

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXIII.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END—ENAS ASCERTAINS THE DESTINATIONS OF CAMERON AND IAN—THE CATERANS OF BEN-ACHRUI PRISONERS—CAPTAIN WINTERTON JOINS HECTOR IN THE PURSUIT.

When he had gone, the old man showed Hector the part of the wall where he had concealed the dagger of the murderer, and it was not many minutes ere the young Chief, assisted by his claymore, had removed the mud and stones, and held the weapon in his hand. Strange to say, though it had lain in the crevice all these long years, it bore no mark of rust, but looked as bright as when old Murdoch had hurriedly placed it there. Red marks here and there stained its polished blade, and there were marks of blood upon the hilt—on which were the letters "D. C." spoken of by the old man.

"It is Donald Cameron's dirk," exclaimed the witch, bursting into tears; "and heaven strengthen me, my own son's blood is upon it. Ah, Donald Cameron, it was a ruthless, wicked deed, but your sins will yet find you out, and I will be avenged upon you. Flora Macgregor will yet be righted. Poor girl perhaps her mother, his own sister, was hastened out of the world by his cruelty."

"It is even as you say," responded Hector, "Flora herself has told me as much, but we shall now visit him with a share of the misery which he caused to others."

"I've never heard Cameron of Droghdaire get a good name," said old Murdoch, "but, ow, meesh, meesh, I never dreamed he could have been the villain I saw atop the bonnie fair Lowlander. It was a foul and dastard act."

Hector and the Witch were both impatient to be off upon the track of Ian and Cameron, but they knew well the impracticability of going after them with anything like success unless they were on horseback. Nothing, therefore, could be done until Enas should return, save to sit and talk over the matters which chiefly concerned them and fix precisely upon the course of action to be pursued. The hour or two's rest was, though scarcely welcome, very beneficial to the young Chief, who had of late been much harassed and tried. If Enas had to go to Castle McLeod, Hector reckoned that he could not be back until five or six hours should pass. But to their surprise and delight, not more than a couple of hours after he had left—the sound of horses' feet was heard outside, and, upon old Murdoch hurrying to the door, he found that his son, accompanied by a number of soldiers and clansmen, had just approached—some on horseback and some on foot. A number of others, also dressed in kilts, were with them, but they appeared to be prisoners.

He at once communicated this intelligence to Hector, who eagerly rushed out, leaving the Witch of Ben-Lair within the hut, and to his intense gratification beheld Captain Winterton and his soldiers. The loud cry of "McLeod go brath," which was raised at the same moment also proclaimed the presence of a number of his own clan, and when his eyes lighted on the ruffians who were prisoners and bound, he needed not to be told they were members of the band of the Caterans of Ben-a-Chrui.

In an instant after he had ordered the halt, Captain Winterton had warmly grasped Hector's hand, and uttered in his ear the cheering words—

"Now, McLeod, I am ready to go with you, to render you assistance. Like you I am now in pursuit of Ian McKenzie and Donald Cameron. The greater number of their band are either dead or prisoners—thanks to your kinsmen, as well as my own brave lads—and all that remains to be done is in order to annihilate the band is to lay our hands on the Chief and his lieutenant, and that I am hopeful of doing."

Curious Case of Attempted Self-Starvation. A girl aged thirteen, years, residing in the Township of Preston, refused to take her food, giving as the reason that she was unable to swallow owing to a peculiar sensation in the throat. The parents of the girl sought medical advice, for she absolutely refused food or medicine. Dr. McGregor, of Cedarville, after seeing the girl, informed the parents that their daughter was quite well, and that if she did not persist in starving herself to death she would not die. Thirteen days and the same number of nights did the young girl remain without food, and would not at least permit her lips to be moistened with a feather. Like one that was dead did she remain—the eyes fixed—and it was only by the closest attention that it was possible to detect her breathing. The parents became alarmed and again sought the advice of Dr. McGregor, who reiterated his previous opinion. The doctor then produced an instrument for the purpose of injecting liquid food into the stomach, at the same time remarking in a low tone that he had a formidable one at home which he intended to bring the next time he came. The girl was carried to the window and with much difficulty the mouth was opened and the tube inserted. The girl gave a sharp look at the apparatus and struggled to get free, but the doctor was inexorable, and forced the tube down the windpipe, and injected a quantity of food into the stomach. The girl put her fingers to her throat endeavoured to prevent the food from passing down, but she was detected in the act, and the hand removed. When she found that all her efforts were of no avail, and that Dr. McGregor was determined that she should not starve to death, when he could prevent it, she set to her meal as usual, and had as little difficulty in swallowing as any other member of the family. The girl is now in her usual health.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A CAR-LOAD.—Below will be found a statement showing what constitutes a car-load, and though it may not exactly suit everywhere, it approximates so closely to a general average that shippers hereabouts will find it a great convenience as a matter of reference. As a general rule, 20,000 pounds or 70 barrels of salt, 70 of lime, 90 of flour, 60 of whiskey, 200 sacks of flour, 6 cords of hardwood; 7 cords of soft wood, 18 to 20 head of cattle, 50 to 60 head of hogs, 80 to 100 head of sheep, 9,000 feet of solid boards, 17,000 feet of siding, 13,000 feet of flooring, 40,000 shingles, one-half less of hard lumber, one-fourth less green lumber, one-tenth less joists, scantling and all other large timber, 340 bushels of wheat, 360 of corn, 680 of oats, 400 of barley, 360 of flax seed, 350 of apples, 360 of Irish potatoes, 1,000 bushels of bran.

SMUGGLING.—On Tuesday last Customs Officer Fleming captured nine hundred yards of black silk at Suspension Bridge, which property was being smuggled by a man and two women from the other side of the river.



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