

SPANISH DOUBLOONS



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(CHAPTER XVII—Continued.)

"Down, Crusoe!" I kept desperately whispering. But Crusoe was unused to whispered orders. He kept bounding up on me, intent to fulfill an unachieved ambition of licking my ear.

CHAPTER XVIII.

The Young Person Scores. My first memory is of voices, and after that I was shot swiftly out of a tunnel from an immense distance and opened my eyes upon the same faces which I had left at some indefinite period in the past.

eyes said, "This has been too much for her!" "I know," I impatiently repeated. "I can take you straight there. I found the tombstone before Mr. Tubbs did, and the cave, too. Come, let's not waste time. We must hurry—they'll be getting back!"

"All right," he said tersely. "I think you do know. How and what, we'll find out later." Rapidly he made his plan, got together the things needful for its execution, looked to the bonds of the still dazed and drowsy prisoners, posted Cookie in their neighborhood with a pair of pistols, and commanded Aunt Jane to dry her tears and look after Miss Higgleby-Browne, who had dismayed every one by most inopportune tottering over in a perfectly genuine swoon.



We Went in Silence Through the Green Hush of the Woods.

restored to my belt. Mr. Shaw had seen to this, and had said to me, very quietly: "You know, Virginia, if things don't go our way, it may be necessary for you to use it—on yourself!"

pointed silently downward along the ledge to the angle in which lay the mouth of the cave. My breath came quickly, for at any instant a head might be thrust forth from the opening.

Mr. Shaw and Cuthbert dropped down upon the ledge. Though under whispered orders to retreat I could not, but hung over the edge of the cliff, eager and breathless. Then with a bound the men were beside me. Mr. Shaw caught my hand, and we rushed together into the woods.

A quake, a roar, a shower of flying rocks. It was over—the dynamite had done its work, whether successfully or not remained to be seen. After a little the Scotchman ventured back. He returned to us where we waited in the woods—Cuthbert to mount guard over me—with a cleared face.

"It's all right," he said. "The entrance is completely blocked. I set the charge six feet inside, but the roof is down clear to the mouth. Poor wretches—they have all come pouring out upon the sand!"

All three of us went back to the edge of the cliff. Seventy feet below, on the narrow strip of sand before the sea-mouth of the cave, we saw the figures of four men, who ran wildly about and sought for a foothold on the sheer face of the cliff. As we stood watching them, with, on my part, at least, unexpected qualms of pity and a cold interior sensation very unlike triumph, they discovered us.

I was an attentive group to which on our return to camp I related the circumstances which had made possible our late exploit of imprisoning the pirates in the cave. The tale of my achievements, though recounted with due modesty, seemed to put the finishing touch to the extinction of Violet, for she wilted finally and forever, and was henceforth even buried by Aunt Jane. The diary of Peter was produced, and passed about with awe from hand to hand. Yesterday's discovery in the cave had rounded out the history of Peter to a melancholy completion. But though we knew the end we guessed in vain at the beginning.

All afternoon we talked of it. That, for the present, was all we could do. There were the two prisoners in camp to be guarded—and they had presently awakened and made remarks of a strongly personal and unpleasant trend on discovering their situation. There was Crusoe invalided, and needing petting, and getting it from everybody on the score of his romantic past as Benjy as well as of his present virtues. The broken leg was being cleverly set by Dugald—somehow in the late upheaval Miss and Mister had dropped quite out of our vocabularies—with Cuthbert as surgeon's assistant and me holding the chloroform to the patient's nose. There was the fatigue and reaction from excitement which everybody felt, and Peter's diary to be read, and golden dreams to be indulged. And there was the delicate question to be discussed, of how the treasure should be divided.

"Why, it all belongs to Virginia, of course," said Cuthbert, opening his eyes at the thought of any other view being taken but this obvious one.

"Nonsense!" I hastily interposed. "My finding the diary was just an accident; I'll take a share of it—no more." Here Miss Browne murmured something half inaudible about—"confined to members of the expedition!" but subsided for lack of encouragement. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

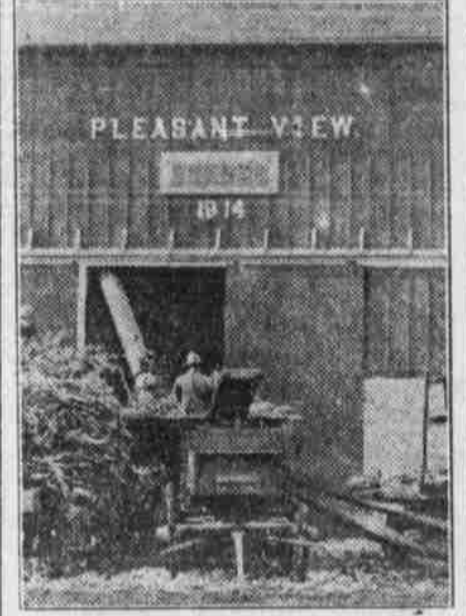
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Farm Name Has Money Value.

name becomes in time a real asset to the owner and has a money value much like the good-will in other kinds of business.

Breeders Recognize Value of Name.

In England many farms have borne distinctive names for years, which have become famous in connection with various products. This has been especially true in the case of certain breeders of cattle. The name of the farm passes current among cattle breeders as a sort of guaranty that animals from that farm are all that is claimed for them.

The United States government, through its patent office, which interprets the trade-mark and label copyright laws, is prepared to give this protection within certain limits. Some of the states have laws authorizing the registration of farm names with the state authorities, and no one else in that state is allowed to use the name. This is merely for use within that particular state.

For Temporary Use, the Automobile May, With Very Few Fittings, Be Applied to Drive a Circular Saw. arrangement is the better, as the steaves can be made somewhat larger than the bar and shafts, and thus, to some extent, compensate for lack of accurate alignment. For continued use, the pin in the engine shaft should be replaced with a larger one, and a slight enlargement of the hole in the frame may be necessary with some cars.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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EXPERIMENTING WITH HOGS TO FIND MERIT

Scrubs, Crossbreds and Purebreds Are to Be Used.

Animal Husbandry Division of Department of Agriculture Endeavoring to Clear Up Points on Feeding and Breeding.

Although there is a higher percentage of purebred hogs in the country than of any other class of live stock, there is still much room for improvement. And there is much to be known concerning the relative merits of scrubs, crossbreds and purebreds. To make some of the points clearer the animal husbandry division of the United States Department of Agriculture is starting a breeding and feeding experiment that will contrast the results of using scrub, crossbred and purebred boars on scrub and crossbred sows.

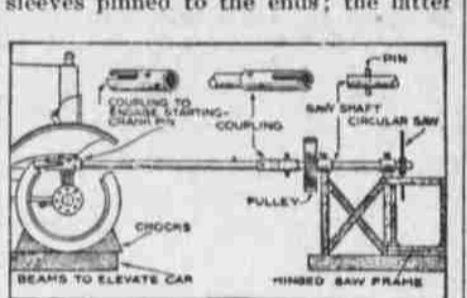
Ten crossbred sows, of various breed mixtures, and ten scrub sows of the razorback kind will be used. Half of each of those groups will be bred to a purebred boar; half of the first group will be bred to a crossbred, and half of the other group will be bred to a scrub. This same scheme of breeding will be carried on from generation to generation.

Nearly everybody thinks the purebred is superior to the scrub, but there is disagreement among farmers about the merits of purebred and crossbred feeders. The department hopes that in due time its experiments will give results that will answer any doubts.

MAKING USE OF AUTO ENGINE

Outline Given of Plan for Connecting Car With Circular Saw Will Be Found Handy.

An arrangement whereby an automobile may be coupled to a circular saw for occasional use, is shown in the drawing. The saw frame for this equipment should be quite low, in order to obtain alignment with the engine shaft, or the car may be elevated on a runway.



For Temporary Use, the Automobile May, With Very Few Fittings, Be Applied to Drive a Circular Saw.

IMPROVE FOWLS EVERY YEAR

Man Breeding for Egg Production Should Pick Out Best Layers for Breeders.

The poultry raiser who does best is almost always the one who carefully and closely picks out each year only his choicest specimens and breeds from these exclusively. As a natural result, his flocks become better and better each year. By the same token, the man who is breeding for heavy egg-production should pick out his very best layers to be used exclusively as breeders, and in the course of a few generations the habit of proficiency will become firmly established in this family.

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