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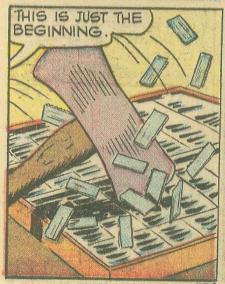






































































































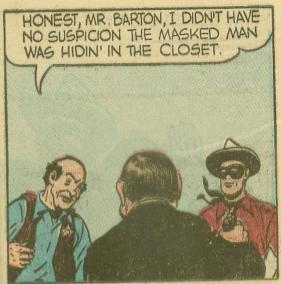






















































































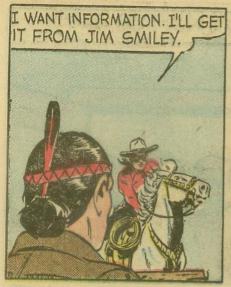




















































































































































































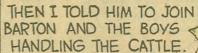




































































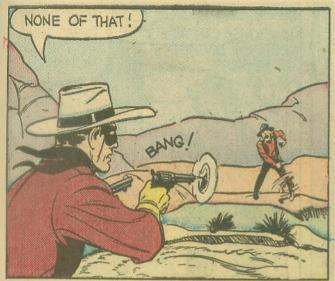










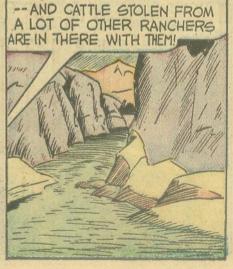
































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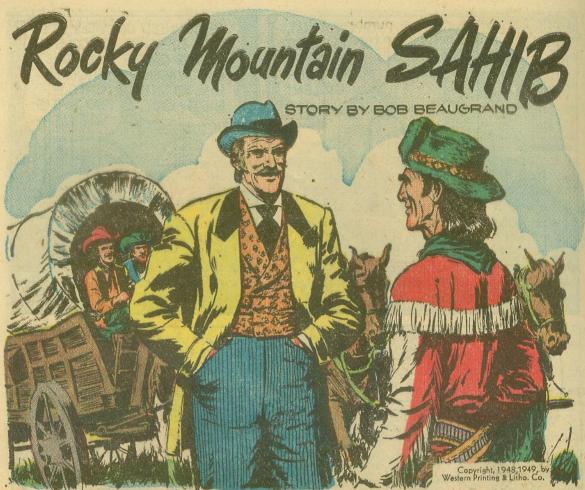
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Through Fort Laramie, in the latter half of the nineteenth century, there passed a steady stream of distinguished visitors. They came in search of sport, adventure, gold—and they must have presented amusing and sometimes ludicrous pictures to the grizzled guides and hunters of the district. Of them all, none held a candle to Sir George Gore, a fabulously wealthy Irish peer, who appeared at the fort in 1854 with a company of fifty friends and servants.

Although Sir George looked every inch the dude, his choice of guides showed he was no fool. He promptly hired the famous Jim Bridger, and the two men soon became fast friends, despite the apparent differences between them. The whole party spent the winter at Laramie, during which time Bridger met the nobleman's retinue.

When spring came they set out for the Yellowstone—secretaries, cooks, servants, hounds, and all. It was wild, rugged country, but Sir George was not the man to "go native." Dinner was served in grand style every night, complete with good wines. Bridger had the strange experience of listening to these men discuss Shakespeare around the fire.

Another habit that Sir George refused to give up was that of rising late. Seldom did he see what the sun looked like before noon. When he finally rose, he treated himself to a large and leisurely breakfast. That over, the noble sportsman would prepare for a day's hunting. He usually went out alone, or with only a few companions.

For all his evident laziness, the Irishman was no slouch as a hunter. Armed with some of the finest weapons then made for big game hunting, Sir George collected trophies by the cartload. These he proposed to ship to friends back home, presumably as evidence of

his prowess. The surprising number of forty grizzlies was included in his total

bag.

While he accounted for great numbers of elk, antelope, and anything else that came before his sights, Sir George seemed to have a special passion for shooting buffalo. He did perhaps more than his share in reducing the herds of these great animals to their present sorry state, killing not less than 2500 of them.

The willful slaughter incensed the Indians, who looked upon the game as a source of food rather than sport. Finally their resentment boiled into action, and a band of Sioux swept down upon the camp and made off with many of Sir George's hard-won trophies of the hunt. Caught totally unprepared, the camp was left a shambles.

Sir George, being a nobleman, and Irish at that, refused to take what seemed to him such highhanded action lying down. He proposed to recruit a private army to wage war against the Sioux. Whether because of a lack of

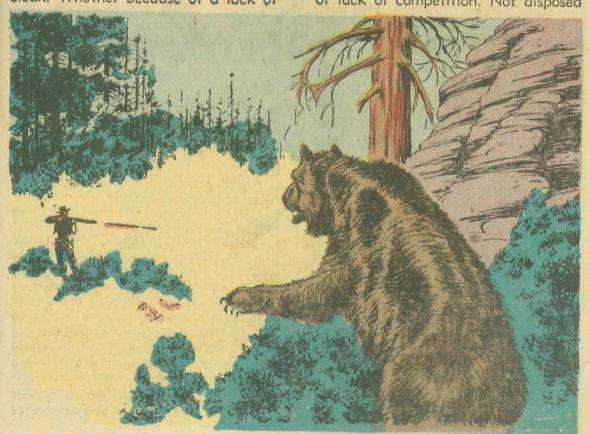
recruits or because of United States government opposition, nothing came of his ambitious plan, and George went on hunting.

When he collected enough trophies to satisfy him, Sir George decided to call it a year. The party moved on to the Rosebud River, where Gore camped among the Indians for a time, studying their way of living. Then he sent his wagons on ahead to Fort Union, while he and Jim Bridger proceeded to that

trading post by flatboat.

Sir George intended to dispose of his horses and wagons at the fort, for his expedition was breaking up. The only possible buyer in the area was the American Fur Company, and its agent took advantage of his fortunate position. Sir George dickered with him for some time over the disposal of his equipment, then suddenly broke off negotiations.

Rightly or wrongly, Sir George believed the trader was trying to force him into selling his wagons and livestock at ridiculously low prices because of lack of competition. Not disposed





to haggle, Sir George collected his livestock, summoned all the Indians and trappers he could find, and proceeded

to give it away.

With the livestock thus disposed of, Sir George turned his attention to the wagons. These he could not even give away, since there was little demand for them in that region. Rather than surrender them to the trader at what he considered an unfair price, Sir George had the carts and wagons all burned. Guards saw to it that nothing was salvaged.

With a greatly reduced company, Sir George then flatboated down the river to Fort Berthold, a remote outpost. As winter was setting in, he decided to stay there: Jim Bridger's services were no longer needed, so the two friends made their farewells. The Irish lord prepared to spend the winter in a crude, Indian-style earthen lodge.

Even in a place like Fort Berthold, the irrepressible Irishman could not simply rest. He found himself involved in local affairs. There were two traders at the fort who had long been feuding over the native trade—not to the natives' advantage, however. The price of beef cattle had risen to an al-

most prohibitive level.

His sympathies aroused by the plight of the Indians, Sir George took a decisive hand in the matter. Going to one of the dealers, he all but bought the man out of beef cattle. Then he turned around and sold the cattle to the Indians at a fair price—and a big loss. Alarmed, the traders suddenly saw the

light and lowered their prices.

Finally, slightly more than two years after his arrival at Fort Laramie, the incredible Irishman had had enough of "roughing it." Perhaps his stock of wine had run low—perhaps he felt a sudden yearning for a softer bed than his had been. Whatever the reason, he pulled up stakes when spring arrived and headed back toward civilization. He left behind him a story that would be told over countless campfires. Of all the titled foreigners who visited the great American West, there was none to compare with Sir George Gore, Rocky Mountain Sahib,

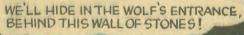






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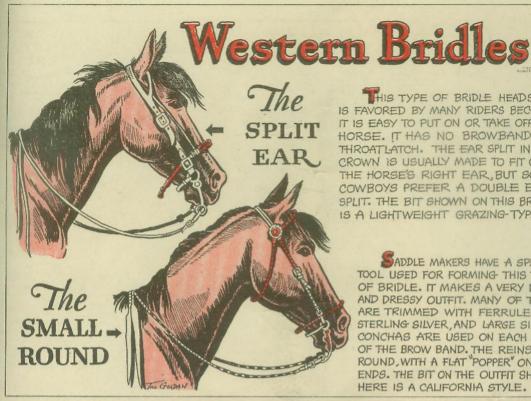
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