

JEB

By RICHARD STANLEY
NOTE: This is the concluding installment of the story by Richard Stanley following the days of slavery.

IV. What followed that night in the swamp has always seemed like a terrible nightmare to Jeb. They had discovered that other fam-

swamp, and in their mutual predicament they banded together. The refugees sat huddled about a small fire (they dared not build a large one for fear of attracting the negroes). The grim faces of the men and the worried, strained looks on the women's faces told only too well of the trying ordeal that they were going through.

Earlier in the evening the whole party had been nearly thrown into

a panic when the little negro that they had brought with them piped at the top of his shrill voice: "Come ova, hea, 'ya' nigrahs! Heah an' some white folks! Come an' get 'em! Whoopes!"

John White whose nerves were already at the breaking point, seized an ax and took a menacing swing at the boy. Lucy, who had seen the whole incident, leaped to her feet and "Don't, father. Not that. He's only a boy."

"No, his life or ours," replied her father savagely. "I'll kill the black rascal."

"No father, I have a better way. Here," she said, stooping down and tearing a wide strip of cloth from her petticoat, "let some rope and bind him, then gag him with this."

All through the night the little band of refugees dozed fitfully, two of the men always alert against any attack. From across the marsh came the savage whoops and yells of the crazed negroes, now drunk with their master's liquor. They could hear them driving their horses across the bridges and lumbering across what rough roadway planking of the roads.

For three dreadful days and horrible nights the little band held together. In the daytime the men gathered for food, getting what berries they could in order to conserve the precious supply of bread and water. Scarcely fire for people accustomed to the best!

The little negro had become quite docile and they permitted him to be untied.

Towards noon of the fifth day of their exile, the outcasts heard the measured beat of marching men. They were saved. Some heroic soul had gotten through to Richmond and had started a troop of soldiers to the beleaguered locality.

Tramp, tramp, tramp! What a reassuring sound it was to their ears. They knew that now all was saved. It would be but a short time until they were back in their old homes, repairing the damage that the rebellious negroes had done.

Let us now pass quickly over the six months that followed. The negroes who had been the leaders of the insurrection had again been tried, at least those who still lived, and among them, as the arch-conspirator, was Jeb. He was sentenced to the same fate: "To be hanged by the neck until dead."

On this particular morning there was a stir in the square at Richmond, for it was the morning of the execution. Most of the planters who had been forced from their estates were there, and conspicuous among them were the Whitehides, their carriage occupying a position directly in front of the scaffold.

At the appointed hour, the prisoners were brought forth and arranged under the gibbets. As his hands were being tied, Jeb saw Lucy in the Whitefield carriage. He looked at her for a moment and then turned his head proudly away. He was a martyr to his people.

"Is there anything that you would like to say before you depart from this earth?" asked the chaplain.

All the prisoners save Jeb stood mute.

"Yes, sah," Jeb's voice was strong and clear.

"What is it?" inquired the chaplain.

Jeb drew himself up proudly and looked squarely at Lucy Gray Whitefield as he said: "I'm tellin' you, Missy Whitefield, I's wait."

STAR GAZING

Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Eccentric
New York.—Have you forgotten old Bill Hart? Apparently not many moviegoers have. William S. thought out of the cinema for quite awhile now, still receiving something like 300 queries a day.



Sharon Lynn has reversed the usual movie procedure. Instead of breaking into the movies as a bathing beauty, she had to get into the movies to win a bathing beauty "title." Cast in such a role, she attracted attention and a good contract.

and they are all the same: "When will you come back?"

It looks as though four-year-old Davy Lee actually will be the much sought successor of Jackie Coogan. We read it to be starred in a piece called "Sonny Boy."

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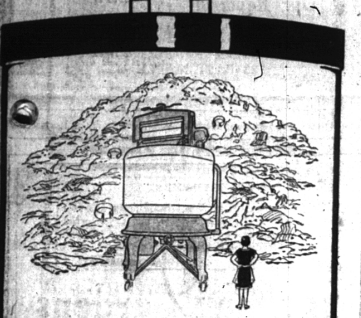
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Serve This With Fish
TARTARE SAUCE.
(Mrs. Mary Morton's Weekly Tested Recipe)
One cup mayonnaise, one tablespoon chopped pickle, one tablespoon chopped parsley, one-half tablespoon each chopped pimientos and olives.

Style Whimsies
Two new hat materials are Japanese bangkok and a straw braid called florina.
Cape de chine track pants with fitted yokes that button down the center front and lace at the back are favorite novelty garments at a certain smart lingerie shop.
Capes are of outstanding importance in the spring modes. The sleeveless cape coat is developed both as a separate wrap and as an interpretation of the short jacket suit.
The low cut in the back allowing the sun to color the skin, called the "sun-back," is featured in many tennis dresses this season. With a strap across the top the sun-back even appears in a jacket frock of dark print for daytime wear.
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How to Achieve Beauty

by HELENA RUBINSTEIN
to the right side of you, in tug-of-war fashion, stretching way out, and then pulling towards your body. Pretend that there is a heavy weight on the other hand, and let your motion be firm and strenuous. Repeat from left side. The tug-of-war position for imaginary rope pulling from front and back are also excellent exercises. You probably know from

SIMPLE EXERCISES ARE OFTEN MOST EFFECTIVE
I know the interest that new exercises have for us all. Naturally, in any kind of work which requires constant repetition, the element of variety is infinitely attractive. Nevertheless, it is perfectly true that simple exercises are often most effective. You do not even have to follow a given order. Just so long as you spend a certain amount of time every day in giving the muscles of your body the encouragement that they require to exert themselves. Stretching exercises are probably the easiest and the most interesting to do, since you may introduce all kinds of variations into simple forms such as I am describing today.

Your family cat may well furnish inspiration for your exercises. Have you ever noticed the sinuous stretching which the cat indulges in so often during the day? It is one of the causes for his graceful body and genuine agility. Probably we could learn to keep all of our muscles supple in the way that the cat does, and through this means of exercise, we might speedily become as perfected in our muscular action. Stretching should be done in all positions, both while you are standing up and when you are lying down.

In the morning before you arise, lie flat on your back in the bed. Direct your pillow, and first stretch your legs, then your hands, palms outward and fingers stretched. Let your arms slip backward, palms toward the ceiling, and let them pull the muscles in your body until you can feel the action all over you. Continue this until you want to stop, and then relax.
Then hop out of bed. Stand on the floor and raise your arms straight this time trying to pull all your muscles up, and pretend to pull a rope, as though ringing the safety bell. If you do this correctly you can feel the pull in the back of your legs, which is just as it should be.
Another form of the imaginary rope pulling exercise, which is a good form of stretching, is as follows: Extend your arms to the right and then, with your hands stretched, pull toward you, as though you were grasping a rope

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