# Cattle Kingdom

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#### SYNOPSIS

surrounded by enemies, including Link Bender, Pinto Halliday and Sam Caldwell, whom he has defeated in his efforts to build a cattle kingdom. Dunn directs his cow hands, Val Douglas, Tulare Cal-lahan and others to search for the killer's horse. He explains to Billy that the mornhorse. He explains to Billy that the morning before he had come upon bloodstained ground at Short Creek and found the trail of a shod and unshod horse. The shod horse's rider had been killed. The body had disappeared. Link Bender had arrived at the scene and read the signs the way he had. Dunn reveals that because of a financial crisis the ranch may be in temardy; his enemies may make trouble of a financial crisis the ranch may be in jeopardy; his enemies may make trouble since Sheriff Walt Amos is friendly with them. He says he has asked Old Man Coffee, the country's best trailer, to join them. Dunn and Billy meet Amos, Link Bender, his son "the Kid" and Cayuse Cayetano, an Indian trailer, at Short Creek. Bender has found the slain man's borse, but the saddle is missing. Almost supernaturally, cattle attracted to the scene by the blood-stained ground, stamp out all the traces. Dunn is angered when Amos tells him not to leave the county. Following an argument. Bender draws his gun, but Dunn wounds him in the arm. Back at the ranch Old Man Coffee arrives with a peach of bounds. Coffee arrives, with a pack of hounds. Coffee goes in search of the dead man's saddle. Dunn tells Billy that Marian is incensed at him for trying to settle disputes by bloodshed. He reveals that the ranch is really hers, also that he recently sold his own ranch in Arizona and that his partner, Bob Flagg, is en route with the money. Billy accompanies Marian on a ride to Short Creek, "Kid" Bender, now a deputy, rides up. They have an argument. have an argument.

#### CHAPTER III-Continued

Kid Bender's quirt-marked hand flashed to his gun. For the second that Cayuse Cayetano," Coffee said. time in two days Wheeler forgot his own unaccustomed weapon. The horses were neck to neck, facing each other; and now Wheeler, slamming the rowels into his own pony, grabbed at the spade bit of Kid Bender's horse.

Kid Bender's gun exploded skyward as the Kid's horse reared straight up, driven over backwards by the plunge of Wheeler's pony against the cruel bit. For an instant Bender's pony fought for its balance on its hind legs. Then together horse and man went down.

Wheeler whirled his pony aside; and now he drew at last, and turned the muzzle of his cocked gun upward, ready.

Bender's horse struggled up and bolted, bucking against the loosened saddle; but the man lay quiet where he had gone down.

#### CHAPTER IV

Val Douglas, wagon boss for the 94, leaned against the red rock fireplace of the main room of the ranch house, and looked at Billy Wheeler without admiration. "Now you've done it." he said; "oh, you've done it now, all right!"

"I won't ask you what you'd have done in my place," Wheeler said, "because I don't give a hoot. But I'll say this-if you had done much you're a worse fool than I thought."

Wheeler had upset Kid Bender's horse, pinning that newly-made dian, don't you? Ifdeputy sheriff under the saddle; the port of the clash with Kid Bender this Cayuse, Horse." had been delayed by Horse Dunn's

Horse Dunn and his wagon boss had now heard the story of the or-There had been a bad moment for hound." Wheeler after he had overthrown the Kid's horse, for at first Kid fallen mount.

Kid Bender, though, had come to out to trail the killer's horse," Cofwith only a broken leg and a dirty fee went on. "I took down-crick; crack on the head to show. And Rock seeking the trail where it Pinto Halliday, shifty-eyed, lanky, come out of the water. Pretty soon had appeared from the Short Creek he says he's got it, and sets up a cuts to take Kid Bender off of beller, and away we go, inching Wheeler's embarrassed hands. Hal- along about two miles an hour. That liday, it appeared, was another fool hound takes anyway six, eight newly-made deputy. Evidently he miles, all the time hollering just had been the other half of the Short as confident as if he knew what he Creek patrol.

"No show-off play like that ever

already got." At the window Horse Dunn stirred impatiently. "Understand this, Val," he said. "Billy done just hadn't been able to make out a dewhat I would have done in a like cent track; but I was getting kind case. I'll back Billy's play to the of suspicious because of the way limit, and that goes for any other the trail wandered around. Then fiplay he wants to make!"

can we do?"

Wheeler sat up, angering again. "Now just a minute!"

Horse Dunn whirled. "Cut it out,"

When Val Douglas had gone out down right onto the frog." Billy Wheeler's anger left him.

"He's mostly right, Horse," he said. ed up empty-handed, same as us is there extreme physical hardship Horse Dunn bristled and his voice ordinary folks!" rose to its familiar roar. "All I'm | "Not altogether and complete,"

sorry for is you didn't kill the little | Coffee retorted. "Rock quit cold sneak! If I had a couple more rid- wouldn't work no more. But I took | dered a guy," said he. Billy Wheeler, wealthy young cattleman, arrives at the 94 ranch, summoned
by his friend Horse Dunn, its elderly
and quick-tempered owner, because of a
mysterious murder. Billy is in love with
Dunn's niece Marian, whom he has not
seen for two years. She had rejected his
suit and is still aloof. Dunn's ranch is
surrounded by enemies, including Link
hard a couple more riders with enough guts in their bellies
to—" His thunder subsided; Wheeler noticed how all the hard fire
went out of this old man in the
presence of his niece. Marian Dunn
sat relaxed at the other window,
page. "There," he said casually,
surrounded by enemies, including Link
have every in the for hills and been wouldn't work no more. But I took
and unraveled the other trail by
hand." He stepped out onto the gallery and came back with the saddle,
which he now threw down among
them in a tangle of broken strapsat relaxed at the other window,
surrounded by enemies, including Link her eyes in the far hills, and her "is the death saddle you was inprofile was as motionless as if she quiring after." were carved of cream-colored mar- Billy Wheeler heard Marian's thing in the morning. He's going ble. Billy Wheeler had that day breath jerk through her teeth. In to throw him in the jug."

seen horror and antipathy in her the failing light her eyes looked sureyes after he had downed Kid Bend- prisingly dark. er; and he no longer wondered why Horse Dunn lost spirit sometimes you lay hands on that?" when she was there.

apology, "We're right sorry. Things the place he rolled loose from it. sometimes go like this. But some- How'd you suppose?" times we can't help it if they do. If only Bob Flagg would get here-"

ing heard, and there was an awk-

Wheeler, here, stirred up a little saddle?' extra hell today," he said without preliminaries.

briefly explained to the old lion hunter what had happened.

him go for his gun." Marian did not verify this. After said. a moment Horse Dunn said, "I suppose you didn't find anything, or

you'd be saying so."



"How'd You Lay Hands on That?"

"Today I seen him riding a horse differently it would be because to death, some northward, toward the Red Sleep. I'd sure like to know It was many hours now since Billy what he was at."

"You worry plenty about that In-

"He knows too much, too soon," long peculiarly lucid twilight of the Coffee complained. "Why wasn't Red Hills country now lay cool and he promoting the Short Crick trails, lingering upon the range. But re- like me? Something funny about

"So you lost out," Horse accused

Old Man Coffee eased himself onto the most uncomfortable chair der Kid Bender had given Wheeler, in the room, and there draped himand Wheeler's refusal; and of how self angularly. "If there's anything the Kid had tried to trick Wheeler in the world makes me mad," he into glancing away while he drew. said morosely, "it's a cussed fool

was at."

Old Man Coffee crammed cut plug does any good," Douglas said. "It into an ancient pipe, the bowl of only stacks trouble onto plenty we which was carved to represent hearts and flowers.

"Well?" Dunn demanded at last. "All this time," Coffee said, "I nally we come on a soft place, "Sure," said Douglas. "What else where I could see plain. And it was the wrong trail."

"I thought this dog couldn't be fooled," Dunn grunted.

"He was sure fooled this time. he snapped. "Val, that was Old The trail your wagon boss showed Man Coffee just come in; go take me was off a cup-hoofed pony; the Some can stay submerged for two there's grub laid out at the cook Rock took after a pony that was about 100 feet, but the average divflat-footed as a duck-his feet wore er does not remain under water

"So," Horse Dunn said, "you end- It is a hazardous life, for not only

"Good Lord!" said Dunn. "How'd

"Why, I followed the trail of the Horse Dunn mumbled in obscure dead man's horse, until I come to

Horse Dunn had dropped to his knees beside the saddle. None of Marian Dunn gave no sign of hav- them had realized how deep the room was in twilight until it was ward silence. Then Old Man Coffee | brightened by the flare of the match came stalking across from the cor- he struck. For a long moment rals, dropped a saddle from his hip Horse Dunn studied the old worn to the gallery floor, and let himself leather, until the flame burned to his finger tips and went out. He "Val Douglas says that Billy stood up slowly. "You know that

"No," said Wheeler. "Do you?" Behind Horse Dunn's shaggy face Horse Dunn grunted, and Wheeler the muscles were stiffening slowly, so that although his features remained in some sense a mask, his "Well," Old Man Coffee said, "I eyes presently began to gleam with reckon Marian can testify she seen the white heat of the anger which he could not repress. "Yes," he

Yet he did not immediately answer their unspoken question. He turned to the window again, and for "I'd sure like to catch up with a little while stood looking out as if he could not yet trust himself to speak. Out behind the barns, Coffee's five other hounds were churning the quiet twilight with mournful bellowings, and for a little while they all seemed to be listening to that. Then Marian got up and went quietly from the room, and for once her uncle seemed glad to have her

> "Here they're setting out to put the hooks to me," Horse Dunn said at last-"hunting a strangle holt on my brand. And it's a shameful thing that this should come onto us because somebody rubbed out maythat ever rode the Red Hills range." 'You know the name?" said Old Man Coffee.

"What's his name matter?" Horse Dunn exploded. "His name was Lon Magoon-and what of it? A cow thief-in a small, cheap way. He'd go around on different ranges, and he'd steal a beef here, and another there; skin 'em and sell 'em to some butcher a hundred miles away for half price."

"Horse," said Coffee, "who would have killed this man?"

"Anybody!" Horse Dunn roared. 'Any cowman with enough guts to rub out a cow thief! I ought to've killed him myself last time I caught him with the carcass of a 94 cow!" "Did you know he was operating on this range?"

"What's the difference if I did or my bunk!"

suppressing evidence if you keep it

here." "Damned if I will!" Horse Dunn fense?" said. "All they want is to hang No, by God!"

Tulare Callahan was a small man, ley, who for three days had kept The droop-eared old lion dog county seat of Inspiration, and he him drop back!" which had followed Coffee in looked now came roaring into the 94 lay-Bender had looked as if he might at him mournfully, and flopped to out in Horse Dunn's heavy old tourbe dead, saddle - crushed by his the floor with a great rattle of el- ing car. He was grinning with the bows, but made no remark. "I set delight of an action-hungry man who smells smoke at last.

"I hear Billy Wheeler like to mur-

"Billy Wheeler slapped Kid Bender with a horse," Dunn said. "You come all the way back here to tell us that?"

"I thought maybe you might want to hear the upshot," Tulare said. "The sheriff's coming out to get Wheeler, either tonight or first

"What's the charge against Billy?" Horse asked.

"Assault with a deadly weapon." "Billy didn't assault him with anything!"

"The heck he didn't," Old Man Coffee put in. "Didn't he hurl the Kid's horse at him?"

"The town is full of small-time cowmen and their professional calf thieves," Tulare reported. "Seems like every guy in the country that has it in for the 94 is swarming into Inspiration. I bet there's 20 guys that's tried to get themselves made deputies. If Walt Amos called for a posse he could easy raise a hundred men."

"So they figure to arrest Billy Wheeler," Dunn said.

'They can't hold him," Coffee "I suppose Kid Bender will and they'll all lie to beat the cards. But what good will it do 'em? Marian was there. Billy's got a witness that can make a fool of 'em in any court in the world."

Marian Dunn said, almost under her breath but very clearly, "I can't testify."

Horse Dunn looked startled. 'What's that?" he demanded.

"I didn't see anything," Marian said. "I don't know how the fight low. started. Billy just suddenly jumped his horse at the other horse, and my privilege to be senior medical it went over backward. That's all officer of a military base hospital of I saw."

seemed puzzled, but very quiet. 'Marian," he said, "didn't you the corridors to accomodate the hear Billy tell what happened? large number of flu patients. How Kid Bender went for his gun?" The girl said, "Yes, I heard him."

he had to shin up a horse's leg to get | good recovery. But many patients | be the most worthless character on You think he'd lie to us here?" who remained on their feet for the

> "Then what's to stop you from backing him up?"

In the girl's eyes showed somethere before. Her face was as gen- nia. tle and lucid as the face of a child; but though her eyes were troubled there was a sober strength behind them as immutable in its way as the rocky will of Horse Dunn.

"I can't swear to something I didn't see."

Horse Dunn looked at her, then turned away and let his hands fall in a gesture of utter futility. His eyes turned to Billy Wheeler. "You see?" he said. "You see?"

ward pause. "Look here," he said. "There's something about this I that would take off the surplus not? We know it now. Billy, you don't get. Yesterday you shot Link | weight over a period of six months take that saddle, and kick it under Bender through the arm, Horse, to a year. right before the sheriff's eyes. Noth-"You better turn it in to the sher- ing comes of that. How is it the to know what classes of foods to iff, Horse," Coffee said. "You'll be sheriff lets that pass, yet jumps in avoid and what classes to eat. Thus with both feet the minute Billy cutting down on highly nutritious or Wheeler raises his hand in self de-

"You want to know the answer?" this thing on the 94-on me. You Horse Dunn demanded. "He didn't low caloric foods-cabbage, caulithink I called you in to help 'em? | take me because he hasn't got the flower, skimmed milk, fresh fruits, can't be done! What he fails to al- quired reduction in weight. very wiry, with a cheerfully hard low for now is that the 94 will face. He had relieved Steve Hur- back Billy Wheeler just the same as an eye on the state of affairs at the When he finds that out you'll see

"I'm not so sure," said Old Man Coffee again. "You're not sure? Look at it,

man!"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

#### "Skin" Divers Still Seek Pearls in California Gulf; Suit Is Introduced

waters have equaled those found at | ing. Monte Alban in beauty but not in Size.

The divers, armed only with a knife, descend feet first to a disthen turn and swim to the bottom. for more than a minute at a time. but also constant danger from to mankind; the other 1,900 are necsharks and octopuses.

Diving for pearls in the Gulf of | The physical hardship has brought Lower California is carried on by about the introduction of a simple 'skin' divers in the same way in diving suit that not only allows the starches are cut down and fruits which their ancestors sought for diver a longer time to gather oyster and leafy vegetables increased, the pearls in the days long before the shells but lessens the danger of proteins (meat, eggs, fish) must be Spanish conquest. Doubtless the paralysis. Too, sharks are more increased not only for their "staypearls, "big as pigeon eggs," that easily eluded by the man in a ing" power, and for maintaining were found among the jade and diver's suit. But these suits are body structure but also because progold ornaments in the tomb of an relatively expensive and boys most tein foods make a "fast burning" Indian chief opened at Monte Alban of en start as "skin" divers. Any fire in the system, greatly increasduring 1931, were taken from the day may bring wealth to the diver, ing the heat, and burning up surwaters of this gulf, observes a writ- so there is a certain elan in the air plus tissue such as fat. Hence a er in the New York Times. In re- that is felt through the time when person would lose weight faster on cent years pearls found in these diving brings merely a bare liv- a diet containing an insufficient

supervising the propagation of pearl fats and starches because the meat oysters in the bay near La Paz. and eggs "burn" more flercely. It takes years for the tiny granule tance about twice their own height, of sand or parasite which is the amount of extra meat or eggs base of the pearl to be coated with | should be eaten because many overnacre by the oyster The value weights may have the early sympcare of his horse, and see that hoofs showed nail splits. But old to three minutes at a depth of of the pearl depends upon its symmetry, luster and tint.

Not All Germs Harmful Only 100 of the 2,000 known kinds of bacteria and germs are harmful essary to life.

# Flu May Follow Common Cold

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S MEDICAL students we I were taught that influenza or flu was due to a certain little organism or bacillus called the bacillus of Pfeiffer, after its discoverer. During the flu epidemic of 1918, it

was found that a number of individuals who did not suffer with flu had this bacillus or organism in their throats. Today many physicians believe that more than one organism may cause the common cold and give rise to the usual symptoms of sneezing, running increased nose,

pulse and tempera-

ture and a feeling

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of tiredness. However, when a case goes on to extreme prostration and greatly increased temperature, it is believed due to the organisms of another ailment entering in, such as that of flu, pneumonia, bronchopneumonia or others.

#### Cold Leaves the Door Open.

Thus someone has said that the common cold when it enters the system leaves the door open which so interferes with the defenses of run in Pinto Halliday as a witness, the nose and throat that they can't stop these other organisms from entering. It would seem that very often the first ailment to follow a simple or common cold is the flu, and the flu so prostrates the individual during the first few days that these other organisms, often already present in the body, are able to fight off the natural defenses and manufacture the poisons which cause the serious symptoms that fol-

During the 1918 epidemic it was front, the matched collar and general shipshape styling make it just that. It's surefire in acetate, or silk 800 beds. At the end of the first Horse Dunn turned to her. He week of the epidemic we had to install extra beds in wards and in

Fortunately most of the patients came to us directly from their units, "I've known Billy Wheeler since remained a few days, and made a "No; I didn't say I thought he first two or three days of the flu, then reported sick to their own medical officer and were then sent on to us, had or developed serious complications during their stay with thing Billy Wheeler had never seen us-pneumonia and bronchopneumo-

One must get off his feet and to bed immediately when attacked by a severe cold or the flu.

#### Safe Method of Reducing. There are a great many individu

als who, while not really fat, know that they are carrying ten to fifteen more pounds than they should to have comfort and proper working ability. They naturally dislike the idea of going on any one of the Old Man Coffee broke the awk- special diets, but would be willing to follow in a general way a system

Sometimes it is enough for them high caloric foods-sugar, potatoes, bread, butter, cream, egg-yolksand increasing the less nutritious or guts to take me. What, haul me in and green vegetables-is all that on a charge like that? He knows it is needed to bring about the re-As far as meat, fish, eggs (pro-

teins) are concerned at least one if he'd been here all his life. helping of meat or fish should be eaten daily to maintain the "structure" of the body. Thus the reducing diet should include lean meat, eggs and soft cheers (which supply protein and are at the same time not too high in fuel value) and small amounts of a few carbohydrate or starch foods such as bread, potatoes and very simple desserts.

Fats should be almost entirely avoided because their fuel or food value is more than twice that of protein or starch foods.

However, even if fats and amount of food but with a greater Mexican government experts are amount of proteins in proportion to

This doesn't mean that a "great" toms of high blood pressure or kidney conditions.

Research physicians doing special work on obesity or overweight, while advising almost a complete avoidance of fat foods, advise that "some" starch foods be eaten every day.

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#### RECREATE!

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Active recreation, such as sports, games, dramatics and class, fits into her scheme of things | singing, develops powers of selfexpression, of individuality, of initiative and of decision which many occupations tend to stifle. (Perhaps with a simple braid They provide a beneficial outlet for our natural demand for play and help to form certain desirable habits of perseverance, pluck, quick thinking, self-restraint and co-operation.

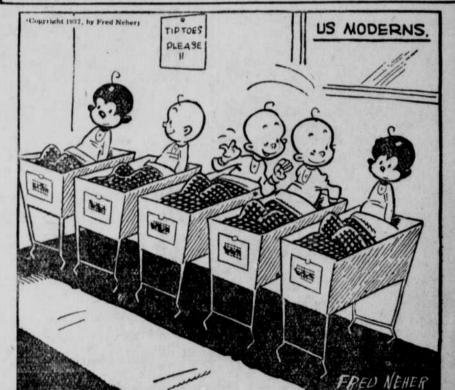
Fair play learned in games makes it easier to live a clean, courageous and generous life. Group activities also render service to the individual by proage space for the property and moting his happiness and decreasing his loneliness.



## CHEW LONG BILL NAVY TOBACCI

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"How about a minstrel show now that we have two good end men."