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The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta. CHAPTER XXV. TROUBLED DREAMS—AN OLD FRIEND CAUSES CONSTERNATION—A STRUGGLE—THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

The landlord had for some time back—indeed, since the time when it began to dawn upon the conspirators that they were being so closely pressed—been rather dogged and taciturn; a circumstance which had far from a cheering influence upon the others. But Cameron, who had been watching him pretty closely during the above colloquy, had observed him betray rather more interest than usual, which he thought was rather favourable than otherwise to the plan.

"I will be thinking," was the response "that the way will be a very good one; and I also be thinking that something of the sort must do what's wanted before long, or else matters will be wrong with us. It is about time Hector McLeod were dead. He is sure to do mischief if he lives much longer."

"You are quite right, Gregor," exclaimed both Ian and Cameron together. "And I will also be thinking," continued the landlord, with a wily look, "that when you have got both the ladies safe at Droghdaire, and I can do no more to assist you, it will be best for me to be going home in an hour or two so that I may reach Kinloch-Ewe before dark."

"Oh, fy, Gregor!—no, no," exclaimed Cameron. "We cannot allow you to go. You must rest yourself well here, and be well refreshed before you go. You need not be alarmed; there's no real danger to be excited. We are just on the point of success; our scheming and struggling are just on the eve of a happy consummation. You know the darkest hour is just before the dawn."

But Gregor persisted. He agreed to lie down and rest for a few hours, but was determined to be away to Kinloch-Ewe before mid-afternoon, so that he would not be belated if he could not reach home before night. Conversation was, however, interrupted by Ian going out to fetch the Cateran who had gone round to put up the horses. He soon found and sent him to arouse his companion, bidding both repair to the room in which were Gregor and Cameron as soon as they were fully dressed. He was also instructed to bid the servants, some of whom had been aroused by the unusual commotion which had taken place upon the arrival of the master, make haste and prepare some breakfast.

Ian then returned to the room, and in a few minutes after the two Caterans entered. Donald the one who had just been aroused, looked a trifle hurried, as if he had not been led to understand when he was to meet. But when Cameron and Ian smilingly welcomed and congratulated him on the success of himself and companion in the late affair in which they had been engaged, he darted a stealthy glance at Duggald, and appeared to regain his composure.

It needed but few words from the two plotters to enable their minions to understand what was wanted of them, and it required but little coaxing to induce them to agree to engage in the scheme proposed for the accomplishment of Hector McLeod's death. And upon their mission they were at once dispatched, having received the promise of a round sum if successful, besides a handsome reward from Cameron in Ian's name for their disposal of Gordon and his sister Jennie. Cameron also duly impressed upon them the desirability of expedition in what they were to be about, assuring them that delay might prove disastrous, not only to their Chief and himself, but also to them.

After they had disguised themselves and departed, Cameron and Ian and Gregor breakfasted, and then retired to sleep off the fatigue of the preceding night's journey.

But they slept not soundly. Although they had consciences sadly seared; although if they distinguished between right and wrong at all, it was only to give a preference to the wrong; and although the rest which they desired was much needed, they could find no quiet refreshing sleep. The fear of danger lurked deep in their hearts. Albeit they tried to persuade themselves that it was not immediate, and though they looked on their dark and gloomy surroundings with calm calculating eyes, and had no lack of confidence that the plans they had laid would terminate favourably for them, this secret dread that their enemies' turn of success might now have come rankled in their hearts. They could scarcely help feeling that, however improbable it might look, it was still possible they might awake only to find the steel of McLeod piercing their hearts, or the bonds of the law upon their limbs. Their sleep was disturbed and broken by fearful, harassing dreams—for they carried their fears through their slumbers, and there floated before their minds grinning and fantastic figures of frenzied clansmen pointing their poisoned weapons at their breasts, and of scarlet-cented soldiers stretching forth their hands that they might grasp and hurl them into a yawning bottomless pit.

With all of them this was the case, and with none perhaps more so than with Gregor, the landlord, who feeling it almost unbearable, got up a little after mid-day and, quietly slipping out, had his horse saddled and made off with all speed for Kinloch-Ewe. The others also got up earlier than was intended, and felt none encouraged when they learned that Gregor had decamped. But neither of them could confide fully to the other his fears, nor how much they harassed and worried him.

They partook of dinner a little before four o'clock, and were now beginning to feel a little fidgety and anxious about the arrival of Mr. Fender from Dingwall. They were eager to have the marriage consummated, that they might be off out of the way for a season. They had serious intentions of making with all speed for some of the east coast ports, that they might obtain a chance of a passage to France or Germany. At all hazards they felt that it was imperative that they should leave the country for a time, and that as quickly and secretly as possible.

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Has just received the first of his Spring Importations per steamship Corinthian, consisting of

- 3 Cases plain Dress Goods; 1 case Plain Silks, all new colors;
2 " Striped Dress Goods, something new; 1 case Striped Silks, cheapest goods in town.

ALSO, A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF

Real Thread Laces and French Kid Gloves from the best makers in the World

To be sold at reasonable prices.

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The new method of Importing. Each Steamer from Britain brings us New Goods at Prices Unprecedentedly Low,

The Best Value and Largest Assortment, and why? Because we have adopted the only genuine mode of receiving Goods from France and Britain, by appointing a resident buyer of over 40 years experience in the Home Market, in the person of Mr. D. Williamson, merchant, Glasgow, who will in our interest visit France twice a year, the English Markets monthly, and the Glasgow Houses daily, if need be, so that every weekly steamer from the East will bring us the Latest Goods, large arrivals of New Shawls, Mantles, Dress Goods, Ribbons, Flowers, and Laces.

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- Men's American Sporting Boots, Men's Rubber Boots, Men's Shoes and Gaiters for Spring Wear
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Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874

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Are putting up to-day

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600 caddies of the best 75 cent Tea for 50c per lb.
95 caddies of nice Sweet Tea at 40c per lb.
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A few packages of Black Tea for 35c per lb.
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A very large stock of Groceries of all kinds always on hand Cheap.

Terms—Strictly Cash.

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Hoyle & Ashton's Fancy Prints will be offered at 12 1/2 cents per yard.

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For style, finish and durability will be found superior to former years. Ladies Prunella Boots 75c per pair.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, March 2, 1874 dw

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Being about to leave Guelph to seek a home in the Far West, I would cordially thank my many kind friends for their continued patronage for the past fifteen years, and as he is likely to be but a short time longer in their midst, his stock will consequently be sold off at such bargains as will ensure a speedy sale. Merchants will find it to their advantage to sort up, as many of the goods will be sold 15 to 20 per cent. below Toronto or Montreal Wholesale prices. All goods will be marked in plain figures, and sold at cost. No account price will be made. A special discount will be allowed on purchases over \$50. This sale is genuine, the proprietor intending to give up possession of his store on the 1st of May next. G. B. FRASER, 5-6-70

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Shaw & Murton,

GUELPH, March 21, 1874

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- Choice Gunpowder Tea ..... at 50 cents per lb.
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