

The Rival Clansmen:

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER IV.

HECTOR AND FLORA PRISONERS—THE WITCH OF BEN LAIR—A DARK PROSPECT.

They accordingly quickened their pace, but as they had during their conversation been walking slowly, the others were nearly at the hut before they succeeded in overtaking them.

When they approached close to the dwelling, Angus appeared at the door and welcomed the party, bowing low to Flora, who was the first to enter.

The young lady glanced nervously to the back of the hut, where she expected to see the body of old McKenzie still lying. But it had been removed, and a red mound of earth on the hillside, covered by a few pieces of turf, and with a rude stone at one end, marked the last resting place of the old chieftain. The body had been conveyed thither and interred by the clansmen during the earlier part of the day.

Immediately upon entering the hut, Ian ordered some food to be prepared, and in a short time a huge piece of mutton was roasting on the fire.

Hector still preserved a dignified silence, and, except keeping a close watch to see that he did not attempt to escape, no one sought to interfere with him. Flora was told to seat herself in the old chair, which was placed in the corner of the room farthest from Hector. Once or twice they managed to exchange glances, but not a word could they interchange. And although each yearned much for a look of hope and encouragement from the other, yet that was not to be traced, unless it might have been in the determined air of both, which indicated that they would yield as little as they possibly could to the wishes of those who at present had them in their power.

The repast was ready before either Ian or Cameron deigned to speak a word to either of them; but after Angus had ferreted out a large earthenware plate and two huge knives from a half-concealed recess and set them on the middle of the floor—the meat being on the former—both our friends were invited to approach.

Cameron took Flora's hand and led her forward, giving her a seat by his side, whilst Hector squatted down, along with the other Highlanders, on the floor. The meal was also partaken of in comparative silence.

After it had been concluded, Cameron approached Hector and said, with a scornful sneer—

"Does Hector McLeod feel now that he is in my power?"

"Hector McLeod does not feel himself in any new position," replied the young man, haughtily and firmly. "He has been in the power of his enemies ere now."

"They had been such enemies as you could escape from, then?"

"I did escape from them, as I would do now, if I had honourable men to deal with."

"If you desire to be out of the world quickly, you had better attempt to escape from us," hissed the other.

"I will keep my thoughts and my intentions to myself," replied Hector. "I will not seek to escape without seeing that my chances are good. I am perfectly aware with whom I have to deal; and had you been a man, and had your companions been men, and not cowards, I should not have been in this position. Give me a good weapon and a fair field, and I pledge myself to face Donald Cameron and Ian McKenzie together, and cause them to bite the dust. And prisoner in your hands as I am, I pronounce you both cowards if you refuse to run the risk."

"Beware young man, how you vaunt your prowess," hissed Cameron, savagely—his pride evidently stung by being designated a coward.

"I have well considered my language," was the reply.

Ian, too, had heard the young man's words; indeed, they were uttered in such a key as to cause them to be heard by him where he stood, and he came forward, his eyes glancing with passion and hatred, and exclaimed—

"Think not, McLeod, that I have forgotten the vow of which I have already told you; and think not that the manner in which you have baffled me already, siding by a meddling Lowland cur, has reconciled me to you. Taunt me not with cowardice, or I may do the fatal deed where you stand."

Hot Water in the Canal.

The fertile brain of a Yankee inventor has conceived the most remarkable project that we have heard of for a long time. It is nothing less than to heat the water of the Erie canal during the winter and prevent its freezing! It is a treat to come across something so really novel in this world of vanities. The New York Tribune gently "chaffs" the projector in the following delicious fashion:—

A plan for heating the canal has been invented, and laid before the Senate Committee on Transportation. It is greatly to be feared that it will not receive the attention it deserves. To the Congressional mind, hot water, associated as it is with aromatic flavors and superficial nutmegs, does not commend itself as promotive of navigation. But the plan should be considered. It is simple, practical, and beautiful. It consists of two boilers and 4,000 feet of steam pipe to the mill, estimated to cost about two millions to begin with and from six to nine hundred thousand dollars per annum to keep it up, and it is believed will keep the canal open all winter, bringing verdure to the tow-path, properly to the boatman, tolls to the treasury and grain to Albany. Could more be asked? Or for less money? How much more practical this, and how much cheaper, than to tunnel under the whole length of the great artery and undertake to heat it like a tea-kettle from the bottom! It is much more to the purpose, too, and does not involve so much engineering as the plan to turn the waters of the Gulf Stream up the Hudson and through the canal to Buffalo. To this latter proposition the objection will at once occur to the thoughtful mind that it would involve us in suits for damages by Great Britain, which depends almost entirely upon the Gulf Stream for its climate. True, under its tropical influence we should be able to raise bananas and coconuts along the line of the canal, enough, perhaps, to pay the National debt, as President Grant proposed to do by the annexation of Santo Domingo, but it would be hardly worth while to go to war with Great Britain for such a trifle as that.

No, more of these plans will "hold water"—hot water—except this one to heat it by boilers and steam. If any one doubts the feasibility of it, let him take a tea-kettle of water and build a fire under it. It will be found that the fire keeps the water warm, and that while in that condition it cannot freeze. If this is true in the case of the tea-kettle, why not in the case of the canal?

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