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"The Land Rush"

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In 1893, among the twelve thousands gathered on the border of Indian territory to race forhomesteads on the Cherokee Strip, are Joe, Zack and George Miller, cowboys, and Dr. Powers' medicine show. Ruth Hardcastle hates the life of the cheap, fake show, and when Powers insinuates that her husband is unfaithful she deserts him, taking their baby daughter. At the depot she forgets her traveling bag, in which another mother abandons herchild.

Powers is the father of two boys -- one white andone half Indian. The half-breed's grandmother, Wynoka, changes the babies. She is seen by Chalky and Rosa, of the show, who think they have prevented the exchange. The half-breed child (thought to be white) climbs into Hardcastle's wagon and rides in the land rush. Powers wounds Hardcastle, who puts the child in Joe Miller's care -- he's going to get Powers if it takes the rest of hislife.

Twenty years later the three Miller claims are the famous 101 Ranch, and the child is known as Bob Miller. Bob joins a circus, of which Polly Breen is the star performer. With the show are Chalky and Rosa, who have adopted Elsie (found in thesuitcase) in the belief that she is Hardcastle's daughter.

Hardcastle, now known as Jim Osborne, leaves his ranch in charge of Jimmy Whitehawk, his superintendent and a graduate of Carlisle, while he searches for Powers and his wife. When the circus comes to town, Jimmy attends and rides a trick mule, which crashes into one of the supports of Polly's wire-walking apparatus and sends her crashing head first to the ground.

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