

(CHAPTER XVII-Continued.)

-20-"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. Cuthbert Vane tried, under his breath, to lure him away. But Crusoe'e emotions were all for me, and swiftly becoming uncontrollable they burst forth in a volley of shrill yelps.

A loud cry answered them. It came from Captain Magnus, who had scrambled to his feet and was staggering across the clearing. One hand was groping at his belt-it was flourished in the air with the gleam of a knife in it-and staggering and shouting the captain came on.

"Ah, you would, would you? I'll teach you-but first I'll settle him, the porridge-eatin' Scotch swine-"

The reeling figure with the knife was right above me. I sprang up, in my hand the little two-inch weapon which was all I had for my defenseand Dugald Shaw's. There were loud noises in my ears, the shouting of men, and a shrill continuous note which I have since realized came from the lungs of Miss Higglesby-Browne, Magnus made a lunge forward-the arm with the knife descended. I caught it -wrenched at it frantically-striving blindly to wield my little penknife, whether or not with deadly intent I don't know to this day. He turned on me savagely, and the penknife was whirled from my hand as he caught my wrist in a terrible clutch.

All I remember after that is the terrible steely grip of the captain's arms and a face, flushed, wild-eyed, horrible, that was close to mine and inevitably coming closer, though I fought and tore at it-of hot feverish lips whose touch I knew would scorch me to the soul-and then I was suddenly free, and falling, falling, a long way through darkness.

CHAPTER XVIII.

The Young Person Scores. My first memory is of voices, and after that I was shot swiftly out of a opened my eyes upon the same faces which I had left at some indefinite period in the past. There was Aunt Jane's, very tearful, and Miss Higgles-

by-Browne's, very glum, and the Honorable Cuthbert's, very anxious and a little dazed, and Cookie's, very, very black. The face of Dugald Shaw I did not see, for the quite intelligible reason that I was lying with my head upon his shoulder.

As soon as I realized this I sat up suddenly, while every one exclaimed at once, "There, she's quite all rightsee how her color is coming back!"

The penknife that I had lost in my struggle with Captain Magnus had fallen at the Scotchman's feet. Wrenching himself free of his all but severed bonds he had seized the knife, slashed through the rope that held him to the tree, and flung himself on Captain Magnus. It was a brief struggle-a fist neatly planted on the rufflan's jaw had ended it, and the captain, balf dazed from his potations, went down limply.

Throughout the fray Chris slumbered undisturbed, and he and the unconscious Magnus were now reposing side by side, until they should awake to find themselves neatly trussed up with Cookie's clothes-lines.

But my poor brave Crusoe dragged a broken leg, from a kick bestowed on him by Captain Magnus, at whom he

had flown valiantly in my defense. So far so good; we had signally defeated our two guards, and the camp was ours. But what about the pirates who were still in the cave and would shortly be returning from it? They were three armed and sturdy ruffians, It would mean a battle to the death,

Our best hope would be to wait in ambush behind the trees of the clearing-I mean for Dugald Shaw and Cuthbert Vane to do it-and shoot down the unsuspecting pirates as they returned. This desperate plan, which so uppleasantly resembled murder, cast gloom on every brow.

"It's the women, lad," said the Scotchman in a low voice to Cuthbert, "It's-it's Virginia." And Cuthbert

heavily assented. Seeing myself as the motif of such

slaughter shocked my mind suddenly back to clearness. "Oh," I cried, "not that. Why not surprise them in the cave, and make them stay there? One man could guard the entrance easily-and afterward we could build it up with logs or

something." Everybody stared. "A remarkably neat scheme," said Mr. Shaw, "but impossible of applicathen. I'm afraid, because none of us

know where to find the cave." I shook my head.

"I know!" There was a lengthy silence. People looked at one another, and their came to the brink of the cliff, and I fastened to clothing.

"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

eyes said, "This has been too much

be getting back!" Amazement, still more than half incredulous, surged round me. Then

Mr. Shaw said rapidly: "You're right. Of course, if you have found the cave, the best thing we can do is to keep them shut up in it. But we must move fast-perhaps we're too late already. If they have found the chest they may by now be starting for camp with the first load of doubloons."

Again I shook my head. "They haven't found the gold," I assured him

The astonished faces grew more anxious, "It sho' have told on li'le Miss Jinny's brain," muttered Cookie te himself.

"They haven't found the gold," I reiterated with emphasis, "because the gold is not in the cave. Don't ask me how I know, because there isn't time to tell you. There was no gold there but the two bags that the pirates brought back last night. The-the skeleton moved it all out."

"My Lawd!" groaned Cookle, staggering backward.

"Virginia! I had no idea you were superstitious!" quavered Aunt Jane, "I say, do take some sleeping tablets or something and quiet your nerves!" implored Cuthbert with the tenderest solicitude.

In my exasperation I stamped my

"And while we are arguing here the pirates may be starting back to camp! And then we'll have to kill them and go home and give ourselves up to be hanged! Please, please, come with me and let me show you that I know!" I lifted my eyes to the intent face of Dugald Shaw.

"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 tunnel from an immense distance and of the still dazed and drowsy prisoners, posted Cookle in their neighborhood with a pair of pistols, and commanded Aunt Jane to dry her tears and look after Miss Higglesby-Browne, who had dismayed every one by most inopportunely toppling over in a perfectly genuine swoon.

Then the Scotchman, Cuthbert Vane and I set off through the woods. The men were heavily armed, and I had recovered my own little revolver and



Went in Silence Through the Green Hush of the Woods.

restored it 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." And I nodded assentingly.

We went in silence through the green hush of the woods, moving in single file. My place as guide was in the van, but Mr. Shaw deposed me from it and went ahead himself, while Cuthbert Vane brought up the rear. No one spoke, even to whisper. I guided Dugald Shaw, when needful, by a light tough upon the arm. Our enterprise was one of utmost danger. If we met the pirates it was their lives or ours-and I recall with incredulity my resolution to imbed five of my six bullets in a pirate before I turned the sixth upon myself.

We passed the grave, and I saw that the vines had been torn aside again. and that the tombstone was gone. We

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 open-

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. Then for the first time, I suppose, they understood the nature of their disaster. We could not hear their cries, but we saw arms stretched out to us, fists frantically shaken, hands lifted in prayer. We saw Mr. Tubbs flop down upon his unaccustomed knees-it was all rather horrible.

I drew back, shivering. "It won't be for long, of course," I said uncertainly, "just till the steamer comesand we'll give them lots to eat-but I suppose they think-they will soon be just a lot more skeletons-" And here I was threatened with a moist anticlimax to my late Amazonian

Why should the frequent and natural phenomena of tears produce such panic in the male breast? "It's been too much for her!" exclaimed the once dour Scot in tones of anguish. "Hurry, lad-we must find her some wa-

"Nonsense," I interposed, winking rapidly. "Just think of some way to calm those creatures, so that I shan't see them in my dreams, begging and beseeching-" For I had not forgotten the immensity of my debt to Tony.

So a note was written on a leaf torn from a pocketbook and thrown over the cliff weighted with a stone. The captives swooped upon it. Followed then a vivid pantomime by Tony, expressive of eased if unrepentant minds, while Mr. Tubbs, by gestures, indicated that though sadly misunderstood, old H. H. was still our friend and benefactor.

It was an attentive group to which on our return to camp I related the ble 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 bullied 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, at Peter's name, at that of the old grandfather whose thrifty plety had brought him to Havana and to the acquaintance of the dying mate of the Bonny Lass, at the whereabouts of the old New England farm which had been mortgaged to buy the Island Queen, at the identity of Helen, who waited still, perhaps, for the lover

who never would return. But even our regrets for Peter did not chill the exultation with which we thought of the treasure-chest waiting there under the sand in the cabin of

the Island Queen. 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 had been 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.

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Telephone to Deaf. The receiver of a telephone set for the deaf that has been invented in Germany is small enough to be hidden in a person's ear, while the transmitter can be carried in a handbag or

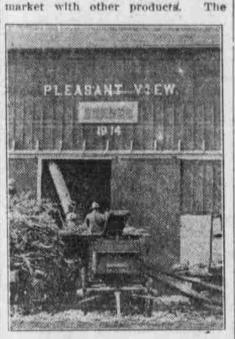
FARM NAME REAL ASSET TO OWNER

Can Be Used to Good Advantage in Connection With Marketing of Products.

OF MUCH VALUE TO BREEDERS

Acts as Sort of Guaranty That Any thing From That Particular Place is All That is Claimed-Can Be Registered.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) Many farmers throughout the country are finding it to their advantage commercially to give their farms attractive names that can be used in connection with marketing their prod-Provided the quality of the product is kept up, a reputation is quickly established for the farm and the commodity that makes the name of real worth in dollars and cents when it comes in competition on the



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 practice is coming into vogue in this country, and with it a desire to be protected against others adopting the same name and thereby benefiting by the reputation already established for it.

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. The United States patent office, however, is prepared to register farm names as trademarks if they meet specified requirements. This will protect the owner against their use by others anywhere in the United States. There are certain requirements, however, that must be met, as in the case of other sorts of names used as trade-marks under the federal trade-mark law. The farm name, for one thing, must be used by the farmer as a trade-mark on his products that he ships to points outside his own state; in other words, a commodity that moves in interstate commerce. It must be printed, stamped, or otherwise attached to each parcel. The federal law makes no provision for the registering of names used as trade-marks on commodities that are shipped only within the state.

Common-Law Right in Name. Although it is thought advisable, it is not necessary that the name be arranged into any distinctive design. Under the trade-mark act of 1905, it was not possible to register a name that is merely geographical, or merely descriptive, or is merely a surname not displayed in some particular or distinctive manner. Such marks, however, can be registered under the act of 1920, if they have been in use by the applicant in interstate commerce for not less than one year. In this way congress sought to give recognition to a common-law right in a name used as a trade-mark on the ground

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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.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Although there is a higher percent age 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. If appropriations provide sufficient money it may be that the effect of using crossbred and scrub boars on purebred sows will be studied.

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. Some of the offspring will be fed out and some of them will be kept for breeding before being fed out. Shoats from the different lots will be put in feed lots together and fed alike so that a fair comparison can be made. Some of these scrubs and crossbreds will be compared in feeding trials with purebreds raised on the department's experimental farm at Beltsville, Md. Some will be put into different experimental lots on various

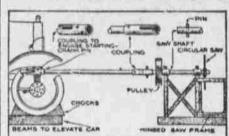
Nearly everybody thinks the purebred is superior to the scrub, but there is disagreement among farmers about the merits of purebred and crossbred feeders. The department hopes that in due time its experiments will give results that will answer any doubts.

MAKING USE OF AUTO ENGINE

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

An arrangement whereby an automo bile 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 alinement with the engine shaft, or the car may be elevated on a runway.

The couplings are made either of pipe with the necessary slots cut in the ends, or a solid bar may be used, with sleeves pinned to the ends; the latter



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

arrangement is the better, as the sleeves can be made somewhat larger than the bar and shafts, and thus, to some extent; compensate for lack of accurate alinement. 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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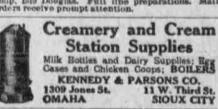
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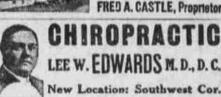
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