

A Modern Indian Reservation  
Story by Robert Ames Bennet

Mrs. Quinn's Experience  
Ought to Help You Over  
the Critical Period.

you discovered that an able man of unscrupulous character and political power enough to wreck your career was trying to do harm to the girl you loved by stealing her affection and turning her to evil purposes, would you shoot him before he spoiled the girl or wait until he did it and then kill him? Consider Captain Hardy's predicament, as described in this installment. The army officer, you will recall, went to Lakotah reservation to act as agent following the murder of Agent Sagen and a threatened uprising against the Indians. He was shot by an ambush shot, he falls in love with Marie Dupont, a quarterbreed, who nurses him, but gives no definite answer to his proposal of marriage because she is enamored of Reginald Vandervyn, agency clerk and scapegoat nephew of Senator Cleverly. Hardy learns the Indians are disaffected because old Jacques Dupont, with poor trader, and Vandervyn have cheated them in illegal tribal mine deal. At first the red men, deceived by Vandervyn, misunderstand the officer's motives, but finally accept him as their friend, and a commission, led by Vandervyn, prepares to go to Washington to secure a division of tribal lands and the sale of mines owned by Indians. Vandervyn plans to get profit for himself.

more pleasant response to his bluff welcome. He jerked upon the officer's hand, and the other hand he held out to each of the commissioners in turn as they stepped stilly out into the porch. "Friend Jake," Dupont, gentlemen," said Vandervyn. "Every member of the party at once smiled upon the trader, and shook hands with him. How cool and so was the big man who had sat at the front seat.

"How can I be asked in an aggrivated tone. "You know that well, we get the milk. But that won't be long now. These commissioners are jumping jacks in the hands of my uncle. They will hustle matters through for us—shortly. Once I—we get the mine, I'll be a free man, and then, sweetheart."

you to take a stand against him until Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I was in a very nervous condition, with headache and pain in the back. I had a good deal of the time so I was unable to do my work. A friend asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which did it and it helped me live every way. I am not nearly so nervous, no headache or pain. I must say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the best remedy any sick woman can take."

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CHAPTER XVI—Continued.

So began the second period of Hardy's close companionship with the girl, and the intimacy appeared as if it were as friendly as the first one, when Vandervyn was in the mountains with Redbear. Almost every day they rode out to examine the Wolf river water shed and estimate as best they could without surveying instruments the number of acres that could be put under ditch.

When I came from the Coast, I had lost one dearer to me than anyone else in all the world—my mother. She was a little woman, very frail—her blue eyes were dim and faded, her hair white; but even when she was at the very end—her dear eyes sought to ease my grief with the same look you gave me as you bent over me here and thought me fatally injured.

Marie now stepped out to greet the visitors. She was formally introduced by Vandervyn. With a gracious composure that would have done credit to the most exclusive of drawing rooms she welcomed the visitors, and invited them to luncheon.

"I see," he muttered. "It's that old tin soldier."

"I've been waiting to ask you about the mine. How're you going to work the deal?"

Other warning symptoms are a sense of suffocation, hot flashes, headache, backache, dizziness, etc. I'm going to have that stuff in the ears, palpitation of the heart, sparks before the eyes, irregularity, constipation, variable appetite, weakness, inquietude, and dizziness.

CHAPTER XVII.

Hardy was still surprised when, the following day, he and Marie rode down Sioux creek where it flowed into Wolf river. The moment the view down the creek opened before them, they perceived several tents pitched in the bottom, at the foot of the bluff. They found twenty or twenty-five rough-looking men encamped along the spring rim in light dogskins. A few were cowboys, but the greater number had the appearance and outfit of prospect miners.

Notice of the prospective opening of the mineral lands of the reservation had been published in a few very obscure weekly papers. The news had given Hardy a blurred sheet of a "Lakotah Country Journal," and posted at the government office. It was printed in the midst of several interesting local notices. The old fellow winked knowingly, and remarked that, as long as he was in the game, he didn't care how long it took to get the news.

"I believe I understand, and I do not altogether like it," replied Hardy. "The fellow probably is right in thinking that such publicity is better exerted to give as little publicity as possible to the opening of the mineral lands to entry."

"You've been letting Marie get thick with him."

What sort of conspiracy do you think that Vandervyn and these crooked commissioners have been carrying on? Captain Hardy? When the Indians find they have been tricked will they shed white blood?

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