

Young Girl's Heroism

Charles Waynock of Maple Falls, Tex., while hunting the Texas birds of paradise in the Guadalupe mountains met with an experience that would have proved fatal but for the bravery of his sweetheart, Miss Kate Maryland. He knew that a colony of the famous birds of paradise had long made their abode in a cleft of a precipice of the Guadalupe mountains. This well known lofty range is located on the southern side of the Guadalupe valley near Japonica. It is a stu-



REACHED FOR THE BIRD.

pendous mass of solid granite, rising straight up from the waters of the river to a height of 350 feet. About 50 feet below the summit of the mountain and 300 above the sparkling waters of the Guadalupe there is a narrow ledge upon which can be seen a few stunted cedars.

Miss Maryland had expressed a wish for the plumage of one of the beautiful birds which had their nests in the stunted cedars, and thither he went to secure one. He climbed the mountain and soon saw one of the birds rising above the precipice.

Raising his gun to his face, he quickly fired, and the feathered beauty fell fluttering to the ground. Waynock ran forward to secure his prize, but it struggled nearer to the edge of the bluff. In his eagerness to grasp the bird he did not notice how near he was drawing to the brink of the terrible precipice. Once he had a hand on one of the wounded beauty's wings, but it slipped from his grasp, and in his anxiety he slid after it again, reaching as far as he could.

Only the hot blood of a reckless lover could have blinded the youth's eyes to the fact that he was within a few inches of the brink of a perpendicular wall of rock 350 feet above the foaming waters of the Guadalupe. Small rocks began to roll from under his body. He saw the bird disappear, and he felt himself sliding forward. In vain he dug his fingers against the sloping surface. Cold perspiration streamed from his brow, and he realized that his heart had ceased to beat. Though his eyes were wide open, darkness surrounded him. He rolled over on his breast and threw his open palms against the earth with all his power. The heroic effort was useless. Slowly his body slid over the brink, and with a wall that startled the wild birds he shot forward into the air.

Old man Joy, who lived at Japonica, happened to be riding along the road on the opposite shore of the Guadalupe. He heard the frightful wail of the unfortunate youth, and, noticing the flight of a flock of birds of paradise, he looked toward the mountain. He saw a human form shooting through the air. At first it fell feet foremost, and then the body turned over, and the birds of gay plumage flew about it shrieking. Joy saw the body strike among the cedars on the cleft where birds of paradise nested. He expected to see it pass on and fall crushed and lifeless into the Guadalupe, but it did not. He gazed at the cedars in amazement and terror. Spurring his horse close to the edge of the water, he strained his vision in the direction of the ledge far up on the side of the awful precipice. A moan of despair reached his ears, and as he looked among the still trembling bows so far above the water he recognized the body of a man.

An inkling of the truth flashed across his mind. Certainly some one had fallen over the bluff, and the body had lodged among the cedars on the ledge 300 feet above the Guadalupe. He shouted with all the power of his lungs, and to his amazement a voice answered him. It sounded like a far-away echo.

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"Tell Kate I fell over the bluff. Tell her goodbye."

Mr. Joy was familiar with the love affair, and he knew what had happened. Fortunately he is a sensible, energetic old pioneer.

"Hold fast, Charlie," he shouted. "Don't give up. We will save you."

Driving the spurs into the flanks of his horse, he made the animal fly toward his house. He had not gone far before he met five cowboys, all Waynock's comrades, who had just started out to round up a herd of steers. In the

fewest possible words he explained to them what had happened and asked them to follow him.

Fortunately Joy and the cowboys met Kate Maryland and one of the old man's daughters mounted on their ponies starting out for a ride. Shouting to them to follow and ask no questions, Joy led the way through his gates to the ford on the river. As the old man fairly flew along the trail he calculated that the cowboys had perhaps 250 feet of rope, and he carried a long lariat at the horn of his own saddle. If they could only get to the summit before Waynock gave out, they would have plenty of rope to reach him twice over, for the ledge was not more than 50 feet from the brink of the precipice. Not until they had all dismounted and were collecting where the desperate lover had shot the bird of paradise only a few moments before did the girls know what had happened.

Kate proved to be of heroic mold. There was one little moan from her lips, and then, with deft fingers, she fell to work to help splice the ropes. One of the fearless cowboys crawled to the brink and peered down into the awful abyss.

"He is still there," he said. "Give me a lariat quick."

A big, strong fellow by the name of Tom Houston, after bracing himself against a tree, was about to drop the noose over the bluff when the cowboy who was looking at Waynock said:

"Stop! Some one will have to go down there. He is too weak to hold the rope or tie it about him if it was by his side."

"I will go," said Kate. "He did it all for me."

She already had the noose around her body.

"Now, Tom," she said, "let me down. It is my duty to go to him."

They saw it would be useless to try to stop her. Houston had taken a half hitch around a tree with the rope, and he slowly let the girl slide over the precipice.

"I can hold her," he said. "There is really no danger, for this rope would hold a steer."

Kate reached her sweetheart's side, and a glance at his colorless face and bleeding hands convinced her that not a moment could be spared if she succeeded in saving him from plunging

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