Range one (1) West of the Willamette Meridian; thence west one (1) mile along the center line of said Section four (4); thence north one-half (1/2) mile to the northwest corner of said Section four (4); thence west one (1) mile to the southeast corner of Section thirty-one (31) in Township one (1) North, Range one (1) West of the Willamette Meridian; thence north one-half (1/2) mile to the quarter corner on the east line of said Section thirty-one (31); thence west one (1) mile to the quarter corner in the west line of said Section thirty-one (31); thence south one-half (1/2) mile.

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Household Dept.

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD RECIPES AND SUGGESTIONS

Carrot Marmalade—Run the carrots through the food chopper and to seven cups of the ground carrots add three lemons and three oranges which have been run through the grinder, skins, pulp, and all. Mix with seven cups of sugar and boil for about one hour or until it is thick like any other marmalade.

Scalloped Onions with Peanuts—Six onions, two-thirds of a cup of roasted peanuts, 4 tablespoons butter, one cup of milk, two tablespoons of rye flour, one teaspoon salt, one-half teaspoon paprika, one-half cup bread crumbs. Remove skins from onions and cook in boiling salted water until soft. Chop roasted peanuts. Melt two tablespoons of butter, add flour, stir until smooth, add milk, bring to boiling point, and add salt and paprika. Put onion, peanuts, and white sauce in alternate layers in the baking dish, cover with bread crumbs mixed with two tablespoons butter, and bake until brown. Cooked cabbage may be substituted for the onions.

Green Tomato Mincemeat—Slice one peck of green tomatoes and sprinkle well with salt. Let stand two or three hours and then put in a colander to drain over night. Put tomatoes, two sliced lemons, 1 cup of vinegar, and one cup of chopped suet in a preserving kettle and cook thirty minutes. Add two cups of seeded raisins, four pounds of sugar, two tablespoons cinnamon, one tablespoon of nutmeg, and bring to the boiling point. Boil ten minutes. Put into sterilized

Green Tomato Pie—Slice one medium sized green tomato and one-half lemon very thin. Line a pie dish with pie crust and sprinkle with one teaspoon of flour and one-fourth cup of sugar, and add lemon and tomato and sprinkle with salt. Dot with bits of butter, add a cup of sugar and a tablespoon of flour and cover with the top crust. Bake an hour in a slow oven.

Jam Pudding—Put one-quarter cup jam, jelly, or marmalade at the bottom of a greased cup or mould. Cover

with one-third cup pancake flour mixed to a thick batter. Cover and steam three-quarters hour. When turned out the jam should form sort of a sauce. Serve with cream if desired. This may also be baked. Fresh fruit with a little bit of sugar may be substituted for the jam, thus forming a sort of steamed "cobbler." Serve with cream and sugar.

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Lee Tried to Push Her Away. "Go—Never Mind Me!" He Tried to Mumble Through His Gag.



through his gag. And he wondered why she, who had lured him there, was now trying to save him.

She bit at the ropes with her teeth, and even while she did so those screams continued to pour from her lips. At last, with a final, despairing cry, she collapsed at Lee's side.

Another figure staggered over the sill. It was Leboeuf. He came on, a moving pillar of mud. The old Indian, attracted by the fire, and hearing Estelle's cries, had at last succeeded in fighting his way out of the musk. Seeing the two forms dully through the smoke, he bent down, felt the cords about Lee's limbs and body and, with his knife, quickly slashed them asunder.

He pulled the gag from Lee's mouth and carried him outside. Estelle staggered out after him. In a few moments the fresh air revived them.

But hardly were they outside the hut when the roof collapsed with a great crash, sending up a spout of sparks and brands. A huge banner of fire waved where the hut had been. The glowing brands, descending, set fire to the dead reeds. Lines of fire ran swiftly out into the swamp.

The sound of whinneying and plunging came from the stables, which were now discernible against the brightening sky.

"Monster!" cried Leboeuf, pointing. Estelle clung to Lee. "Wait! Wait!" she cried. But even in Lee's misery the instinct to save the animals came first. Leboeuf and he set off toward the building, stepping through the swamp, while the fiery fingers of the conflagration reached out toward them.

"No! This way!" cried Estelle, running toward them.

She guided them along the little trail. In a few moments Lee and Leboeuf had unharmed the animals, and led them to safety, the Indian carrying the saddles and bridles over his arm.

At the neck of the promontory Estelle grasped at Lee again. "He is gone!" she cried. "He has taken her to Lake Misgush in his motor boat. Oh, don't you care, that you stand there like that?"

Lee looked at her, despite heavy in his eyes. "So much," he answered, "that I shall follow him to the Arctic ice if necessary. That is why there is no instant hurry, Estelle."

Estelle could not understand his calmness. "He made me deceive you," she cried. "He swore to me that he would take me away with him, leaving her in the hut with you. He said he would place a knife near you, so that you could see it when it drew

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