

OUR EXCITING
PICTURE-STORY!

THE RIO KID!



1. Jogging along where cattle were being rounded up, the Kid saw a horse and a man thrown right into the path of a charging steer. Lasso whirling, the Kid dashed to the rescue.



2. Dextrously thrown, the noose curled around the steer's forelegs. Turning his mustang aside, the Kid tightened the rope and brought the animal thudding to the ground.



3. "Thanks, son!" said the rescued man. "I'm Waller, boss of this ranch." "I'm Jones," replied the Kid. "Care to ride for me?" asked Waller. The Kid accepted the offer.



4. "Say, boys," said Waller, to the cowboys around the grub wagon, "meet Jones, a new hand." "Jones, eh?" thought Donnell, one of the cowboys. "Looks like the Rio Kid to me!"



5. Donnell remembered that the Rio Kid had his initials stamped on his saddle. He found them under the flap. "That clinches it!" he thought. "It's the Kid, and I'll trap him!"



6. "Gee!" said the Kid to himself, as he rounded up scattered cattle. "It's great to be back on the old job again!" He little thought that his identity had been discovered!

FALSELY accused of robbing his late boss—Old Man Dawnay of the Double Bar Ranch—the Kid is an outlaw, hunted by sheriffs



7. Fate played into Donnell's hands. When darkness fell, Waller ordered him and the Kid to take over the night ride, their job being to circle the herd from opposite directions.



8. When the Kid passed him on their circular ride, Donnell wheeled his bronco and sent his lasso snaking round the Kid's shoulders. The Kid tumbled backwards from his mustang.



9. Leaping from his bronco, Donnell bound the Kid hand and foot. "Get you, Mr. Blinkin' Rio Kid!" he hissed. "You'll be safe till I get back with the sheriff!" Then he rode off.



10. Donnell hammered on the door of the sheriff's office until the sheriff poked his head out of an upper window. "Look alive, sheriff!" Donnell yelled. "I've captured the Rio Kid!"



11. Hastily throwing on his clothes after hearing Donnell's story, the sheriff saddled his bronco, and very soon the two of them were riding for Waller's range—and the Kid!



12. Meanwhile, Waller was out to discover why the herd was restless. Suddenly his bronco shied—it had nearly stepped on the Kid! (See Next Week's thrilling pictures!)