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The Love of a Man of the Plains

By ANNA SHANNON MONROE

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"My foolish boy! Of course I love you. I love everything here—those distant black barren hills, the great wide valley, the sage brush, the cactus, the toad, the range cattle, the ponies, and everything that goes to make up this boundless western country. And, above and beyond all else, I love you. You are a wonderful picture, a wonderful frame. I could not separate you from the country, nor the country from you. Would I love it with you out of it? I cannot say. I can imagine you out of it." She patted her pony's neck as she talked.

"You love me anywhere else, I wonder, in your far-away eastern home, for example, among your more cultured friends?" She answered him by a peal of silvery laughter which rang down the canyon and startled the lizards basking in the sunshine.

"I looked up quickly. 'Pardon me, dear, but I was just imagining you among my friends back east. It seems so funny.'"

He colored under the heavy tan coating of his handsome face and pulled his sombrero down more closely over his eyes.

"Am I, then, so different—a wild man of Borneo—that you would hesitate to introduce me to your friends?" "I would hesitate for it would tell all the girls flocking to the west in search of their wild men of Borneo, and there are no others—none half so good as my wild man. Careful there, Vassar, careful, careful. Oh, see, a rattlesnake!" The pony had shied to one side and trembled from head to foot.

Quick as a flash Guthrie Blalock drew his revolver from his belt and shot the serpent dead. Then, hastily dismounting, he knelt among the stones and cactus detached the string of rattles, ten in number, and handed them to the girl. She received them calmly and fastened them in her belt. A few moments she stood looking at the shuddered and screamed. But she had learned much during her short stay at her brother's cattle ranch. Under Guthrie Blalock's tutelage she had developed into a true daughter of the plains with marvelous rapidity. The day she stepped off the train after a long journey from the east, she had seen her brother's arms, every cattleman and rancher standing around the station began nourishing a secret hope in his own breast. Such a slight, wily figure, such a bright witching face, such merry blue eyes, and such a silvery, caustic laugh, all bound up in one young woman, could not fail to produce a sensation, especially where women were as rare as a cloud in the perpetual blue of the sky over head.

Every man in the country suddenly developed a desire to do business with Lyman. They all had lunches with Guthrie Blalock, and they all had their cattle to dispose of, but, strange to say, they could never come to terms. Each visit called for another.

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His mother had died during his infancy. As he grew into young manhood the first girl who caught his attention received from him a wealth of silent, all-absorbing devotion, which she was not capable of understanding. A few years of wedded bliss and she wrecked his life by running away with an artist who could sing sweet songs and make pretty speeches, Guthrie heard of her death, but it could not add one thrill to the already bleeding heart of that mild and noble man.

As the years passed over him he imperceptibly grew into the calm induced by the wide western plains, and not till Guthrie Lyne crossed his path did he arouse himself to any interest beyond his ponies. Gradually she awakened all his old love of living. She came to him a necessary part of his existence. He knew that his whole life now depended on her. Should she get out of it—she should not go out of it! With clenched teeth he swore that he and Genie would have the look on his face she would have trembled.

But he had won her, even as she had won him. To her it was Hell, in the fear something would take her from him.

When they reached home that even-



"Is this the one you love?" "Yes, as he lifted her from the pony, he held her closely, almost fiercely, to him."

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

The air of heated rooms is changed quite rapidly through the walls in cold weather. More than twenty years ago Flügge estimated that this "spontaneous" ventilation would completely renew the air of a small room every hour when the difference between inside and outside temperature is 25 degrees Fahrenheit; but a somewhat more exact calculation has been obtained since by H. Wolpert, in measuring the hourly dilution of excess of carbonic acid in an unoccupied room. In a room of 2,000 cubic feet, with painted walls, the passage of air per hour for each degree of temperature difference was found to be approximately equal to the total air of the room. But the real was considerably greater with masonry walls covered with paper, and three times as rapid with ordinary whitewashed walls.

Reaching into an oven after a pie or roast is the cause of many of the painful burns from which the household suffer, and no mother how careful she is, the accident will happen at intervals. To reduce this danger to a minimum, and at the same time afford the cook the opportunity to inspect the baking with ease, Pembroke D. Harton of Philadelphia, Pa., has contrived the automatic shelf slide over shown which, by the accompanying device of a universal shelf is retained, and the improvement consists in the pivoted bar and bracket attached to the inner side of the sliding door. The latter end of the bar is attached to a bolt near the center of a shelf, and a pull on the door withdraws the shelf at the same time, the flat bar underneath also serving as a partial support for the weight above. Thus it is easy to taste and inspect a fowl or roast, or the pie may be lifted vertically from the shelf, after a secure grip has been obtained on the handle in the length of a second, as a burn, as it is unnecessary to thrust the hands into the oven at all.

Solar Activity During Years 1833-1900. From a close investigation of the solar records of the period 1833-1900 Dr. W. J. S. Lockyer concludes that there was an alternate increase and decrease in the length of sun spot period reckoning from minimum to minimum. The epoch of maximum varies regularly with respect to the preceding minimum, the amplitude of variation being about eight-tenths of a year plus and minus and the cycle being about thirty-five years. The total spotted area varies regularly in a cycle of about thirty-five years. Climate variations, frequency of auroras, magnetic storms, etc., are, he concludes, in general accordance with the thirty-five year period and there is no indication of a fifty-five year cycle.

Photometry of Ultra-Violet Rays. The great intensity of the light effects produced by an electric spark has led H. Krousser to experiment with a view to determining whether the phenomenon might not lead to a new method in photometry. The electrodes for the spark were aluminum, silver, or zinc, and cadmium, etc. If both electrodes were of the same metal no constant light was obtained in the case of aluminum. This constant light was, however, obtained when the negative pole was of that metal, and the method seems promising.

A Portable Telephone. The military telephone system of Captain Charolais, which is rapidly coming into use in the French and German armies, permits the laying of the bare wire upon the ground when not too wet. The wire, usually about one-fourth of an inch in diameter, is of a special alloy known as Martin metal, and it is so light that a man can easily carry three or four miles of it in an hour. With a microphone transmitter and adjustable receiver the line can be worked up to six miles.

Origin of Heating by Water. The earliest known hot-water heating is a curious tradition to Greenland, where the strangely forgotten colony of Norsemen increased the number of villages in the fourteenth century. A German author was told in 1516 of the heating and cooking by water in pipes from a hot spring, and the ruins of the colony were located in 1721, and the hot spring was some years ago seen by an American artist.

Can Thread 30,000 Knots as Knot. In Switzerland a machine has been invented which is able to thread needles at the rate of 30,000 an hour, and with the same velocity works by steam. Operators grasp the needles one by one, and in the twinkling of an eye they are threaded and the thread is cut off at the desired length.

Velocity of Light. Whether all rays of light and other physical rays are, or are not, transmitted with the same velocity seems to be a difficult problem. The Franklin Institute's Boyden prize for an answer has been before the public since 1859, and has increased from \$1,000 to more than \$3,000.

Given Up Experiments. It is reported in foreign papers that the shell on Laus from the late Count Zeppelin's dirigible balloon was stored has been demolished, the employees dismissed and that all further experiments with the air vessel have been abandoned.

Exhibit of Military Treasures. Through the British embassy at Washington an invitation has been extended to the manufacturers of the United States to take part in a competition for military tractors to be held in Great Britain in the spring of 1902.