

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER LXXVI.—(CONTINUED.)

Had they done so? This was our first object of inquiry. It was almost too probable to admit of a doubt; but we desired to be certain about a matter of such primary importance, and we looked for the hoof with the piece chipped from its edge—easily to be identified by all of us. In the muddy margin of the stream we could not find it; but the steed may have been led or ridden in front of the rest, and his tracks trampled out by the thick drove that followed.

At this moment Stanfield came up and joined us in the examination. The ranger had scarcely bent his eyes on the trail when a significant exclamation escaped him. He stood pointing downward to the track of a shod horse. "My horse!" cried he; "my horse Hickory, by Gosh!"

"Your horse?" "May I never see Kaintuck if it aint."

"Yur sure o'it, ole hoss? yure sure it's yurn?" "Sure as shootin'; I shod him myself. I could tell that ere mark on a dry sandbar. I know every nail thar, I druv 'em wi' my own hand—it's him sartin'."

"Wheo-o!" whistled Rube, in his significant way, "that makes things a leetle plainer, I reek'n; an' so I thort all along—an' so I thort—ye-es—so I thort. The durned rennygade nigger!" he added, with angry emphasis, "I know'd we dud wrong to let 'im go; we oughter served 'im as I perposed; we oughter cut his durnation throat, an' scalped 'im the minnut we tuk 'im; cuss the luck that we didn't! Wagh!"

Rube's words needed no interpretation. We knew whose throat he would have cut—that of the Indianized Mexican taken at the mesa; and I remembered that at the time of his capture such had been Rube's advice—overruled, of course, by the more merciful of his comrades. The trapper has assigned some reason: he knew something of the man's history.

He now repeated his reasons: "He wuz a true rennygade," said he; "an' thur aint on all the pariares a wusser enemy to whites than that ur—more particularly to Texan whites. He wur at the massacre o' Wilson's family on the clur fork o' the Brazos, an' wur conspik'us in the skrimmage; a' more too—it ur thout he toasted off one o' Wilson's gurls, an' made a squaw o' her, for he's mighty given that way, I've heern. Wagh! he ur wuss than a Injun, for the reezun that he unersands the ways o' the whites. I never know'd sich a foolish thing as ter let 'im get clur. 'E may thank yur luck, Mister Stannafeel, that he didn't take yur har at the same time when he wur a-takin' o' yur hoss. Wagh! that ye may!"

It was Stanfield's horse that had been stolen by the renegade, and the tracks now identified by the ranger were those of that animal—no doubt with the freebooter upon his back. This new discovery let in a flood of light. Beyond a doubt the war-party was the same we had met by the mound, with perhaps a reinforcement; the same that had just plundered the Mexican town; the same who had paid their horrid visit to the hacienda, and this renegade—

Ha! Strange remembrances were crowding into my brain. I remembered meeting this semi-savage skulking about the road, after we had granted him his parole; I remembered, upon one occasion, seeing him while riding out with her; I remembered the rude expression with which he had regarded my companion—the glance half fierce, half lustful; I remembered that it made me angry; that I rebuked and threatened him—I now remember all.

Wild thoughts came rushing into my mind—worse thoughts than ever. I sprang to my saddle, and calling out some half-coherent orders, rode rapidly along the trail.

CHAPTER LXXVII.

THE WRITING ON THE MAGUEY.

The skill of the trackers was no longer called in need. The war-trail was as easily followed as a toll-road. A blind man could have guided himself along such a well-trodden highway. Our rate of speed was now ruled by the capacity of our horses. Alas! their power was nearly at an end. They had been two days and nights under the saddle, with but a few hours to refresh themselves by food or rest—they could not hold out much longer.

One by one, they began to lag, until the greater number of them followed with tottering step hundreds of yards in the rear. It was in vain to contend against nature. The men were still willing, though they, too, were wearied to death; but their horses were quite done up—even whip and spur could force them no farther. Only my own matchless steed could have continued the journey. Alone, I might have advanced, but that would have been madness. What could I have accomplished alone?

Night was fast coming down—it was already twilight. I saw by the clouded sky we should have no moon. We might follow the trail with our waxen torches—not yet burned out—but that would no longer be safe. For myself, I was reckless enough to have risked life in any way, but the lives of my comrades were not mine. I could not give them—I should not wastefully fling them away.

Reinwardly, I glided from my saddle,

gave my horse to the grass, and sat down upon the earth. My followers, coming up, said not a word, but, picking their horses, sat themselves around me. One by one, they stretched themselves along the sward, and in ten minutes all were asleep.

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