A STORY OF THE MASSACRE OF GLENCOE.

CHAPTER XXVII.

SERGEANT BARBER CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

"And now old man," began the Sergeant, when the mendicant had partaken of the proffered liquor, and seated him a pace nearer the fireplace, "I want to question you a bit regarding some of those escaped thieves of the Glen. And mark you," he added, "I'll have no hesitating equivocation. It must be out with it at once, or by-

"Oh, the good gentlemen 'ill no swear, surely ?" pleaded the mendicant. "She ll tell her a' she knows, whateffer."

"That's good, old cockalorum; and, damn me, there's a shilling to encourage your tongue and help you along the

The mendicant smiled bitterly at the coin, and picked it up with apparent re-

"What ! are you in no need of money asked the Seargeant, observing with some surprise his hesitation ta pocket the

"Yes, yes, my good man, I wass in great need of the money, but I wass just thinking it wass no like a true Macdon ald to take alms from their enemy, a King's man," and the mendicant fingered the coin with a dubious and irresolute

"Stuff and nonsense, man!" exclaimed the Sergeant; "put it away, and tell me the other, "want's a drubbing badly," what you know of the escaped Macdonalds. "What were you when in the then?" fiercely demanded the irate Ser-Glen ?"

"A poor man, alas, dependent on M'Ian's charity," replied the mendicant.

"I went round the villages in the fine, warm weather, with my wallet-which wass aye full-and when the winter came round the bairns brocht the supplies to folks the poor men of the Glen," and the trembling old mendicant shook his hoary draught of ale. head and sighed aloud.

"Did you know the Chief's sens asked the Sergeant, who thought he saw in the suppliant before him the means of dry, eh? There, take a pull at that lot," securing such information as might serve both himself and his superior officer Glenlyon

"Real well ; fine lads they were," answered the mendicant.

"Where are they now hidden, know

"Ah, could I say a word against the twa young lads?" sighed the mendicant drawing a step nearer the Sergeant.

color of your feathers I mus: take mea- uncomfortable. his seat, he shut down the bar of the in- into continement in the garrison," said the terror-stricken Sergeant, cowering box, or six boxes for 85. sures to force you," and, rising from ner door and returned to his seat beside the third party; he'll blink and sigh and into the remotest corner of the room. the board. The action, simple as it was, equivocate less there, Ill wager. dicant, who professed alarm at the oc- in an under voice. "But tarry a pace; colm, "and if there is justice in heaven currence.

M'lan's two sons ?"

"Nothing."

"You swear it " said the Sergeant. "I swear it," answered the mendi. He listens to catch our words.

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prowess on two separate occasions, and feared a sudden meeting with the fugitive on the road. Quickly recovering himself, however, he assumed a braggart air, and proceeded to set himself up as a self-constituted board of inquiry over the beg

"And when saw you the fellow last? eagerly questioned the Sergeant, "for I must meet and fight the rascal, with Heaven's help, before many days are over. Where saw you him last?"

"He crossed the Corran 'Ferry' with me this morning, and wass coming north

"What said he of his purpose? and how was he attired?"

"He was in a sorry plight, poor lad, and he kept his counsel to himself." "Said he not a word to you, on the matter of his journey north?" insisted the Sergeant.

"Well, ye see, sir-"Come, out with it, old fellow; and of which was good at the best

there take that. It will help you along the way," and the Sergeant contemptuously tossed a half-crown towards the mendicant as an additional bribe to fur-

"Na, na; Malcolm's a good lad, an I'll no just care to say what I know of his mind and purpose;" and the mendicant pushed the coin back towards the

"What! would you dare to refuse fur-

"The begging old wallet-monger said one of the Sergeant's two associ "A confounded old knave!" schoed

"You won't speak what you know,

"Yess, yess," added the mendicant, 'you'll know by-and-bye, and very soon richt to force me against my conscience they could not have shown more facial a' at wance. Is there naething mair in alarm than the discovery of the mendiher, lads ?" and the mendicant, thirsty to cant's true identity occasioned them. the door. Oh, yes, they were kind, kind a fault, like the majority of his class,

before meat or money when the throat's stood each on their own defence. and filling up a fresh jug of ale he passed it over to the droughty mendicant, who drained off a portion of the liquor.

"Drinks like a pot-house slave," associate sitting next him.

"Now, then, old cock, if that's the eye a moment ago which made me feel sword of the young Highlander threaten-

"Run the old rapscallion straight off

we may wile the truth out of the old fox you shall not this time escape my steel. "Now then, what do you know of yet. I guess he wants a bigger money Draw and defend yourself! Quick! or bribe, that's what o'clock it is with him. I will descend on you, unarmed as ye Rough Skin, Pimples or Canker Sores These Glencoe men are the devil and all may choose to stand." to filch and hoard up money. Husbet True to his treacherous bettie's the

"Did you know the Chief's foster-son, continued the banded Sergeant, butless it at the face of the Highlander, would as High Commissioner, he draws \$7,000 as Minister of Railways without doinged the Sergeant.

The device the Sergeant of the Highlander, would be as Minister of Railways without doing the sergeant. of the Sergeant.

We have no more money bribes to offer head; but quick as lightning, the blade in regard to the salary is very thin. you, so pause and consider well how you of the Macdenald descended, and struck "Bah," growled the Sergeant, "a cur at. It's speak out and save yourself, or cowardly cur."

"Dastard!" exclaimed Malcolm, "you onnection with the Hair Renewer, which estores grey hair to its natural color by my the Inverlochy garrison—under would play me false to the last! I can a few weeks use. Sold at 50 cents per

"Out with it, old man," cried the ex-cite Sergeant, "or, dam'me, even your "That we have, Sergeant," replied the "Thus is the murder of Helen Came-

one of the Sergeant's contrades in sams and sociality.

We sthat's the short and mick way of mean? Was he, Sergeant Barber, to be geant's two companions in arms. "I go! tapping the rock, so that the stream lightly addressed and mocked by a wan-follow me a single foot at your per' ? may flow," adder the the derive mendicunt !-- a Macdonald, whom and sword in hand, Malcolm Macdonald, the elemency of the King's Government and sword in hand, Malsolm Macdonald, scoup.

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til his dirk has pierced the dastard heart | could to the officer in command the cir of a wretch called Sergeant Barber."

the name brought the three musketeers its fatal ending. to their feet, as if by mutual consent. "Where is this fellow?" demanded the

but trembling in his craven shoes while walls of the old Castle at Inverlochy, he spoke. "Where is this fellow that I may chastise him?" "He is in Lechaber, as I have already

said," answered the mendicant, who was now speaking in a tone of voice which bore no comparison with the piping, feeble accents in which he had previously expressed himself. "He is here in Lochaber, and within a mile of us."

"And what wants he here?" reiterated the excited and confused Sergeant losing his senses along with his temper, neither

"Why, then," replied the mendicant, throwing aside all reserve, "he wants a meeting with the castard Sergeant Barber, the murderer of his beloved Helen Cameron !'

"Then he is here." replied the Sergeant, "behold in me the wished for Sergeant Barber! Where can this fellow be met ?"

"Here !" exclaimed the mendicant, suddenly straightening himself up to his ther speech ?" exclaimed the angry Ser- full stature. "Behold in me the outraged Malcolm Macdonald, foster-son to M'Ian of Glencoe?" and tearing the false wig and whiskers from off his head and face, the mendicant stood undisguised before them, with vengeance flashing in light nings from his eyes, and with a bared sword-blade in his hand, which he had whipped out from the cover cf his dress on the yerbal confession of his unsuspected identiy.

If a thunderbolt had fallen into the too, and before I _ ; but it wadna be midst of these three King's musketeers

The alarmed Sergeant grasped at the signalled that he was ready for a fresh hilt of the sword, and his two associates, who were respectively corporal and pri-"Oho, old bird ! that's your colour is vate, clutched at the bayonets which it?" exclaimed the Sergeant. "Drink were suspended from their sidebelts and

It was, indeed, a thrilling moment of surprise. The bent and feeble old mendicant had vanished as if by the touch held it for a time to his lips, and duly of a magician's wand, and lo, in his stead stood a stalwart young Highlander-a fugitive Macdonald-breathing vengemarked the Sergeant, sotta roce, to the ance on the heads of these, the red-handed murderers of his relatives and friends. "I don't half like the rascal's look at It was a startling transformation, and all," replied the other in a low asile. the three King's men had hardly time to "He cast me a glance with the tail of his recover their breath when the uplifted etc., and all diseases that arise from self-

ed them. "You Malcolm Macdonald!" gasped

"Yes, I am Malcolm Macdonald, Ser-"True, true," admitted the Sergeant geant Barber! promptly responded Mal-

Sergeant placed his hand on a pistol It was never known to fail. "Now, look you here, old Breadle g." which had been hitket to hidden away in "Did you know the Chief's foster-son, continued the baffled Sergeant, "unless a side-bel und "his coat, and levelling

"Yess, yess, lacs," acceded the old mendicant. "Yess, yess, lacs," acceded the old mendicant och him out and test his course." "Perdition seize me if you do !" reduction the Sergeant och, should I tell?" sighed the mendicant. "Where, then, has the cur gene?" "Och, should I tell?" sighed the mendicant. "Fill-know very well: but may search him out and test his course." "Perdition seize me if you do !" reduction s no longer suffer you. Defend yourself, bottle by James Wilson. 2m

grey hairs shall not save your head," and he mende int, with a hollow laugh, which he menacingly handled the bilt on his sightly standed the Sergeant.

Some of the Sergeant's contrades in arms. How did he come to use that familiarity pose not my exit from this place," he seeing is believing. Read the testing averaged the mende of Helen Cametroi averaged the section of the fugitive monials in the pumphlet on Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure, then buy a botche the body of the fallen Sergeant. "If you would not have me shed more blood, operated by the sergeant's contrades in arms."

Some of the Sergeant's contrades in arms. How did he come to use that familiarity pose not my exit from this place," he Heaven forbid! He would stand on his spot, and passed from the view of the "He's in—" But here the fell-the military dignity, and teach the begging astonished and terror-stricken red-coats"

here, old done spirat, he be-liere, old done spirat, he be-"In where ! Spery, or well in he you can, "I want to say son. Will you penions in at as of the mortally wounded Sergeant hurried out to take note of "What yould ye, then! pleaded the the fugitive's line of flight, but the night hal already hidden him, and the snow-"Say what you know of Malcolin Mac- laden blast which struck against their

donald fester some of the dead Chiel." n - faces on appearing outside of the hostel-plied the Sageant. ry brought with it no sound of the fugiplied the Sageant.

"Ite is in Lochaber," said the menditive's flying steps. He had passed like "What does he want, or what can be in! involue my exclaimed the wastes of Lochaber would stretch for possibly want here in Lochaber?" The Sement, "and what then?" miles and miles between him and his miles and miles between him and his

> "So the two musketeers returned to the assistance of their dying companion

"He has registered an cath in the in arms, whom they carried without loss hearing of the holy heavens," added the of time to the adjacent Castle-garrison of mendicant, "that he shall never rest un- Inverlochy, explaining as best they cumstances of the fray and its unfortu-"Sergeant Barber!" The mention of nate and, as it was fated soon to prove,

That same night all that was mortal of Sergeant Barber lay stretched lifeless on braggart Sergeant, affecting high courage a rude pallet of straw within the garrison and the angel who carried his perjured soul up to the judgment seat of God hoped for remission for it, black as it was, through the unfailing merits of the blessed Christ-the Divine almoner of the manifold sins of men.

Meantime the daring fugitive was tracking, unpursued, his lonely way through the snow-covered depths Glen-Nevis.

> (TO BE CONTINUED.) Amateurs in the Berry Patch.

Have you ever watched an amateur berry party start out early in the morning with high hopes, eight-quart pails, and sundry other superfluous utensils, and noticed how shittish its members felt and how sure they were that they would all come back with pails overflow ing? If you have, and have not watch ed for the home coming, you have seen only half the fun and have imbibed er us ideas about amateur berry pick-You have, in fact, taken too much for granted. Look at that line of stragglers, stumbling wearily along the highway, looking frowsy, blown and cross That is your party of merry berry pickers returning home with a quart and pint of berries, all put into one pail to make the quantity look big, and a couple of bushels of mosquito bites, bramble scratches, bruises and back aches, to say nothing of sunburnings, torn clothes, aching feet and sundry other things, which they are carrying home on their persons. course if the members of the party could have shifted these little burdens off their shoulders and bullied the weakest one in the crowd into carrying them home the same as they have bullied him into carrying in the other traps they would be much more blithe and gay on their return trip, but they could not do it and they are so cross in consequence that it will not be safe to say berries to them for a week. Oh ! yes, berry picking is

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