

**FORT AT CIBILO**  
Faver's Headquarters Ranch

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Las Moras, situated 11 miles from Cibilo in the heart of the hills, is completely hidden from the 'eyes of the world.' The Las Moras was so well protected from cold weather that a fruit crop was almost certain. Therefore Faver was always sure of his peaches for his copper still at Cibilo. Accordingly, his flocks and his herds continued to increase.

And so for a time everybody was happy—the Indians were satisfied. But alas, nature asserted itself. The Indians began stealing Faver's cattle, and the white men tried to take his land.

Milton Faver married Francisca Ramirez, and lived with her at the Cibilo. To this union one boy was born, named John or Juan, according to which parent called him. To his father he was John, to his mother, Juan. Faver wanted his son John to have every advantage that money could buy. After the civil war, when conditions had become normal and everyone was enjoying prosperity, the Don sent his boy away to school in San Antonio. Later he sent him to New York to college, then abroad to England, France and Germany for many years. But on his return to the ranch of many mountains, and thousands of live stock, the West was still very primitive.

The order of "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" was still in effect. Young Faver came by stage coach from San Antonio to Fort Davis, and from there to his father's ranch he traveled with freight wagons. On nearing the Cibilo, he borrowed a mule from one of the freighters and rode ahead of the wagons in order to surprise his father and to see if his father would recognize him after his stay in the East and abroad.

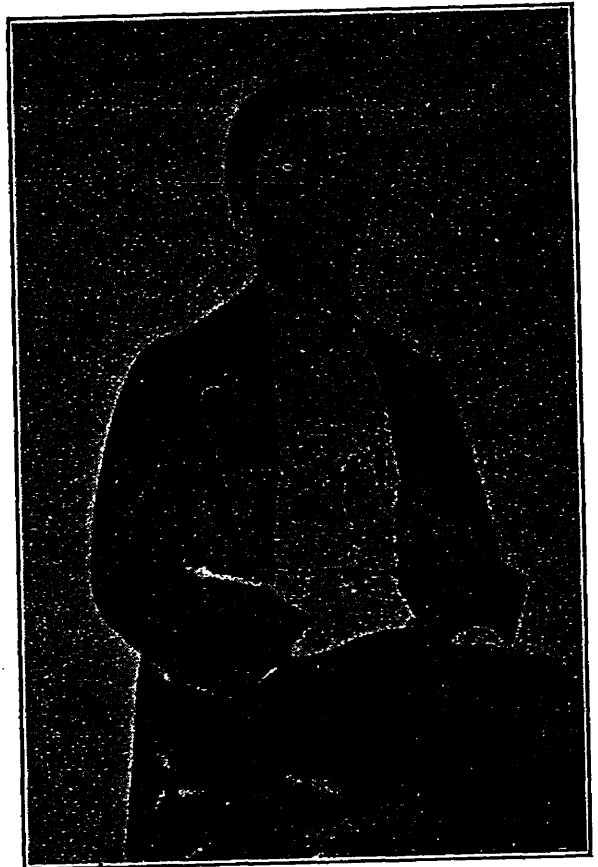
He rode up to the ancestral home and gave the customary "Hello." Milton Faver came out and greeted the rider as he would have any traveller.

The young fellow spoke in German, saying, "I came to tell you that your son is with a train of freight wagons that will soon be here."

But Faver was ever a man of a keen eye. "I think you are my son," he replied. Then a happy reunion was held—father, mother, and son.

As we have stated, after the civil war Presidio became an important port of entry to which the dashing Mose Kelly was sent from El Paso to take charge of the Custom House. He had served with distinction in the Union Forces during the war, and was given a Captain's commission. He carried on his duties as collector of Customs efficiently,

but he also proved to be a Border Don Juan, winning and breaking hearts at random. Juan Faver had married Gavina Ramirez, a very attractive woman, who was not related to his mother, but had the same name. Kelly's



**JUAN FAVER**  
The Old Don's Only Son