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WESTERN

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HAS FURY TURNED
BAD? DON'T MISS
"The **SHEEP KILLER**"

WAIT! DON'T SHOOT
MY DOG... FURY
WOULDN'T KILL
SHEEP! STOP!



E. H. HART

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MEN · WOMEN**

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Camp Fire Girls - News Boys!**

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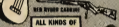
FLAM CAMERA



ROBOT SET OR DOLL FIGURE LAWN



MUSICAL INSTRUMENT



BABY RATTLE



NEW STYLE CAMERA

ALL KINDS OF HOUSEWARES



BABY RATTLE



POP-UP TOASTER



BOYS OR GIRLS BICYCLE



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7 TUBE RADIO SET



JET PLANE WITH GAS ENGINE



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SEWING MACHINE



GAME



WALKING DOLL



WALKIE-TALKIE



WALKIE-TALKIE



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CHEMISTRY SET



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TEX RITTER

in 'THE SHEEP
KILLER'

IN SHEEP COUNTRY, HUGE REWARDS ARE PAID FOR MOUNTAIN LIONS, WOLVES, OR ANY OTHER ANIMAL THAT RAIDS THE HERDS! IT WAS TEX RITTER'S JOB TO FIND AND DESTROY SUCH SHEEP-KILLERS...

NO, FURY--HE'S CLAWED
YOU APLENTY!



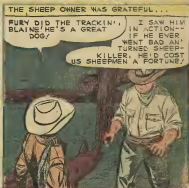
WE GOT 'EM, FURY...
BUT HE ALMOST
GOT US!



THE SHEEP OWNER WAS GRATEFUL...

FURY DID THE TRACKIN',
BLAINE! HE'S A GREAT
DOG!

I SAW HIM
IN ACTION--
IF HE EVER
WENT BAD AN'
TURNED SHEEP-
KILLER, HE'D COST
US SHEEPMEN A FORTUNE!



TEX RITTER WESTERN

LOOK, BLAINE,
THE DOG DID
YOU A FAVOR!
DON'T HINT
THAT HE'S
GONE BAD!

WELL, SOMETHIN'
BESIDES MOUNTAIN
LION HAS BEEN
RAIDIN' OUR HERDS,
MY MUNCH IS IT'S A
DANG--ONE ABOUT THE
SIZE OF
FURY!



THE PRARIE RANGER HELD HIS TEMPER...
AND GOT AWAY FROM THE MAN AS FAST
AS POSSIBLE! HE KNEW BLAINE WAS
RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING...

THERE IS SOMETHIN' FUNNY GOIN'
ON AROUND HERE, FURY!
WHATEVER IS RAIDIN' THE
HERDS ISN'T JUST LEAV-
ING THEM DEAD...



...HE'S DRIVIN' OFF FORTY AN' FIFTY
AT A TIME! I'VE GOT TUH STOP WHO-
EVER OR WHATEVER
IT IS!



THE PRARIE RANGER DOCTORED FURY'S
WOUNDS AND LEFT HIM AT THE CAMP...

STAY THERE, FURY--I'LL
BE BACK ABOUT
SUNDOWN!



I NEED FURY ON A JOB LIKE THIS...
BUT I'LL GET ALONG ALONE TILL HE'S
HEALED! THERE'S SOME GENTS UP
AHEAD...



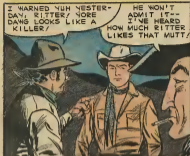
HERE'S RITTER NOW,
JASON! ASK HIM IF
HE'S GOT A DANG LIKE
THAT...

RITTER, IF
BLAINE'S
RIGHT, IT'S
GONNA COST YOU
PLENTY--WHERE'S
THAT SHEEP-KILLIN'
HOUND OF YOURS?



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TEX RITTER WAS SHOCKED... ONE WORD OF RUMOR COULD SPREAD AND BE BELIEVED!



I WARNED YUH YESTER-DAY, RITTER/ YORE DAWG LOOKS LIKE A KILLER!

HE WON'T ADMIT IT-- I'VE HEARD HOW MUCH RITTER LIKES THAT MUTT!

YUH STARTED THIS, BLAINE/ I'LL HOLD YUH RESPONSIBLE FOR WHATEVER... PUT THAT GUN AWAY!

I WANT YUH TO SEE SOMETHING, RITTER-- I'LL KEEP YUH COVERED TUH MAKE SURE YUH DON'T PANIC AN' RIDE OFF!



THE PRARIE RANGER HAD A HUNCH-- AND IT TURNED OUT RIGHT/ SIX DEAD SHEEP WERE GROUPED NEAR A SLOPE...

SEE THEM, RITTER? WHAT MAKES YUH YORE DAWG DID THAT?

BLAINE SAW HIM DO IT THIS MORNIN'/ DON'T TRY TALKIN' US OUT OF IT RITTER-- WE'RE GONNA GIT YORE DAWG!

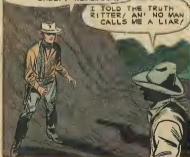


WHAT'S MORE YOU HAVE YUH PAY FOR MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED SHEEP EITHER KILLED OR RUN OFF IN THAT LAST MONTH, THAT'S THE LAW... YUH HAVE TUH MAKE GOOD FOR WHAT YORE SHEEP-KILLIN' MOUND DID!



BLAINE, YUH BETTER TELL 'IM YUH LIED/ FURY WAS WITH ME THIS MORN-ING-- HE GOT HURT PROTECTIN' YORE SHEEP, REMEMBER?

I TOLD THE TRUTH RITTER/ AN' NO MAN CALLS ME A LIAR!



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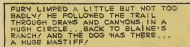
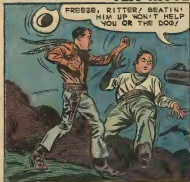
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YUH TALK BIG,
RANGER/ BUT IF
MY HOUND WAS
LOOSE, YUH'D BE
IN TROUBLE!

YUH STOLE SHEEP
TOO, BLAINE/
FURN TRAILED 'EM
HERE/ YUH'RE
UNDER ARREST--
SO'S YORE DOG!

A SHEEPHERD HEARD BLAINE AND
MANAGED TO MOVE QUIETLY--HE FREED
THE MAD MASTIFF, THEN...



I TRIED TUH KEEP
YUH FROM DOIN' IT,
BLAINE!

GRRGGGGHHRRRR!



YORE LAME DOG WAS
LOSIN' RITTER--I
HAD TUH SHOOT THE
MASTIFF... I
KNOW WHOSE DOG
DID THE DAMAGE
NOW!

BLAINE'LL
STAND TRIAL/
THE MISSING
SHEEP ARE IN HIS
HERDS!

BLAINE'S MASTIFF SHOULD'VE BEEN
KEPT AWAY FROM THE SHEEP/ HE WAS
PROBABLY TRAINED FOR HUNTIN'
YARMINTS--WHEN BLAINE SENT HIM
AFTER SHEEP TUH COVER UP HIS
RUSTLIN', THE POOR DOG JUST
DID WHAT HE'D BEEN TRAINED
TUH DO!



"GUN SIGHT"

BENNY HUME DIDN'T CARE TO BE IN CRAGVILLE... HE HEARD IT WAS A ROUGH TOWN...

I... SURE HOPE I DON'T BUMP INTO TROUBLE HERE...



IT'S A ROUGH TOWN WITH OR WITHOUT GUNS!



I'D BETTER LIE LOW TILL I CAN CATCH THAT NEXT TRAIN... TOO BAD I HAVE TO CHANGE TRAINS HERE...



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21 "War at Sea" P-T Boat

JET POWERED! ACTION FAST!



ONLY 25¢ AND 1 COVER CORNER
[ADD 5¢ EXTRA FOR CANADA]

22 "Six-Gun Hero" Water Pistols

TWO SIX-GUNS PLUS A SECRET "HIDE OUT" SLEEVE GUN!



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23 Magic Mile Binoculars

SPOT THE HUSTLERS! MAGNIFIES 2½ TIMES! HI-POWER GLASSES!

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Each
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DRESSED IN THEIR NATIVE CLOTHES WITH MOVABLE ARMS AND LEGS AND EYES THAT OPEN AND CLOSE!

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BE THE FIRST ONE ON YOUR STREET WITH A VALUABLE SPACE MAP! REAL SCIENTIFIC EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION!



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YOUR NAME ON RED, BLUE, YELLOW, OR WHITE SILK!

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LIGHTNING FAST! EASY TO LOAD!

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3 POWER!



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CHRIS-CRAFT MODEL AND WATER SKIERS! RUNS 5 MILES ON ONE FUELING!

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34 Giant Map

33x50 Large Full Color

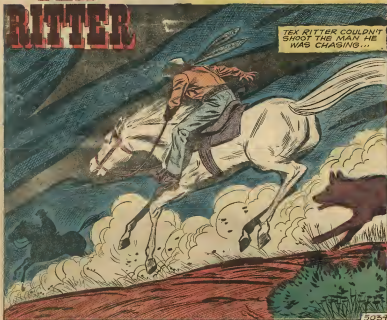


CHOICE OF UNITED STATES OR WORLD!
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25¢ AND 1 COVER CORNER

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THE RED-HEADED
OUTLAW!

**TEX
RITTER**



TEX RITTER COULDN'T
SHOOT THE MAN HE
WAS CHASING...

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... AND RED COCHRAN HAD SWORN HE'D
NEVER BE TAKEN ALIVE! HE HAD NO MORE
ROOM TO RUN... THE CANYON WAS AT HIS
BACK!



TEX RITTER HAD REASONS OF HIS OWN
FOR WHAT HE DID... RED COCHRAN HAD NO
TIME TO DODGE OR GET OFF ANOTHER SHOT!
THE LAWMAN'S HORSE THUNDERED INTO
COCHRAN'S AND THEY WENT OVER THE LEDGE!

THEY BOTH WENT OVER—THAT'S FINE!
THE LAW'LL WRITE IT OFF AS A LAWMAN
LOST CHASIN' A FUGITIVE—NO ONE'LL
KNOW I HAD A HAND IN IT!



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**Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity
LET ME PROVE TO YOU, AT MY
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I SAY CAN BE DONE!**

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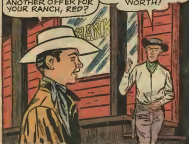
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WHAT LED TO THAT LAST TERRIBLE PLUNGE INTO THE RAPIDS—WHY WAS THE LAW AFTER A RANCHER LIKE RED COCHRAN? IT STARTED THE DAY BEFORE...

DEKKER MADE YOU ANOTHER OFFER FOR YOUR RANCH, RED?

YEAH—HE OFFERED HALF WHAT IT'S WORTH!



HE SEEMS TO BE THREATENIN' ME, TEX! TALKS ABOUT MY KID BROTHER...SAYS IT'D BE A SHAME IF THE KID GOT HIMSELF HURT IN THIS COUNTRY!



IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO JACK, I'LL TEAR DEKKER APART!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT DEKKER WOULD WANT, RED! THEN YOU'D BE JAILED OR ON THE KUN AND HE'D GET YOUR RANCH ANYHOW!



NO ONE SAW IT HAPPEN...SOMEONE IN THE HOTEL HEARD A NOISE IN THE ALLEY AND RAN OUTSIDE...

GET A DOCTOR! JACK COCHRAN'S HURT!



HE'S STILL ALIVE BUT HE'S OUT COLD! SOMEONE GO FOR RED COCHRAN!

I'M HERE, TEX!



I'LL GET DEKKER FOR THIS, TEX! WHETHER JACK LIVES OR DIES, I'LL GET THE MAN WHO DID IT!



TEX RITTER WESTERN

THE DOCTOR ARRIVED A MOMENT LATER...TEX WAITED JUST LONG ENOUGH TO HEAR HIS FIRST OPINION ABOUT THE INJURED MAN!

HE'S NOT TOO BAD! GOT A BAD KNOCK ON THE HEAD!



JACK COCHRAN WILL LIVE... BUT IF I DON'T GET TO DEKKER BEFORE RED DOES, DEKKER WILL GET HURT!



THE LAWMAN FOUND DEKKER AT HIS FAVORITE TABLE IN THE GOLDEN BAR...

SO COCHRAN HAD AN ACCIDENT! HOW DOES THAT INVOLVE ME, MARSHAL?

RED THINKS YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE SOMEHOW! LAY LOW, MR. DEKKER! GIVE RED A CHANCE TO COOL OFF!



COCHRAN IS A FOOL, RITTER! HE OWNS LAND I WANT AND INTEND TO HAVE! IF, BY HIS ACTIONS, HE BECOMES A FUGITIVE, HE'LL LOSE THAT LAND! AND YOU CAN'T KEEP IT FROM HAPPENING!



DEKKER'S RIGHT, TEX! STAND ASIDE - I'M GONNA VENTILATE HIM RIGHT NOW!



RED, DEKKER WANTED YOU TO DO THIS! HE PLANNED IT THIS WAY!

IT'S HIS LAST PLAN THEN, TEX!



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THIS IS FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO MY BROTHER JACK!



DEKKER DIDN'T ANTICIPATE THAT... WHEN THE SHOT BOOMED, HE ACTUALLY STAGGERED BACK AS THO HE HIT! BUT IT WASN'T COCHRAN'S COLT THAT WENT OFF!



ARREST HIM, RITTER! ATTEMPTED MURDER WILL PUT HIM BEHIND BARS FOR A LONG, LONG TIME!

YOU MESSED THINGS UP, RED! I'VE GOT TO TAKE YOU IN!



TAKE THE BUMBLING FOOL AWAY, RITTER!

SOMETIMES GENTS LIKE YOU USE THE LAW IN YOUR OWN INTERESTS, DEKKER, BUT IT'LL EVEN OUT - IT ALWAYS DOES! YOUR DAY IS COMIN' SOON!



FREEZE, TEX! DON'T GO FOR THAT SIX-GUN! THERE'S A SADDLED HORSE ACROSS THE STREET, RED!

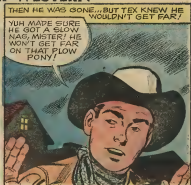


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DON'T DO IT, RED!
STAY HERE - I'LL
GET A LAWYER
FOR YOU!

ADIOS, TEX!
I'LL SEE YUH
DOWN THE TRAIL
SOMEWHERE!



THEN HE WAS GONE... BUT TEX KNEW HE
WOULDN'T GET FAR!
YUH MADE SURE
HE GOT A SLOW
NAG, MISTER! HE
WON'T GET FAR
ON THAT PLOW
PONY!



THE MAN WAS GONE... BACK TO REPORT TO
DEKKER!
I JUST FREED COCHRAN, BOSS!
I STEERED HIM TO THE
SLOWEST NAG IN TOWN!
WE'LL CATCH 'IM EASY!

YOU'RE
SMART, WILEY!
YOU GET A FAT
BONUS FOR
THIS!



ROUND UP THE BOYS - MARSHAL RITTER
WILL BE NEEDING A POSSE TO TRACK
COCHRAN DOWN! TELL THEM TO BE SURE
TO PACK THEIR WINCHESTERS!



SWEAR US IN, RITTER!
WE'RE GOING TO
HELP CATCH
COCHRAN!

WHAT IF I DON'T
WANT HELP,
DEKKER?



YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE US
ALONG, RITTER! IT'S YOUR
DUTY TO GET COCHRAN -
YOU CAN'T REFUSE
HELP IN TRACKING
HIM DOWN AND
YOU KNOW IT!

TEX RITTER WESTERN

RED COCHRAN HAD A MEAGER FIFTEEN MINUTE ADVANTAGE...THE POSSE, MOUNTED ON FRESH, FAST HORSES, CUT THAT DOWN QUICKLY!

COCHRAN'LL THROW A FEW SLUGS OUR WAY - THAT'LL BE ALL THE EXCUSE WE NEED TO DO WHAT DEKKER WANTS!



COCHRAN IS GUILTY ACCORDIN' TO THE LAW - BUT DEKKER IS THE REAL CRIMINAL! I'VE GOT TO SAVE COCHRAN!



THERE HE IS!



COCHRAN'S LUMBERING HORSE WAS NO MATCH FOR THEIRS...A SECOND LATER, DEKKER AND HIS MEN WERE FIRING...

HOLD IT, RED! GIVE UP - YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE!



I'LL SHOOT THE NEXT MAN WHO FIRES AT MY PRISONER!
"STOP THEM, DEKKER!"



HOLD IT, BOYS!

KEEP THEM HERE!
I'LL CAPTURE RED!

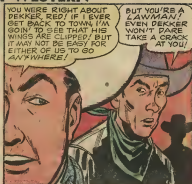


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DON'T COME TOO CLOSE, TEX! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YUH DOIN' DEKKER'S DIRTY WORK!

I'M NOT, YOU KNUCKLE-HEAD!



YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT DEKKER, RED! IF I EVER GET BACK TO TOWN, I'M GOIN' TO SEE THAT HIS WINGS ARE CLIPPED! BUT IT MAY NOT BE EASY FOR EITHER OF US TO GO ANYWHERE!

BUT YOU'RE A LAWMAN! EVEN DEKKER WON'T DARE TAKE A CRACK AT YOU!



YOU'D BETTER RIDE OUT OF HERE, RITTER! WE'LL SPREAD THE WORD THAT WE CAUGHT UP WITH COCHRAN AND HE RESISTED ARREST!

BACK OFF, BUSTER! RED, TAKE DEKKER'S HORSE! IT'S FAST!



GO ON... RIDE!



I'LL PICK YUH UP SOMEWHERE, RED! GO ON, MAN, VAMOOSE!



THAT MAN IS A CRIMINAL, RITTER! YOU'VE SWORN TO UPHOLD THE LAW!

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TEX RITTER WESTERN

THE MARSHAL WORKED FAST—HE GOT ABOARD HIS OWN HORSE, THEN HAZED THE REST UP A COULEE! THAT LEFT DEKKER AND HIS GANG AFOOT...

GO AFTER THOSE HORSES! WE'RE GOING AFTER COCHRAN AND RITTER BOTH!



I'VE GOT TO GET RED, TAKE HIM BACK TO TOWN AND GET HIM IN A CELL! THAT'S THE SAFEST PLACE FOR HIM TILL I GET DEKKER UNDER CONTROL!



DON'T TRY TO TAKE ME, TEX!



THEY'RE CLOSE... TOO CLOSE! THERE WON'T BE TIME FOR TALK—THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO!



TEX KNEW THAT RIVER...HE'D FIGURED IT CAREFULLY AS HE CHARGED COCHRAN... THEY WENT OVER...!



THAT DID IT!—NOW THEY'RE BOTH OUT OF MY HAIR!



TEX RITTER WESTERN

THERE WAS A WIDE DEEP POOL BENEATH THAT LEDGE... BOTH MEN WENT DEEP, FIGHTING THE TURBULENT CURRENTS...



WHITE FLASH MADE IT ALL RIGHT! WHERE'S RED?



YOU CRAZY GALOOT - YOU SCARED THE LIFE OUT OF ME!

LOOKS LIKE I SCARED ALL THE FIGHT OUT OF YOU TOO!



WE'VE GOT TO ROUND UP DEKKER AND HIS GANG, RED!

I HAVEN'T EVEN GOT A GUN AFTER THAT HIGH DIVE!



THEIR HORSES WERE ALL RIGHT... RED COCHRAN FOUND THAT HE WAS PROBABLY GOING TO WIND UP IN JAIL. HE FOLLOWED TEX RITTER INTO TOWN...

GO PAST THE JAIL... PICK UP A SHOTGUN AND A COLT THERE, THEN SWING AROUND BEHIND THE GOLDEN BAR! I'M GOIN' THERE NOW!

OKAY, TEX - BUT DON'T DO ANYTHING TILL I GET THERE!



HERE'S TO CRIME, BOYS!

GO AHEAD, DEKKER - IT'LL BE YOUR LAST ONE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR ATTEMPTING TO SHOOT ME AND MY PRISONER!



TEX RITTER WESTERN

DON'T START ANYTHING YOU CAN'T FINISH, DEKKER! I'VE GOT THE ACE IN THE HOLE THIS TIME!

HOLD IT, BUZZ! WHAT DO YOU MEAN, RITTER? WHERE'S COCHRAN?



LET'S TAKE 'IM, BOSS! HE'S ONLY ONE MAN—WE CAN'T MISS!

SHUT UP, YOU FOOL! RED COCHRAN'S BEHIND US—HE MUST BE! I'M NOT GOING TO RISK IT!



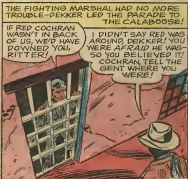
THROW YOUR GUNS ON THE FLOOR—I'LL COUNT THREE! IF ANYONE'S STILL ARMED THEN, I'LL START SHOOTIN'!



THE FIGHTING MARSHAL HAD NO MORE TROUBLE—DEKKER LED THE PARADE TO THE CALABOOSE!

IF RED COCHRAN WASN'T IN BACK OF US, WE'D HAVE DOWNED YOU, RITTER!

I DIDN'T SAY RED WAS AROUND, DEKKER! YOU WERE AFRAID HE WAS—SO YOU BELIEVED IT! COCHRAN, TELL THE GENT WHERE YOU WERE!



RIGHT HERE ALL THE TIME—I CAME OVER TO GET A GUN LIKE TEX SAID AND HIS DEPUTY LOCKED ME UP! TEX ROUNDED UP YOUR BUNCH ALL ALONE, DEKKER!



I GET PAID TO TAKE CHANCES WITH GENTS LIKE YOU, DEKKER! COCHRAN WAS ALREADY UNDER ARREST, REMEMBER? I DID IT ALONE... THE DAY I'LL NEED HELP WITH FOURFLUSHERS LIKE YOU IS THE DAY I'LL TAKE OFF MY BADGE!



SHAVE FOR

SILVER

Sheriff Max Ellard was doing his best to check his temper. Thirty years of wearing the star on his vest had taught him a lot about self control. But the situation he faced was something different. He turned to the young man in his office.

"If you have been sent to take over my duties, then tell me so. Or you show me where in any way I have been negligent. I still maintain that Chief Geronimo and his braves have been raiding the silver wagons. The fact that we haven't been able to catch him surely isn't my fault. Especially when you have more than five thousand troops in the field looking for him and they can't locate him."

In spite of his youthful appearance, Dan Cranmer had a very capable head on his shoulders. For that reason he has been sent to Silver City to check on the raids that were taking place on the silver wagon.

"You go right ahead and do whatever you have been doing," he smiled. "There is no conflict of authority. We both want to stop those raids, and we are going to succeed. However, since the silver was purchased for the United States Government and headed towards the mint in California, you can see why they sent me."

"Well, well," interrupted a charming feminine voice, "you must be the United States Secret Service operator that has been sent to our town. As a woman I surely am curious to meet him in person. Also to ask him some questions."

"My daughter, Amelia," introduced the sheriff. "And the gentleman with her is Howard Menge, owner of the Menge Silver Mine which sells to the United States Government. Dan Cranmer of the United States Secret Service."

"Well, it can't be very secret if everybody in town already knows you are here," teased the

charming Amelia as she tossed her blond hair over her left shoulder. "They say a woman can't keep a secret. But why wasn't your identity kept a secret?"

"Because it wasn't felt necessary," was the unexpected answer. "When conditions arise where secrecy is important then the identity of our operator is unknown."

"I hope you get those raiders," added Howard Menge. "They are getting bolder and bolder. Next Monday we send out three wagons full of silver and an escort of thirty armed men. Sheriff Ellard will be with us. Are you also coming?"

"Try to keep me away," challenged the young government operator. "I will be there when you leave. Meanwhile I have some matters which need my personal attention. Should anybody be looking for me, I have a room at the Silver City Hotel."

Saying that, the young man left and Amelia gave him a parting glance. Then she turned to her companion.

"He seems so certain of himself that he is a bit annoying," she commented.

"When you are young, I guess you are that way," was the reply of Howard Menge. "Perhaps some things only come with experience."

For the next four days, Dan Cranmer was absent from Silver City. He rode to Fort Sill where he attended an important conference of government and army officials.

"If Chief Geronimo is making those raids," he said to the men present, "we have mysteries to clear up. Why does he raid only some of the time instead of always? What is he doing with the silver? Why are these raids so planned that we haven't been able to shoot a single raider? Or even capture one? Why are they so desir-

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ous of keeping up an apparent record of not killing a single person? Or of being killed?

"I think these are all related. If we can get an answer any place, we will have a clue. We will put into effect the plan we discussed."

"If it works," said Colonel Manning, "we will have a new kind of weapon to use in desert warfare. My men will follow your instructions."

Dan Cranmer returned to Silver City. He was present when they assembled the armed escort for the silver wagons. To his surprise, Amelia was with her father.

"Just a woman's intuition," was her explanation. "I just feel that something different is going to happen and I want to be present."

They all rode slowly to the West and by nightfall were on the edge of the great American Desert. Armed guards did sentry duty during the night. In the morning, Dan Cranmer set up a mirror on a tripod. He had a bowl of water, some soap and a straight edge razor. It took him about five minutes to get the mirror set so he could shave. Some of the guards couldn't help laughing.

"Wonder why he wants to be so clean shaven?" remarked Joe Hooper. "Think it is because we have the daughter of the Sheriff with us?"

"You ask a question and then you answer it," remarked Hal Winters dryly. "Saves a lot of energy when you are tired."

Apparently Dan Cranmer had brought a lot of extra clothing with him. Each day he shaved and was dressed as though he was doing his best to make an impression upon a certain young lady.

"I'm waiting for an invitation to dine out," Amelia teased him when they had been out on the desert for six days. "We could set up a table. But alas I forgot to bring an evening gown with me."

Dan Cranmer laughed. He was conscious of the fact that by this time the men accepted his shaving and daily change of clothing as nothing important. They had more important things on their minds.

"When we get across the desert and reach Dulmon's Crossing," he told Amelia, "it will be a pleasure to invite you out to eat."

Each evening the wagons were formed into a sort of protective fort. The tongue of one wagon was tied to the back of another. For in addition to the three wagons of silver there were eight wagons full of supplies for the men. It was impossible to keep all the horses inside the corral thus formed.

So most of the horses had to be kept outside and they were hobbled. Then on the tenth night the mysterious raiders struck. Fire arrows hit the wagons and the horses ran away. There were shots in the air. Some remained to fight

the fire. Others tried to recapture the horses. Sheriff Max Ellard, the mine owner, Dan Cranmer, and five others had their horses and tried to go after the raiders, but to no avail. The night was dark. When they returned they heard the sad news.

"Some of those Injuns doubled back," lamented Hal Winters. "They took most of the silver from the wagons. Tied us up. Took me half an hour to get out of my bonds."

In the morning most of the missing horses were found and brought back. Sadly the group continued their journey across the desert. Little things annoyed the men. Dan Cranmer still insisted on taking his morning shave.

"By this time you ought to be able to set up the mirror in a minute," commented the Sheriff. "You always take so long."

"Go and grow a beard," suggested Howard Menge. "You failed to protect the silver."

"I'm not so sure I failed," was the unexpected reply. "Take a look at the dust. We will have visitors soon."

In twenty minutes a group of mounted soldiers, some Indians, and fifteen white men whose hands were bound, all rode into camp. Colonel Manning walked right up to Howard Menge. At a signal, his soldiers leveled their rifles at all present.

"It looked like a fool proof idea, didn't it, Mr. Menge," began the army officer. "Your mine was running out of silver. You stole your own shipments and collected from the United States Government. Then resold the stolen silver. You supplied the armed guards who were in on the deal and planned it so nobody could be caught or hurt. You didn't dare take a chance."

"We had Chief Geronimo helping us. He offered to surrender last month. So as a test of good faith we told him to help us. He ringed the desert edge with his braves. We knew every move you made."

Later when they reached Dulmon's Crossing, Dan Cranmer took Amelia out to dine. But she was puzzled.

"You didn't shave? Why not?"

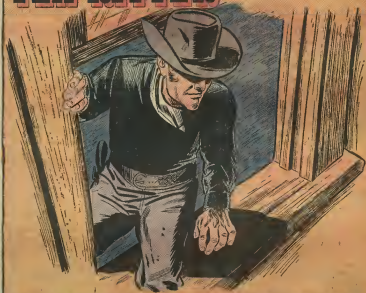
"No need to," he explained. "I really didn't want to shave. What you saw me doing wasn't just shaving. I was signaling with the mirror. An idea that came from India. It is called a Heliograph. The slashes were the dots and dashes from the Morse Code. And the answers were brief so they could hardly be noticed. That's how I kept the Colonel informed and he let me know what was taking place."

"Go take a shave or I don't dine out," she challenged.

"For my future wife, I shave," he replied. Which he did.

TEX RITTER

THE REVENGE RIDER



THE SPADIE FINGER HAD SPOTTED WHITNEY BRIGGS SLIPING INTO TOWN--THE OWLHOOPER LAID LOW, THEN HE SNEAKED INTO THE ALLEY BACK OF THE BANK!

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TEX RITTER WASN'T FAR BEHIND HIM-- BRIGGS HAD LEFT THE WINDOW WIDE OPEN FOR THE RANGER TO FOLLOW...

WHITNEY BRIGGS MAY HAVE PLANNED IT THAT WAY--HE'D ALWAYS HATED THE PRARIE RANGER/ ANYHOW, HE WAS IN THERE AT THE VAULT--HE SAW TEX AND HE CUT LOOSE!



TEX RITTER WESTERN

MY BROTHER, DADE'LL GET YUH FOR THIS, RITTER/ I TOLD 'IM YUH WERE, AFTER ME!

DADE'S AN HONEST MAN, WHITEY/ HE WON'T BE DUMB ENOUGH TO GET IN TROUBLE OVER YOU!



SIXTY MILES SOUTH, DADE BRIGGS WAS ENJOYING A DAY OFF--HE GOT THE NEWS FROM AN OUTLAW PAL OF HIS BROTHERS!

DID YUH HEAR 'BOUT IT, DADE? TEX RITTER FRAMED YOKE BROTHER, THEN SHOT 'IM DOWN WITHOUT GIVIN' HIM A CHANCE!



YOU LIE/ WHITEY'S NOT IN TROUBLE AGAIN/ SIDES, TEX IS SQUARE--HE WOULDN'T FRAME WHITEY!

ASK ANYBODY-- ASK THE MARSHAL HERE IN TOWN/ HE'LL TELL YUH!



IF IT'S LIKE YUH SAID, I'LL GET EVEN/ ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I'LL GET TEX RITTER!



HEARING THE NEWS, THE PRARIE RANGER RODE SOUTH TO SEE DADE BRIGGS/ HE WANTED TO SET HIM STRAIGHT...

DADE'S TOO GOOD A MAN TO TURN OHLHOOTER/ HE'LL LISTEN IF I GIVE HIM THE STRAIGHT STORY ON WHAT HAPPENED!

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YUH HAVEN'T SEEN DADE AROUND, HUH? IF YUH DO SEE 'IM, TELL 'IM TEX RITTER WAS LOOKIN' FOR 'IM!



TEX RITTER WESTERN

DADE BRIGGS GOT THE MESSAGE--HE GOT IT GARBLED FROM THE WRONG MAN!

DADE, YUH'RE IN TROUBLE/ RITTER'S LOOKIN' FOR YUH-- SAYS HE'S GONNA PUT YUH BEHIND BARS WITH VORE BROTHER, WHITEY!

I RECKON I'M AN OUTLAW WITHOUT EVER STEALIN' A DIME!



I'LL LET TEX RITTER FIND ME-- BUT I'LL HAVE SOME CASH TUH RUN FOR THE BORDER ON ME WHEN I DO/ GET LOST--I'M GONNA WORK ALONE!



DADE BRIGGS PICKED A STAGE COACH-- HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW MUCH HE'D GET-- HE DIDN'T CARE!

TOSS THAT STRONGBOX DOWN-- YUH STAY ABOARD/ THE FOLKS INSIDE STAY PUT TOO!



HE DIDN'T TRY TO HIDE HIS TRAIL-- NOT EVEN AFTER HE FOUND THE TEN-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN BILLS IN THE STRONG BOX/ HE WANTED TEX RITTER TO FIND HIM...

HE OUGHTA BE NEAR BY NOW, HOSS/ RITTER DON'T LOSE TIME ON A TRAIL!



DADE'S HOPIN' I'LL CATCH HIM/ HE WANTS A SHOOT-OUT/ THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO!



GIT DOWN, RITTER/ GIT DOWN AN' FIGHT!



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TEX RITTER WESTERN

DADE HAD A BEAD ON THE MARSHAL-- HE'D SET A TRAP AND TEX RITTER HAD RIDDEN RIGHT INTO IT/ BUT HE COULD NOT PULL THE TRIGGER/

YUH WON'T SHOOT, DADE/ PUT THAT GUN AWAY AND LET'S TALK/



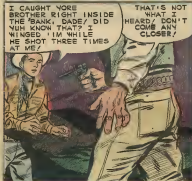
STAY BACK, TEX/ YUH FRAMED MY BROTHER--YUH'RE NOT GONNA TAKE ME IN TUH JAIL/

THAT'S WHY I WANT TUH TALK, DADE/ PUT THAT GUN AWAY/



I CAUGHT YORE BROTHER RIGHT INSIDE THE 'BANK, DADE/ DID YUH KNOW THAT? I WINGED 'IM WHILE HE SHOT THREE TIMES AT ME/

THAT'S NOT WHAT I HEARD/ DON'T COME ANY CLOSER/



THE PRARIE RANGER HAD HIS MAN NERVOUS, UNCERTAIN--BUT STILL DANGEROUS/ HE WAS NEAR THE ROCKS WHEN HE DOVE FOR COVER/



IT'S YOU OR ME NOW, RITTER/ YOU TRICKED ME--THERE'LL BE NO MORE TALKIN'!



I'M SHOOTIN' ON SIGHT, RITTER/ RITTER--YUH STILL THERE?



TEX RITTER WESTERN

IT WAS A SIMPLE RUSE...AND IT WORKED BEAUTIFULLY!

I SEE YUH--YUH CAN'T MAKE A SUCKER OUTA ME!



TOO LATE, DADE! HERE I COME!



HOLD IT, RITTER! YUH GOT ME!

IT WAS ALMOST THE OTHER WAY AROUND, DADE! WHY DIDN'T YUH PULL THE TRIGGER WHEN YUH HAD THE CHANCE?



I JUST HAPPENED TUH THINK, RIGHT WHEN YUH RODE UP--MY BROTHER NEVER DID AMOUNT TUH MUCH! HE PROBABLY DESERVED WHAT HE GOT! LET'S GO--I'M AS BAD AS HE IS IN THE EYES OF THE LAW NOW!



YUH'LL GET A LIGHT SENTENCE, DADE! NO ONE CAN BREAK THE LAW AND NOT BE PUNISHED BUT IT'S YORE FIRST OFFENSE!

YEAH IT SURE IS! I RECKON I'M JUST AS DUMB AS WHITEY, COME TO THINK OF IT!



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