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"The Rim of the Desert"

Two-reel Western

Featuring **JACK PERRIN**

MARY MARDEN'S choice has narrowed down to two men—Bob Vernon and Jack Wilkes. Bob is a cowpuncher, while Jack is a gambler. She tells them she will marry the first one to bring her a sprig from the old tree at the "Goal of Dying Men," a waterhole in the desert, two days from civilization. Both men realize the danger of such a trip but ride forth on their quest for her hand.

She is horror-stricken when her uncle, the owner of the ranch, tells her she has sent them to probable death.

While Bob is sleeping, Jack steals his canteen and empties it. Bob discovers his rival's treachery, and believing he had continued on his way during the night, doggedly determines to force ahead without water and reach his goal.

Suffering from the tortures of thirst as he draws in sight of the waterhole, Bob staggers to the hole only to find it dry. He sees the old tree. He pulls the sprig and puts one inside his shirt for Mary, and places another in his own belt for "good luck."

Delirious, he staggers back across the desert. Jack spies him returning and rides out to meet him. Bob begs for water. Jack sees the sprig in Bob's belt and offers to trade a drink for it. Bob refuses. Jack snatches the sprig from Bob's belt and rides off.

Jack returns to Mary with the sprig and demands she keep her promise. Mary realizes it is Bob she loves and asks for time. Her uncle tells her Jack risked his life to get the sprig and she must keep her promise. She is about to give in to Jack when she sees the outfit returning from their search of the desert. The truth becomes known and Jack is driven out of the country on a rail while Mary and Bob become engaged.

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