



OUR EXCITING  
PICTURE-STORY!

# THE RIO KID!



1. "Now," snapped the Kid as Old Man Dawney spun round, back to the door, and faced him. "I'm top dog and you'll do as I order." He pointed to the open window. "Tell that man to get our horses—I'm riding free and you're seeing me to the boundary of your ranch." With the muzzle of the revolver jammed into his back, Dawney was forced to obey.



2. "Before we go, I've an account to settle with you," said the Kid. "You accused me of stealing 1,000 dollars, and I'm going to make you pay for it. Open your safe and hand me 20,000 dollars!" And under threat of the revolver, Dawney was forced to obey. "Now we'll ride," said the Kid. And mounting their waiting horses they rode away.



3. "Here's where we part, rancher," said the Kid, reining in on the Double Bar boundary. "And before we part, here's your rotten dollars. That'll prove I'm no thief!" So saying, he threw the bundle of notes at the surprised Dawney and galloped off. "That lad's no thief," thought Dawney. "I've wronged him!" And he called on the Kid to come back. But the young cowboy rode on.



A prisoner in the hands of Old Man Dawnay of the Double Bar Ranch—the man who accused him of robbery and made him an outlaw—the Kid's turned the tables on his captor by stealing his revolver!



4. Waiting until nightfall, the Kid rode into the town of Frio, bent on recovering his hat and revolvers, which were in the sheriff's possession. Knocking on the door, he entered. Sheriff Watson sprang to his feet, his hand going to his revolver. The Kid forced him to drop it, put his foot on it, and then made the sheriff hand over the Kid's own revolvers.



5. Backing to the door, the Kid slammed it after him, leapt on his mustang and was away. The sheriff dashed after him, shouting: "The Rio Kid's in town! After him!" Cowboys poured out of the saloon, but the Kid was well away. Dawn found him at the Double Bar Ranch, where he hung up the rancher's revolver with a note thanking him for the loan of it.



6. Dawnay chuckled when he read the Kid's note, then rode into Frio and wrote "Cancelled" across his offer of 500 dollars reward for the Kid's capture. "Hey, what's the game?" demanded the sheriff. Dawnay explained. "That don't go with me," Watson growled. "The Kid's an outlaw till he's proved innocent, and I'm sticking to his trail!" (Fresh dangers face the Kid in Next Week's exciting pictures!)