

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER XL.

It was past the hour of midnight. The lightning, that for some time had appeared only at long intervals, now ceased altogether. Its fitful glare gave place to a softer, steadier light, for the moon had arisen, and was climbing on the eastern sky.

Up to this time, Gary and I had remained by the head of the little gorge through which we had ascended. The moon was behind us, for the guerrilla was on the western side of the mesa.

After quietly watching them for some time, Gary left me to take a turn round the summit, and reconnoitre the opposite or eastern side.

He had not parted from me more than a minute, when a dark object out on the plain attracted my glance. I fancied it was the figure of a man; it was prostrate and flattened against the ground.

I kept my eyes fixed on the spot, and waited for the returning light. When the cloud passed, the figure was no longer where I had first noised it; but nearer to the horsemen I perceived the same object, and in the same attitude as before.

Up to this time I had fancied, or rather feared, it might be Rube. I say feared—for I had no wish to see Rube, upon his return, present himself in that fashion.

Another cloud cast new shadows; and while these continued, I saw no more of the skulking figure. As the moon again shone forth, I perceived that it was gone from behind the tuft of grass.

While gazing intently over the distant plain in the direction whence the figure had retreated, I was startled at beholding not one, but many forms, dimly outlined upon the prairie edge.

"It was Rube," thought I, "and you see the rangers!" I strained my eyes to their utmost.

They were horsemen beyond a doubt; but, to my astonishment, instead of being close together, one followed another in single file, until a long line was traced against the sky like the links of a gigantic chain.

At this crisis, a new thought came into my mind. More than once in my life had I witnessed a spectacle similar to that now under my eyes—more than once had I looked upon it with dread.

The actions of the spy were explained; he was an Indian runner. The party to whom he belonged was about to approach the mesa—perhaps with the design of camping there—he had been sent forward to reconnoitre the ground.

Before communicating with Gary, I resolved to wait for another gleam of moonlight, so that I might have a more distinct story to tell.

(TO BE CONTINUED).

Not a Modern Romance.

POGAMA—My dear, I must go out on business again to-night.

REGINA—My dear, you didn't find it necessary to go away from me on business almost every night before we were married.

P.—No, my dear, but my business then was to marry you.

R.—And you enjoyed my company then?

P.—I did, my dear. I wasn't so sure of you as I am now, my dear.

R.—Well, you're candid enough, at my rate.

P.—I am, my dear; let us be honest with each other. You see we've talked each other out. You know me all through and I know you.

R.—And home is a dull place, I suppose. And I'm not as interesting as before you married me.

P.—You put the case disagreeably plain, my dear. There's no need of serving up the truth raw in that fashion. But that's the size of it when you take the trimmings off.

R.—Very well, my dear, I'm going out, too; may be out till two A. M., possibly till three.

P.—Where—where are you going, my dear?

R.—To see a person on business.

A.—A person, a man or a woman. But it's a woman, of course.

And why so late?

P.—It's a person, my dear. And it's business. Business is business, you know.

R.—But a respectable woman has no business to be out with a person at such an hour. Above all, a wife.

R.—And why a wife any less than a husband, my dear.

P.—Because—because it ain't the thing, you know. A man's business keeps him out late. At least some men's business does. Mine does.

R.—And henceforth mine does, my dear. Sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose, my dear. I'm going to see something for life. Home is dull. You're right, my dear. You were interesting before I married you. But now we know each other all through, you know. We see too much of each other, you know. Come let's be honest with each other. Sauce for the gander ought to be the goose's sauce, hadn't it, my dear? Sauce piquante. Good bye, I'm off for greener fields and pastures newer.

P.—No you don't my dear.

R.—Yes I do.

P.—You go out of that door and you don't come in again, my dear.

R.—I don't want to, my dear.

P.—What!

R.—I don't want to, my dear. I've got a thousand dollars of my own and if your door is locked when I return I shall hire a door of my own and lock you out, my dear. Sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose.

P.—O come now, my dear, this is all nonsense. You won't do any such thing. Come, be sensible now.

R.—I am sensible, my dear. In fact I've just got possession of my senses, as Mr. Fresh says. I can do it and I will. You know me well enough for that, don't you, my dear?

P.—My dear, I think I won't go out to-night.

R.—Neither will I, my dear.

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In a pamphlet upon Light and Heat, published by R. B. Taser, A. M., he says: "The cost of Gas as compared with other illuminants is much more economical when rightly used than many suppose. From experiments made for this purpose, the following results have been obtained. They were made by burning samples of Devos's Brilliant Oil and ordinary Oil, and testing their illuminating power. It was found that Coal Gas costing one cent at \$3 per thousand feet, gave a light equal to 18 candles, while Devos's Brilliant Oil consuming 27.4 grammes costing half a cent, gave a light equal to 9 candles.

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