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"You will accept the gift of one of my dogs," said Jack. "She trusts you and will never desert you, even at the forfeit of her life. Your offer of friendship comes most pleasantly to me. We will be as brothers to each other while we live."



CHAPTER V.

ERE the sun had journeyed far from the meridian towards his bed in the west, a second party appeared in the valley, evidently entering by a more northerly pass, for their route followed down the stream. An odd-looking outfit they were. Two Indians, either Chinook or Stoney by the shortness of their stature, walked in file before a cayouse. Upon the diminutive pony was built a wide-spreading pack, forming an easy riding seat for a squaw and four papooses. Following close in the rear were three evil-countenanced, bow-legged, yellow-haired dogs, their ugly noses pointing towards the