

The Rival Clansmen :

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER VII.

THE SOLDIERS AND THE CATHERANS—A TERRIBLE SUGGESTION.

Ian gazed at Cameron, but could not speak, while both nervously clutched at the hilt of their claymores.

"Heaven's sake, what can it mean?" exclaimed the latter in a hoarse tone, seizing the other by the arm, and walking cautiously forward in the direction of the door.

Ian made no reply. They had distinctly heard a voice in English exclaim—

"Halt; this appears to be the spot." The voice seemed to be above them, and was followed by the trampling of a number of feet.

Still keeping his hold on his companion's arm, Cameron advanced cautiously until they had left the large vault, and stood within a few feet of the bottom of the stair leading up to the interior of the old ruin. Then he turned to Ian and muttered excitedly, but in a low whisper—

"We have been betrayed, and the military have come to search us out. My curse upon the Wives of Ben-Lair for an old hag; this is her doing."

Ian, who was now trembling violently, replied—

"Cameron, we are undone. Would that we had accompanied the others. Is there no way of escape?"

"Hush, man; don't be afraid. There is no way of escaping before their scrutiny is at an end and they have departed; but unless they have been informed of it by one of the band, they cannot know the secret of the entrance by the flat slab. A minute will tell whether we are safe or not. Let us listen."

"Now, my lads, do your work well, and let us fear them out," the listeners heard the voice, which had before spoken, say in a sort of subdued, though eager tone. "All right sir; and if we do find them, sir, we'll put an end to their murdering, thieving pranks, the dirty vagabonds," was the reply of one of the men whom he addressed.

While Cameron and Ian are listening with quickened pulses, and with their guilty hearts beating with terror, we will take a peep at those who have so much alarmed them.

The moon was now shining overhead so clearly that everything could be seen almost as distinctly as if it had been mid-day.

The bare, naked walls of the ruin stood out strikingly; every niche and crevice was distinctly visible.

Inside the outer wall and within the square, where was the entrance to the chamber beneath, a number of men were stealthily moving about, trying keenly and eagerly into every crevice and corner. They were dressed in uniform, and a single glance showed them to be soldiers, under the command of a tall handsome man, who, leaning on a low wall which ran across the square, stood watching their movements.

There was also another thing very evident—to wit, that this officer must have been erroneously informed as to the strength of the Catherans, for only a force of sixteen men was present, and it was impossible that he could expect these to be able to cope with thirty desperate outlaws.

To be sure, if these were to succeed in entering the haunt of the Catherans at the moment, they were strong enough to overcome Ian and Cameron; but, on the other hand, if the Catherans should return before they left the Isle, they were likely to fare badly. However, this thought did not seem to trouble the mind of the officer, who continued to give directions in a low but sharp and decisive tone.

One man approached the flat stone which concealed the entrance, and, stooping down, examined it and the ground immediately around. Something which he noticed seemed to attract his attention, for he went over it minutely again and again. Then standing up he approached the officer, and saluting and addressing him, said—

"If you please, Captain Winterton, I think there's something suspicious-like here. Would you take a look at it sir?"

"I will, Sergeant Goodley. Lead on."

Goodley accordingly turned and led the officer to the spot. Upon the stone could be traced some rude carving, and letters, but the sergeant did not direct attention so much as to these as to the fact that it was not attached to the earth around at any of the sides, and that the grass in its immediate vicinity was much trampled down.

Keeping a Journal.

The New Dominion Monthly for November has reached us. In glancing over it we noticed the following extract from one of the stories. A little boy determined that he would keep a diary or journal of daily events, like Mark Twain's friends on board ship. He kept it up for a fortnight, and here is the result:

"March 12.—Have resolved to keep a journal."

March 23.—Had roast beef for dinner, and cabbage and potato and apple sawe, and rice pudding. I do not like rice pudding when it is like ours. Charley Slack's kind is real good. Mush and sirup for tea."

March 19.—Forgot what did. John and me saved our pie to take to school."

March 21.—Forgot what did. Griddle cakes for breakfast. Debby didn't fry emmf."

March 24.—This is Sunday. Corn beef for dinner. Studied my Bible lesson. Aunt Isey said I was greedy. Have resolved not to think so much about things to eat. Wish I was a better boy. Nothing pertikuler for tea."

March 25.—Forgot what did."

March 26.—Forgot what did."

March 29.—Played."

March 31.—Forgot what did."

April 1.—Have dissided not to kepe a journal anny more."

A MEXICAN TRAGEDY.—A young officer in the Mexican army fell in love with a lady Puebla. She promised him her hand in case he would resign his commission. He did so, bought a hacienda, and then returned to claim the pledge. She, in the meantime, had been wooed and won by another. Upon the first visit of her first lover, she informed him that her heart had undergone a change. The passionate lover became frantic, and upon leaving told her that he would call the next day, and if she persisted, he would kill himself in her presence. He called the next day, was persistently refused in the presence of her mother, whereupon he drew a revolver, and exclaimed that the love which was not for him should not be enjoyed by another, and fired at her heart, but she rose and received the ball in her abdomen. He then shot himself. The insane assassin died the same afternoon, and his victim closed her existence on the third day.

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