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## Riders for the Hoot-Owl Pool

by G. H. SHARP

### CHAPTER THREE

#### The Hoot-Owl Pool

Webb found the old attorney at one of the saloons. He was standing at the bar, quite drunk. When Webb tried to thank him, he shook his head.

"One good turn deserves another, Webb. You've forgotten what you did for me one night in this saloon. The night you knocked a man down for trying to play some practical joke on me when I was a bit deep in my cups. I have tried, my friend, in my own humble way, to repay Webb. The saloon was filling. Joe Blake came in and shook hands with Webb. Tex and two strangers came in and Tex insisted on buying old Judge Anders a case of the best whisky in the place. He introduced the two cowboys with him.

"Webb, meet the two Jones boys." Webb shook hands with the two cold-eyed men. Tex grinned faintly. "There's quite a tribe of 'em the Jones boys. You'll find 'em scattered from the Peace River country in Canada plumb down to the Mexican line. Them Jones is quite a tribe."

Webb had seen the two cowboys in the courtroom. He had wondered who they were. Now he knew them. They belonged to that nameless brotherhood that rides the outlaw trail. Now he looked squarely into the eyes of the lanky Texan.

"If the jury had found me guilty, Tex?"

Tex chuckled, softly, then lifted his glass. "Here's to Judge Anders. Drink hearty, boys."

Ab Abbott and a bunch of Triangle men came in, spurs dragging. They pushed their way to the bar. Abbott lined up alongside Webb.

"Just because that drunken slyter got you off is no sign that the saw country is lookin' at it the way that fool jury did. Even your Scissor-Bill 'Pool went back on you."

"I drew out of the Scissor-Bill 'Pool, Abbott, the night before we planned. Bob Anderson, I don't need 'em to help me. I'm playin' a

lose hand. I'll find out who murdered Bob Anderson. When I see the man's trail, I'll kill him where I find him. I hope, Abbott, that the gun I run down on Webb, 'Abbot's purplish face twisted as he reached for his gun. Webb's fist caught him flush on the jaw. A second blow dropped the paunchy Triangle owner to the floor.

"That second punch was for my friend, Judge Anders. Get up and take some more, you yellow-bellied coyote."

Tex and his two cold-eyed companions stood with their backs to the bar, six-shooters in their hands. "Tommy his guns out, Webb," drawled Tex. "Is boys will take care of them Triangle things."

"Stand up and fight, Abbott," cried Webb. "I'll kick you out of the place. Either fight or start crawlin' for the door."

Blood spouted from Ab Abbott's nose. He lay there in the soiled sawn, breathing thickly, big eyes slitted. Webb picked up the six-shooter he had knocked out of the big cattleman's hand and tossed it across the bar to the bartender.

"If Abbott needs another gun, he can borrow one off somebody. That smoke pole is mine from now on. Just a souvenir. Now drag it, Abbott, and take your coyote pack with you." He planted a short, swift kick in the cowboy's belly. Abbott doubled up, gasping.

"Take him out," grinned Tex, "and load him on his horse. He thinks he's sick, but he'll be sick if he hangs around. Haul him out here, you tough Triangle crows. And unless you grab a wad of fine excitement, hit the trail for your home ranch. There ain't room enough in town for the Triangle outfit."

Under the menace of Tex' gun the Triangle men carried the bulky Ab Abbott outside.

"The drinks," said the bartender, "is on the house. And we're drinkin' 'is to 'Webb Winters."

"Surprise found Webb Winters back at his ranch. He put up his horse and went to his cabin. There was a sheet of paper tacked to his cabin door. He grinned faintly as he read the printed warning on it: "Quit the Country!"

He left the paper tacked to the door and went inside. It had been a month since he had been inside this little log cabin he called home. They had kept him in jail that long. He stood there in the doorway, now, looking into the cabin.

The floor, which he had always kept clean, was littered with dried meat tracks. Dirty pots and pans and dishes littered the place. Empty bottles had been tossed into corners. His tarp-covered bed was pulled apart, blankets and soaps ripped to shreds. A soiled deck of cards lay scattered on the table. Cupboards and shelves were empty of food.

(Continued Next Week)



### Walking Women—Mary Wilson and Jeanette Rowatt check their worn dogs after walking down 13 floors of their New York apartment house.

They were among thousands of skyscraper dwellers strained when 12,000 building service employees struck for higher wages, shorter working hours and pensions.

### Chronicles of GINGER FARM

by Gwendoline D. Clark

No seeding has been done here even yet so it is going to be later than last year after all. The only promising signs of spring during the last week have been (1) the return of a lonely swallow to the barn, (2) one daffodil in bloom, (3) sudden appearance of one Canada goose flying low and making noise, (4) a mother robin nesting hopefully in a sheltered corner over the front door, (5) the arrival of one more calf. And of course we are on daylight saving time—whether that can be taken as a hopeful sign I wouldn't know. One thing is certain, man-made plans put us on DST but it takes the weather to put us on SUMMER-saving time.

Either our climate is doing a complete right-about-face or we are going through one of those definite weather cycles which scientists tell us are a logical conclusion to certain atmospheric conditions. Oh, well. I suppose everything will straighten out eventually—there's nothing we can do about it anyway. No good trying to rush things—just face that a few farmers will have realized by now, to their cost. We heard of one or two farmers, not personally known to us, obviously over-ambitious to get at their seedling and so started out to work their land last week. Result—they got stuck in their fields, with their tractors. No doubt those same men might have been better employed working on the woodpile to keep the house supplied with quick fuel for chilly days.

In answer to my appeal Bob was busy at the chopping block one evening when the lone Canada goose which I have just mentioned flew over his head, making such a terrific noise that both dogs started barking furiously. I wonder how the poor thing happened to be alone—was it on a reconnaissance flight or had it been left behind? Of course we shall never know the answer, but one naturally wonders.

And then Mrs. Robin had me guessing too. About ten days ago she was very busy making her nest; then she sat on it and on for about two days. But after that she apparently disappeared. The nest was deserted, and since it was by a window overlooking our front hall I thought probably our going back and forth had disturbed her. But then after four days Mrs.

Robin came back, settled down on her nest and has been there ever since, her beady eyes watching us with complete unconcern as we pass through the hall. Evidently we did not frighten her after all—perhaps she had just been away for the weekend visiting friends. Or maybe it is customary for birds to clean up their nests and then leave them to settle.

Well, I have actually started housecleaning—but in a very half-hearted sort of way. I managed to get the ceiling and woodwork washed, the dining-room and then, almost as soon as I had done it, the kitchen fire started to smoke. I was quite bad just then, and I think I did it. I have a feeling that I am a bit of a klutz. I have a feeling that I am a bit of a klutz. I have a feeling that I am a bit of a klutz.

Seems to me I did tell you about my rug-binding activities, didn't I? Well, I finished that big rug a few days ago and had it down on the floor. Bob looked at it with very critical eyes and presently remarked "I don't like it." I don't know what he may be all right in a kitchen for a fellow to wipe his rubber boots on, but I wouldn't want to see one in the living-room! That very day there was an illustrated "ad" in our daily paper showing various pieces of living-room furniture, and on the floor was a braided rug—and the price was \$3.75. Believe me I showed that to my son in a hurry. "So what," I still don't like them!" was his only comment. Partner likes them and the only thing that spoils my enthusiasm is the fact that I have run out of rags. And to think of the rags I have sold through the year for 10 cents a bale! Actually, I still have plenty of rags but they would have to be dyed before I could use them—and I don't know the first thing about dyeing. Could any experienced reader advise me? Is there any dye a novice could use satisfactorily without boiling? I believe really beautiful rugs could be made by working out a colour scheme. And by the way I don't sew my braids to face them together just as you face 'em. I have them together with your shoes—using fine strong twine, threaded through a bodkin lacer. It makes a much neater job, and the finished rag by this method is also reversible.

Success Tip— Bake it with MAGIC!

DATE-ORANGE PUDDING

Combine in a greased casserole (6-cup size) 1/4 c. corn syrup, 1 lb. grated lemon rind and 1/2 c. orange juice. Mix and sift once, then sift into a bowl, 1 1/2 c. once-sifted hard-wheat flour, 2 1/2 tps. Magic Baking Powder, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 c. fine granulated sugar. Mix in 1/2 c. corn flakes, slightly crushed, and 1/2 c. cut-up pitted dates. Combine 1 well-beaten egg, 1/2 c. milk, 1/2 tsp. vanilla and 3 tb. shortening. Make a well in dry ingredients and add liquid; mix lightly. Turn into prepared pan. Bake in moderately hot oven, 375°, about 40 minutes. Serve warm, with pouring cream. Yield—6 servings.

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## TABLE TALKS

by Jane Andrews

My family are all crazy about peach pies," writes one reader of this column, who goes on to ask if I have any new recipes for that berry.

As she doesn't say just what she already has, I don't know whether all the following will be new to her. But here they are, for of them, all good and all comparatively easy to make. Three then use the regulation pie-crust shell, while the other two are made with ginger-naps and vanilla wafers as "holders."

**PEACH CREAM PIE**  
One 9-inch pie shell  
Combine 1/2 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons flour, 1/4 teaspoon salt  
Beat in 1 cup sour cream, 1 slightly beaten egg, 1/2 cup vanilla wafer crumbs, 4 cups sliced peaches  
Pour into pastry-lined, 9-inch pie-pan.  
Bake at 400° (hot oven) 15 minutes; then at 350° (moderate) 35 minutes.  
Remove from heat.  
Top with mixture of 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 cup flour, 1/4 cup soft butter  
Four into halves, 8-inch pie shell.  
Bake at 400° (hot oven) 10 minutes.

**DATE CREAM PIE**  
One 8-inch pie shell  
Combine in top of double boiler: 1/4 cup sugar, 1/2 cup flour, 1/4 cup soft butter  
Blend in 2 slightly beaten egg yolks, 1/2 cup milk, 1/2 cup cream, 1/4 teaspoon salt  
Stir in 1 1/2 cups milk, 1/2 cup cream, 1/4 teaspoon salt  
Cook 10 minutes, or until slightly thick.  
Add 1 cup chopped dates, 1/4 teaspoon orange extract  
Cook 5 minutes, or until thick; cool.  
Pour into halves, 8-inch pie shell.  
Spread egg-white meringue on top.  
Bake at 350° (moderate oven) 15 minutes.

**GINGER BAVARIAN PIE**  
One 9-inch pie shell  
The bottom piepan with mixture of 1 cup ginger snap crumbs, 2 tablespoons melted butter and 12 ginger-naps around inside edge.  
Fill in 1 tablespoon unflavored gelatine in 1/4 cup cold water  
Dissolve over hot water; then beat in 1/2 cup sugar, 2 slightly beaten egg whites  
Combine 1 1/2 cups thick, sweetened apricot sauce, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped  
Add in egg-white mixture last, pour filling into piepan; chill.  
MASHMALLOW CREAM PIE  
One 8-inch pie shell  
Combine in top of double boiler: 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 cup flour, 1/4 cup soft butter  
Blend in 1 1/2 cups milk, scalded  
Cook 10 minutes, or until thick.  
Add 1 well-beaten egg, 1/2 cup cream, 1/4 teaspoon salt  
Cook 2 minutes remove from heat.  
Add in 12 marshmallows, quartered  
2 teaspoons butter, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
Pour into piepan, chill.  
Pour into baked, 8-inch pie shell. Garnish with fresh or canned fruit.

**HOW CAN I?**  
By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I paint window screen easily?

A. Instead of using a paint brush, try covering a small block of wood with an old piece of carpet, tacking it securely to the edges of the block, dipping this into the paint, and rubbing over the mesh.

Q. How can I keep potted plants from drying out when away from home for several days?

A. Place a sponge soaked in water on the pot of the plant, and this will keep the plant supplied with the necessary moisture.

Q. How can I remove burnt food from an aluminum pan?

A. Fill the pan with cold water to which a little vinegar has been added, and bring to boil. Allow to boil for five or ten minutes. For pans other than aluminum, use a solution of one tablespoonful of washing soda to a quart of cold water and boil.

POLITICIANS who loudly protest that the newspapers are not doing them justice should be thankful they are not.

**HOW TO CARE FOR PAINT BRUSHES**  
Proper care of brushes is important. Rinse varnish brushes in turpentine before using, to remove foreign particles—a good idea for any brush when turpentine is used as the paint thinner. Do not use brushes in alternate types of paint. Save oil-paint brushes for oil paints, varnish brushes for varnishes and so forth.

How to Keep Brushes in Good Condition During the Job

Kind of paint	Suspend in	Before reusing and to clean before storing
Shellac	Denatured alcohol	Rinse in alcohol. Wipe dry.
Varnish or Enamel	1 part varnish or enamel 1 part turpentine	Rinse in turpentine. Wipe dry.
Oil	2 parts linseed oil 1 part turpentine	Rinse in turpentine. Wipe dry.
Water-mixed	Wash with soap and water. Hang to dry.	Hang brushes in liquid by placing thin tool through hole in handle and resting rod on rim of can. Do not let bristles rest on bottom of can. Between jobs, seal clean, dry brushes in foil or brush carrier.



## The GREEN THUMB

For a Succession of Blooms

In planning garden layouts it is important to keep in mind the time of blooming and also, to a lesser extent, the color. One does not want to have everything in flower at the same time, and then nothing later.

The seed catalogue will help materially in this planning. It will list all colors, of course, and also the approximate time each plant comes into flower. With that information it is comparatively easy to have a succession of bloom from spring until freeze-up.

**Soil Preparation**  
Before the garden is planted it should be thoroughly cultivated or dug. This should be done either in the fall or early spring. This will turn in manure, rotted vegetable material, etc., destroy a lot of weeds, roots, etc., and put the soil in condition for further and fine workings. It will also mix top and bottom soil, and so the soil will be fairly even in texture. The new tops and any manure, the gardener is too inclined to burn all rubbish and leaves or send it away with garbage. This is a serious mistake. Anything that will rot is a reasonable time, and there will be few things that will not, should be dug in. Such improves both light and heavy soils, opening the latter and making it less liable to bake and cake, and adding much-needed water retaining humus to sand and light soil.

**For an Early Start**  
One can always beat the weather seed to several weeks by sowing seed indoors or in a special holed and later transplanting outside. The holed is simply a bed of rich soil protected by a wooden frame over which is a window sash and the whole thing mounted over a foot of fresh horse manure or some other material which will generate heat. Full contraction and operation details are available in government bulletins.

Where a small quantity of plants is wanted the seed can be sown in flat boxes placed on a warm window sill. Soil used in these flats, as in pots for any indoor planting, should be rich and also contain a fair proportion of sand and humus (rotted leaves or other vegetable material). For a while after seeds are sown the soil in the flat should be shaded with a cloth or blotting paper and it must not be allowed to dry out.

If only a few dozen bedding plants are needed, and it is possible to buy the same later from local sources, the amateur is well advised not to bother either with holed or window-box.

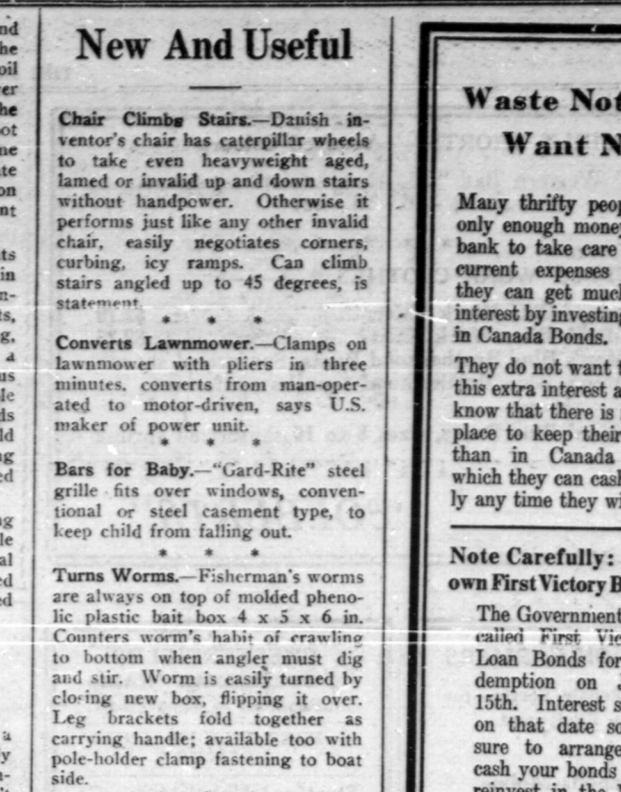
**Logical**  
An Eastern go-getter spied a lazy Indian chief lolling idly outside his tepee. "Chief," remarked the go-getter, "why don't you get busy and get yourself a job?"

"Why?" grunted the chief. "Well, you could earn a lot of money. Perhaps as much as thirty or forty dollars a week."

"Why?" repeated the chief. "Oh, if you worked hard enough you could have your money, you'd soon have a handsome bank account. Wouldn't you like that?"

"Why?" asked the chief again. "For Pete's sake!" shouted the exasperated Easterner, "with a healthy bank account, you could rest. You wouldn't have to work any more."

"You're crazy," replied the chief. "Me not working now!"



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