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CHAPTER XIII.

An Astonishing Theory.

When Swiftwind reached the colonel's quarters, he found the commandant dressed ready for the march before him, looking over a basket of papers which lay on the table at which he was sitting.

"You received your orders, John?" he asked.

Swiftwind hesitated a moment. He had an exceedingly difficult and unpleasant task before him, and he scarcely knew where to begin.

"The fact is, Colonel," he said at last, "in my anxiety to see you I neglected to report."

At this the colonel was more and more astonished. It was so entirely unlike Swiftwind, who had been a model in the performance of his duties, from beginning to end.

"Neglecting your duties as a soldier at this late day, John?" he exclaimed, sternly.

Not a muscle moved in Swiftwind's stolid face. There was no more change of expression than there would have been in a mask. But his answer was immediate and to the point.

"Colonel, your words remind me that at the present time I am not a soldier."

"Then your new papers are still unsigned," remarked the colonel, half questioningly, wondering at the same time what this might be a prelude to. Then he put a direct question: "Is it your intention to take advantage of your liberty in this present emergency?"

There was an innuendo in the words which pierced Swiftwind's armor and stung him to the quick. The very suspicion of anything like cowardice was unbearable to him. He drew himself up to his full height, and answered, proudly:

"By no means, sir! The blue coat is still on my back, and while I wear it, I am at your command."

"Very good, sir," said Colonel Gray, shortly. "The chief surgeon will remain behind with his wife. You will take his place."

As he spoke he rose as if to signify that the interview was at an end.

But Swiftwind advanced toward him a step or two with a slight gesture that had in it a suggestion of appeal.

"Pardon me, colonel. There is something I wish to say to you."

"Well, sir?"

"Will you listen to me?"

"If you will be quick about it."

"I will, and to the point. Colonel Gray, I knew your son at Harvard, and we were close friends for over two years."

The colonel started, and his handsome old face grew hard as iron. He had determined to put the child who had disgraced him out of his heart, out of his mind forever, and this recollection to the scandalous affair was abhorrent to him in the extreme.

"This subject again!" he exclaimed, angrily, making a movement toward the door.

"You promised to listen, sir," ejaculated Swiftwind, quickly.

The colonel paused and half turned. He had never been known to break his word.

The Indian, seeing his advantage, went on rapidly.

"I feel that in this I am doing a duty to a friend, and that in refusing to listen to me, you are doing yourself an injustice and your son Wallace a great wrong."

The colonel's face was almost as white as his moustache as he said hoarsely and peremptorily:

"John Swiftwind, I warn you not to pursue this subject any farther, or I shall order you under arrest."

But Swiftwind was determined to do what he considered to be a duty he owed both to friendship and the right, and threats were powerless to stop him.

"That you may do, colonel, but I must speak first," he said firmly, but with the utmost respect. "It may be the white man's way, but long years of civilization have failed to silence an Indian's conscience, when accused by a sense of injustice."

In spite of himself Colonel Gray was impressed. He had known the speaker long and intimately, and he had frequently said to himself that he had rarely met a man with a higher sense of honor than that possessed by the redskin. Still, he firmly believed that he was now impelled by a mistaken idea.

"Injustice?" he repeated, scornfully and sternly. "That is out of place when dealing with such a crime."

"Your son Wallace has been guilty of no crime," said the Indian, in tones of the most positive conviction. "He is simply the victim of a frightful inheritance."

The colonel looked at him for an instant curiously, and then made a gesture of impatient incredulity.

"Frightful inheritance! Rubbish!"

"It is true," persisted Swiftwind, speaking in low, but emphatic tones, feeling that he was now to have the opportunity to say what he wished, and at once taking advantage of it.

"Had Mary of Scotland been asked why her son James trembled at the sight of a sword her inward voice would have exclaimed 'Darnley!' I tell you, Colonel Gray, there's many a poor soul fighting the evil suggestions of crime upon whom the fatal mark was placed before he saw the light. Deformities in body and mind have been foreseen, criminals predicted and woman's fall foreshadowed. Parental influence is nature's most awful law, and your son is fulfilling his frightful destiny. No!" raising his hand, as the colonel essayed to interrupt, "let me continue. Years ago you received a wound from a musket ball. This took place in the presence



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rose to his feet.

"No, John," he said in broken tones. "I cannot believe it. Your reasoning is wild, it lacks common sense. At any rate," he added, more firmly, tightening his belt as the bugle call rang out. "We have no more time to discuss it. Report to your captain."

Swiftwind stretched out his hand entreatingly.

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