

**OR—  
LOVE AND HONOUR.**

A TALE OF THE CLYDE.  
CHAPTER XXX.

GLAMING BY THE RIVER—THE BATTLE OF  
SLEICH EEN.

Ritchie followed Edwin, who was walking towards some rising ground to the left, from which a view of the plain could be had, and of the ground towards lights. Here the youth stationed himself, and proceeded to take a deliberate survey of the scene.

His gaze riveted itself on a steep ravine at the base of the Speichern heights, and near to the position of the French.

"I should like to make my way up yonder ravine, Ritchie," he said at length. "Under that steep rocky slope I shall be safe from the firing on both sides, and from behind a crag I may obtain a near view of the battle; but I have no right to take you so near the scene of danger, and you can remain."

"I'll do nae sic thing, Maister Edwin," cried Ritchie quickly. "I'll gang where ye gang, sae never mention it."

"Very well, let us make our way up the broken ground before us. Ha, the firing is growing earnest."

The artillery had suddenly opened, and the terrific roar of battle was fully begun. Motions to Ritchie to move forward, they went at a quick pace; they made a detour to the left, and under cover of a large stretching row of wooded knolls, they succeeded in reaching the brink of the ravine, and found it even deeper than in the distance it appeared. A small stream ran down over the rock at the bottom, and broken footpaths winded round the rocks and crags which composed its side.

It was a strange sensation to climb the steep slopes of that solitary place, hearing the roar of the terrible strife, but seeing nothing of it. Ere long, however, the place would doubtless be taken possession of by one side or the other, and they hastened on to gain a point which commanded a view of the field.

"I wish we mayna be as far as it's prudent to go," remarked Ritchie, when they had ascended the ravine to a considerable distance, and the sound of the French firing in front seemed to come clear and distinct, as if close at hand.

"I believe you are right," returned Edwin; "but I was making for yonder rock, whose elevation will ensure us a view."

The rock in question was at a jutting corner of the ravine—the inside of an elbow, as it were—and stationed there, they looked to see the plain below and the heights above. It was still a little further up, and probably, as Ritchie had said, nearer the French position than prudence warranted them to go; but as it was the only place which promised to afford a look-out, they did not hesitate to advance to it.

And ever, as they clambered to the top of the slope, the roar of the strife rose with mightier volume on their ears, and the Babe of sound grew terrific. It had no intermission now—no intervals of cessation—but rolled to and fro with unbroken though unequal din, and the air grew heavy with sulphurous smoke which hung in the sky like a canopy of gloom.

"Talk tent, Maister Allerton," continued Ritchie, as they neared the brow of the ravine; "I hae heard several hells rattlin' among the leaves, no far aff. Dinna be ower rash in exposin' yersell."

This recommendation was not unnecessary, for Edwin was pressing eagerly up the steep, and might at any moment get exposed to the skirt of the iron shower that was flying so thickly in the vicinity, or even become a target for the marksmen on both sides. He listened to Ritchie's advice, and, lying down flat on his face, crept in this position to the edge of the ravine, closely followed in the same fashion by his companion.

The scene that burst upon them there was tremendous and appalling, yet fascinating. The Prussians had crossed the plain in face of the fire that was directed on them from the heights, and were preparing to charge the heights themselves.

"My God, it is madness to attempt that!" shouted Edwin, in the horror of his astonishment. "Von Goben is insane in insuring the destruction of his army. See—oh see how the men fall before that murderous fire!"

Ritchie lay and looked, but said nothing, the spectacle was to him so overwhelming. The flashing of the guns and rifles, the blaze of the mitrailleuses, the deafening thunder, the lurid smoke through which hundreds were seen to fall and writhe in death agony, presented a combination of sights and sounds which to a reflecting mind were beyond expression dreadful.

"God help us a'! hell itself canna match that," he at length ejaculated.

"But his madness, I say," persisted Edwin. "The valor of the bravest can avail nothing against such opposition. The Prussians are far outnumbered; and even were it otherwise, what force can carry such heights as these?"

"Yet the British and the French won the battle of the Alma," said Ritchie.

"The slopes of the Alma were nothing to these," rejoined Edwin. "I have seen them, and I tell you these precipices are twice as steep and high. They'll never do it—never, never!"

But Edwin was mistaken, for, as all the world knows, the Prussians did gain the battle of Speichern. At first the fortunes of the day were against them, for they advanced with very few regiments, and at the base of the heights were repulsed. But fresh troops and more artillery were brought forward, and with unparalleled courage, boldness, and resolution they assaulted again these terrible heights.

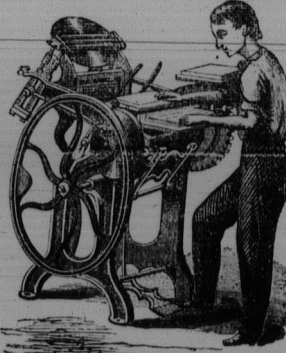
Edwin and Ritchie remained in the ravine till darkness had set in. They could not quit their station, for the firing still continued, and though its fierceness was carried more into the distance, it was sufficiently near to render locomotion dangerous. And when, night having fairly settled down, they resolved to leave the spot in which they had been ensconced for hours, there was not light enough by which they could descend the winding paths of the gorge; they had, therefore, to scramble down the rocks into the plain, which, fortunately, they did in safety.

But, having got there, they knew not where further to go. They knew nothing of the position of the Prussian army, and to wander in search of it in the dark and over the roeking battlefield, strewn with the wounded and the dead, was not only hopeless, but too dreadful to think of; so they made their way as best they could to the village of Saarbruck, and, having with difficulty procured some provisions to satisfy their hunger, and with still greater difficulty found a place of lodging for the night, they threw themselves on the couch they had procured, and endured the most feverish and troubled sleep either of them had ever experienced.

It was late when they awoke, and one thought rose in the minds of both at once. This common thought was of Her-

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