



CHAPTER XVI—Continued. Molly ran behind the blazing divan, picked up the rifle, and drove a smashing blow against the back wall. It cracked; again and again she dashed the stock against it, until a section of the pine planks gave way under her assault.

With a cry of despair Chambers fired wildly and turned to run. Once more Quain shouted, and the constable fired again. Chambers dropped in his tracks and lay still. Horror-stricken at the sight, Molly crouched by Wilton's side. His eyes were open again. He did not yet recognize her, but it was evident that consciousness was coming back to him.

Together they carried Wilton through into a room behind. Outside it was quite light; a gust of wind came through an open window and fanned the flames to fury. With a roar the fire leaped up the outer walls, and the whole front of the camp was ablaze. Molly scrambled to the sill, clung there, and dropped. The factor, leaning out, lowered Wilton's body. And he himself dropped to the ground beside the girl.

"What do you want to do, father?" she whispered. "I'll tell ye, lass. Ye ken the trail that strikes off from the road below the lake and runs nigh the portage? We'll travel east through the bush twa about. We'll go to the store and pack our few things and go. Aye, we'll go. We'll travel east through the bush twa hundred miles or maybe more, till we strike the line somewhere. And then we're free. Dinna say no, lass!"

They made a leap for the vehicle. "Let us in, d—n you!" Chambers yelled. Bowyer dealt him a blow with the whipstock that sent him staggering. With a vile oath Hackett sprang for the step. Bowyer lashed him across the face, causing him to miss his footing, and cursing and shouting, the two men rushed after him and disappeared down the road. The sound of the galloping horses died away. Molly kneeled at Wilton's side, bathing his face with water from the lake. The factor held his wrist.

"We'll put him a wee bit higher on the slope, where they'll see him," the factor whispered. They raised Wilton and laid him on the new-fallen snow, not far from the road. Then, cautiously and secretively, they turned and plunged into the depths of the underbrush. It was two hours later when Wilton opened his eyes, to find himself lying in the stable. The inspector was standing at the door; the constable paced at his side.

Carruthers, and he was resolved to free him. That, of course, presumed his own belief in his client's innocence. He found his client seated in his cell, scribbling upon pieces of paper covered with diagrams, just as he had found him on the occasion of his previous visit. Wilton rose and they shook hands.

"I'll fight it out here," answered Wilton. "Your luck has been infernal. If it could be proved that Bowyer hired those men to kidnap Miss McDonald and her father—though it wouldn't help directly—it would create a prejudice in the minds of the jury. We could bring that in as evidence. It would discredit Bowyer. It would force him into the witness-box and give us an opportunity. If those men—Miss McDonald could go into the witness-box—we could present something of a case. But they're dead—at least those outlaws are dead—and their secret died with them."

obtained a permit to see him, and appeared outside the bars, accompanied by the warden. "Will," he said huskily, "we're going to get you out of here. I told you them two snakes would be found at the bottom of the brushwood. I believe in ye, boy! That ain't much, maybe, but I want ye to know it."



"Will, We're Going to Get You Out of Here." ye to know this when ye're in trouble, and not when ye're out of it and all the world's slapping ye on the back and cheering ye, and—d—n it, I'm going to get ye out of here a free man, or my name ain't Betts!"

### The KITCHEN CABINET

What lies ahead beyond the bend? What shall we find at journey's end? The hemlock shadows dusk the way, The forest oaks are tall and gray.

#### GOOD EVERY-DAY DESSERTS

Baked apples are a favorite with most people, but we all tire of having them served the same way. Core them and use a few raisins and nuts with a little brown sugar. Again fill with dates, and sweeten with maple sugar; another time stuff with brown sugar, marshmallow and nuts. A variety may be easily found with the things common in every home.

Old-fashioned gingerbread which we all like may be made in a most delightful dessert by serving it with a marshmallow sauce which has been flavored with a few spoonfuls of good, well-flavored apple sauce.

Chocolate Filling.—Scald one-half cupful of milk, with one and one-fourth spoonfuls of cornstarch and four spoonfuls of sugar mixed. Cook until thick and the starch flavor has disappeared, add a pinch of salt, one-fourth of a spoonful of vanilla and a tablespoonful of melted chocolate. Cook all together, then pour over a well-beaten egg, adding the flavoring when cool.

Marshmallow Gingerbread.—Sift one and one-half cupfuls of flour, with one-half teaspoonful each of ginger, cinnamon and salt, one teaspoonful of soda, one-fourth of a spoonful of cocoa, one-third of a cupful of melted fat, one-half cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of molasses, one egg, one-half cupful of sour milk and one and one-half cupfuls of marshmallows. Sift the flour and dry ingredients together. Cream the fat with the sugar, add molasses, egg, and sour milk. Add the dry ingredients, bake in a moderate oven about 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and cut open through the center. Spread the lower half with marshmallows cut in fine pieces and cover with the upper half. Cut in squares, arrange on plates, and serve while warm with whipped cream.

With a few boxes of gelatin in the house and a little forethought, many delicious desserts may be prepared. Apple Charlotte.—Take one-half of an envelope of sparkling gelatin and one-fourth of a cupful of cold water, and when softened add one-half cupful of boiling water. Add one cupful of sugar and two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice; cool and add one cupful of cooked apple pulp. Cool, and when the mixture begins to thicken beat with a wire whisk until light, then add two well-beaten whites and beat well. Turn into a mold lined with lady fingers or cake. Serve with whipped cream.

Toasted Sandwiches.—Mix two tablespoonfuls of salad oil, one tablespoonful of vinegar, one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, a dash of paprika with one-half cupful of cottage cheese or thick cream. Spread on one-fourth inch slices of graham bread, then sprinkle with chopped walnut meats. Put together in pairs and cut in finger-shaped pieces and toast.

Cantaloupe Pickle.—An unripe cantaloupe makes a very good pickle. Cut the melon in sections and remove the seeds. Soak in a salt solution, using one-quarter of a cupful of salt, to a quart of water. Drain and add to the following syrup: Four cupfuls of water, four cupfuls of sugar, one cupful of vinegar, one tablespoonful of cinnamon, one tablespoonful of allspice and cloves; put spice in small bag and cook with the melon. Boil ten minutes and let the fruit stand in the syrup all night. Drain, boil the syrup, add the fruit and cook until the cantaloupe is clear. Seal in hot jars.

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### CHAPTER XVIII Confession

When Wilton was arrested Kitty had been stunned by the news. She had made frantic attempts to see him, but without success. Kitty knew on what the charge was built, and the consciousness that Wilton's freedom could only be purchased by her confession caused her an agony of shame and fear. Yet she would have purchased Wilton's freedom even at the cost of that humiliation, had she not known that she must inevitably lose him. Instinctively she realized that treachery was the one sin that he would never condone.

"I do not," said Payne emphatically. "But—I'll be frank—I couldn't see—" "Then it was Phayre." "Phayre or Clark. Clark has a first-rate record. He was twelve years with the Regina branch of the Western National. We haven't been able to trace anything by his discredit. Still, there's not the least doubt Phayre and Bowyer fixed up this scheme to get control of the Missettli and ruin you, at the best. Joe Bostock's death fitted in only too well with their purposes. But how those checks got into your safe, Carruthers—"

Not Unimportant Territory. The District of Columbia is only 100 miles square, and most of that hundred miles is occupied by statesmen, flappers and office hunters. But aside from such bipeds, the district produced last year over \$100,000,000 worth of live stock of the quadruped persuasion, and raised over a million dollars' worth of green things that did not wear short dresses but contained more vitamins. A million dollars' worth of vegetables were grown in the otherwise idle fence corners of lots and fields.



At That Moment the Constable Fired. by the throat. It made me see red! They got me down, and the place was afire, and—

CHAPTER XVII The Trap. Bob Payne, the lawyer, could not make up his mind whether his client, Will Carruthers, was innocent or guilty, and that was a position in which he did not often find himself.

Chambers placed them there, of course. I went over the papers immediately I discovered that the safe was open, but the checks were the last thing I should have thought of looking at. I thought they were after the blue-prints of the townships.

Then Chambers must also have abstracted the checks showing how Joe Bostock expended that five hundred thousand, and left those in their place. It's a diabolical contrivance, and I'm afraid we can't hope to make much impression with such a story on a jury, Carruthers. Are you positive you closed the safe?"

He hesitated. "Carruthers, I'll be frank with you," he said. "There's another motive almost as strong. It's Mrs. Bostock. She went to live at Big Muskeg in an isolated cottage near your own—right after her husband's death. A damning thing in the eyes of men of the world, as all jurymen pride themselves on being."

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