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The Rival Clansmen
A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XVII.
AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION, WHICH INDICATES THE RESULTS LIKELY TO ARISE FROM IT—NEW DANGERS AHEAD.
He then shewed Ian into the little parlour into which Flora and Hector were introduced when they arrived at the inn along with Ned Gordon, after their narrow escape from the man who now entered it and his followers. The landlord then withdrew, leaving the young Chief for a few minutes by himself.

He slapped his hand on his leg as soon as the door had closed behind Gregor, and then, with a low chuckle, muttered—

"Gregor may have heard something of their intentions when they were here that night, and over the bottle I may ferret it out. The devil himself is not more cunning; but he might tell a thing were it to be advantageous to him. If he has nothing to tell he might at the very least assist us. I prefer, if possible, doing my work by stealth rather than by fighting, and if Gregor could be enlisted in our favor he'd be a valuable help. Besides, he is in the position of one who would not readily be suspected, and might learn the intentions of the others. I shall approach him cautiously, and endeavor to learn how he feels. It will be a difficult task, but one which I think I can accomplish. I only hope I shall not be interrupted by Cameron before I have him secure. But hush, here he comes."

At this moment the landlord entered and set down some eatables on the table before Ian, who at once applied himself to them with great vigor, the more so as the viands were of a toothsome description, consisting of a piece of shoulder of venison, cold mutton, boiled eggs, salmon and trout from the loch. The landlord immediately retired, and shortly returned with a bottle and glasses in his hand.

"Aha, I see you have not forgotten my instructions," exclaimed Ian, cheerily, as the landlord approached and placed them on the table. "We shall enjoy ourselves until Droghdaire returns."

"And well may Droghdaire himself join us over a drop of stuff like this," replied Gregor, with a cunning leer in his eyes, as he drew the cork from the bottle and poured out some of the liquor into his own and companion's glasses.

"Eh?" said Ian, replying with a sly wink. "It hasn't paid duty, I suppose?" "Made on the premises," as the Edinburgh merchants say about their goods.

"It will be good stuff, at any rate," replied Gregor, evasively, raising the glass to his lips.

"That it is," rejoined Ian, who had also raised his glass and quaffed its contents. "Of course, Gregor, it does not do to speak of these things, but whoever the maker of that stuff is, it does him credit."

"It's very good, it's very good," said Gregor.

"Was Donald Cameron very angry like when he told you not to ask anything more about the fight in your house?" asked Ian, after a pause, beginning to break the ice very gently.

"He was swearing terrible."

"You would be afraid that the house was to fall about your head?" "I wasn't very sure what was best to say, but was very well pleased when was over."

A pause took place here, during which each took another glass of mountain dew.

"I have never had an opportunity of speaking to you since the death of my father," said Ian, resuming. "So far as ever I could learn, the old Chief and you were great and steadfast friends, Gregor?"

"A great friend of mine was the M'Kenzie. Many a quitch we emptied together."

"Yes, he was a good neighbour and a social companion, Gregor; and I suppose, with the exception of the M'Leods, has left no enemies behind him."

"I suppose not," replied Gregor, cautiously, darting a furtive, searching look at Ian, but the young man was gazing into the fire in a musing manner, and appeared to have suddenly lost himself in a fit of abstraction.

"Ay," he exclaimed, recovering himself, and again addressing the landlord, "this difficulty with the M'Leods is all that troubles me. The future would be a pleasant one did I not ever have before me the stern fact that the M'Leods are my bitter enemies, and that it is impossible for friendship ever to exist between us. It is when I think of this, Gregor, that I wish I had some one to guide and counsel me. I would give something for your age and experience."

"The old M'Kenzie often spoke to me about the feud with the M'Leods," rejoined Gregor, "and I gave to him the advice which I will give to you, and which the M'Leods know to have been effective. It is this—the M'Leods may overcome the M'Leods by cunning, but not by force. It was by hints which I gave to your father that he was able to accomplish so much against them as he did; but one like me must take no share in a feud like this. My advice, however, is—apply cunning, and not force."

"You are right, Gregor, you are right," exclaimed Ian, with something like enthusiasm glowing in his face. He had received more encouragement from the landlord than he could have allowed himself to expect.

M. LANGEVIN.—The Pacific Scandal and Sir Hugh Allan's \$35,000 have proved fatal to Sir George Cartier's successor in the Conservative chieftainship of Lower Canada, Hon. Hector Louis Langevin, O.B., Chevalier Commander of the Order of Pope Gregory the Great, &c., &c. Lacking the peculiar personal qualities and adroitness which characterized the late Baronet, and enabled him to hold such a compact body of members (moutons they were called) at his back, Mr. Langevin saw his command gradually dissolving away, and the great Scandal has left him apparently without a single henchman to do his behest. No constituency in Quebec held out a friendly hand to invite the wanderer to a seat, and he is now out off for the present from active participation in politics. Under the circumstances it is reported he intends taking a trip to Europe, for the benefit of his health, next week.

Witness.
A dispute arose in the Bevers House, London, on Saturday, between Dr. Haggerty and Mr. John Taylor, barrister, growing out of the late election contest. Taylor struck Haggerty, when the latter drew a revolver. The revolver went off, it is supposed, accidentally. The ball went through a window. Fortunately no one was hit.

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—"We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston Road, London."—See article in Cassell's Household Guide.



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Guelph, December 17, 1873.

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Delivered free to any part of the Town.
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Guelph, Dec. 11, 1873

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RICHARD CLAYTON,
Guelph, Jan. 3, 1874

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