

Guelph Evening Mercury

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Jeannie Sinclair, OR, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER XXVII.

TRACKING THE ROBBERS—LYNCH LAW—LETTER FROM THE STRATH.

None of the latter remembered to have seen him before, but it was the same shabbily-dressed man who had stealthily watched their proceedings during the afternoon.

He was seated at a table playing with several others, and round them stood a group intensely interested in the proceedings. All the players seemed crestfallen except Murdochson, who played alone for his own side, and whose flushed, triumphant face proclaimed that he was the winning party.

"Have a glass, Jim?" said one of the outsiders, holding towards Murdochson as he spoke a goblet full of some steaming liquor.

"No! I'll not drink as long as I'm playing," answered the latter, as, with an impulsive jerk, he cast aside the goblet.

"Why not?" called out one of his antagonists, angrily.

"We've been drinking all through the game, and you have been keeping your head cool to have the advantage of us. It's little wonder if you win and we lose."

"That's his trick, is it?" remarked a second, while angry looks and gestures emanated from the others who had lost.

"Yes," cried Murdochson, boldly. "I've made a rule not to drink till I have done playing, and I don't care who knows it."

"Cries of 'No fair!' and sounds of dissatisfaction greeted this speech."

"Why is it not fair?" demanded Murdochson. "I don't force you to drink or to play either. I'm as ready to play with the man who hasn't tasted, as with him who has."

"That's a tarnation sick up challenge, and Jonathan Barde, from Old Kentucky, is the man to accept it," exclaimed the American, stepping forward to the table, with a lofty swagger. The previous moment he had been holding a whispered consultation with the Jew and William, and having arranged with them the plan of operations to be followed, they retired to a corner where they could observe what went forward, without themselves falling under the notice of those at the table.

Tremendous applause followed the appearance and speech of the American, and room was made for him to approach the table. Murdochson eyed him with a calm superciliousness, and a look of assured confidence, as if he securely counted on defeating him.

"Well, captain, what's your figure?" demanded Jonathan.

"Anything you choose—say a hundred dollars."

"Oh, you get out," cried the American, contemptuously. "Such beggarly play as that don't suit my book no how. If you can't come a two thousand stake, captain, I calculate it ain't worth while playing with you. Yes sir."

"Come, Jim, take him up," shouted one.

"Hain't got the amount," roared another, with a loud laugh.

"Has he got it himself?" asked Murdochson, with a sneer.

Jonathan quietly took from his breast a well-filled pocket-book, revealing contents ample enough to cover the figure he had named, and at its appearance loud exclamations of applause were raised by the excited bystanders.

"Now Jim, there's your chance," was shouted out on all sides.

"It's not every one that carries a stuffed pocket-book," said Murdochson, "and I'm not ashamed to say that I can't cover the stake with paper, but I'll eke it out with as yellow a nugget as ever was turned up in California."

"A nugget! We didn't know that Jim had turned digger," bawled some of the spectators.

"Where's your gully Jim?" queried another.

"Got a good location, captain!" jeered a third.

"Hope you'll take me on as your partner," roared a fourth.

These, and many other bantering exclamations, accompanied by peals of laughter, greeted Murdochson's announcement of the possession of a nugget. He had not been long at the Mokelumne diggings, but he was well enough known there as an adventurer, who trusted to something else than hard work for his fortune. And not a few of whom he had fished in that same gambling establishment reason to regard him with dislike and aversion. He was, in short, the opposite of a general favorite, and those within the marquee enjoyed amazingly the position into which he was being put by the American.

His assertion as to having a nugget was treated as a piece of bunkum, but when he pulled out a dirty handkerchief, and unrolled from it, and laid on the table beside the money he had already placed there, a regular beauty, a veritable four-pounder of the purest quality, the general astonishment was extreme.

"Snakes and grasshoppers, if that air nugget story ain't a fact!" exclaimed a Yankee, being the first to give expression to the universal amazement.

Questions of where he obtained such a prize were showered on Murdochson by the score.

"I won it from a Mexican at San Francisco," he cried, with audacious readiness.

"No, you didn't," exclaimed a deep, stern voice, and William Deane, followed closely by Robert and Watty, strode forward to the table.

Murdochson started from his seat at their approach, and the moment he looked in their faces his own blanched visibly, and his arm was dashed forward to secure the money and the nugget which lay upon the table. In this, however, he was frustrated by Jonathan, who was keenly on the watch, and who with an exercise of vigorous strength, resisted the attempt.

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A prisoner while being escorted to the Bridport to the Penitentiary, a few days ago, made an attempt to escape, and managed to slip the handcuffs, and then throwing some fine cut tobacco in the eyes of the constable made for the door, though the cars were in motion. His guardian, however, grabbed him.

On Monday the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Morton, near Brantford, took place. It came out upon the occasion that they have eleven children, thirty-seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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