

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER IX.

FLIGHT OF FLORA—A SCRAWNY MOTHER—

OVERHEARD BY IAN.

"See that you attend to what I say," again exclaimed Cameron, striding from the room as he spoke, and closing the door behind him.

Then, with a low moan of despair, the poor girl fell forward from her seat upon the floor, and sobbed bitterly. It is hard to have our dearest and most ardent hopes crushed—blasted; and doubly intensified is the bitter misery when we have to bear up alone against the despair—when no one to lean on—no one to give a cheering word or speak a cheering word. How in such hours does the soul yearn for deliverance—the peaceful rest of death! It is only the brave and the strong who are not afraid to battle and buffet with the trials and adversities of life, who can at such times withstand the strong temptation to

Tread the gulf between a dreaded life and still more dread unseen. But Flora Macgregor was brave, and not until every avenue of escape were shut up would she welcome death, not to save her from trial and suffering, but from dishonor. Dishonored she would never be while death offered her a refuge. But as she arose to her feet after having lightened her sorrow-burdened heart by the flood of tears, she felt that her surroundings were at this moment so dismal and dark that she could see no other way by which to escape from the trying position in which she found herself. For a moment a gleam of hope shot into her soul as she reflected that the marriage could not be concluded without the services of a clergyman, and that an appeal to him might induce him to refuse to unite them under the circumstances and to rebuke Cameron and Ian for their heartless conduct. But this was dispelled as she remembered that the Rev. Mr. Fender was almost to a certainty the man who would be asked by her uncle to perform the ceremony, and him she knew to be a weak tool of Cameron's—indeed, of almost anyone who chose to ply him with drink. And so the morning was advancing, and she was still in a state of painful excitement and suspense, tinged with a strong feeling of despair. The interval was very short before the dread hour should arrive, and this caused her so much agitation that she could scarcely bring her scattered senses to think coherently upon the matter. She felt dull, and heavy too, and walking across the room to a couch, she laid her head upon it. Weighed and fatigued as she was, she did not mean to sleep; but by-and-by her griefs and trials became mere flitting shadows. For a brief moment slumber soothed her troubled bosom, and perchance the loving angels who are said to hover around us poured some of the healing balm of love into her bruised soul—instilling with it patience and courage, together with trust in the loving Father of her spirit, whose great work is the raising up and strengthening of those who are bowed down, and the overthrowing and discomfiting of the wicked.

When she awoke the afternoon had far advanced, and hearing the sound of clattering roofs below, she approached a window which looked to the front of the Castle, and to her horror, though not to her surprise, she saw Ian McKenzie ride up to the entrance and dismount—a look of selfish triumph lighting up his face. This recalled her to her true position, and her mind, now invigorated and refreshed, was bent upon the one great question—one of mighty moment to her—How was she to escape?

This was the question she set herself to answer. All questions as to the result if she failed, or if she were too late, or what was to be gained if she succeeded—all questions whatsoever were banished from her as only tending to weaken and dissipate her energies, and to this one purpose was her whole mind directed. She must escape! And how was it to be done? Suppose she got clear away from the house, whither was she to go? To whom could she appeal for help or sympathy? A thought struck her, and for an instant her cheek glowed with the mighty wave of hope which surged through her being. But a sad look followed.

"Ah, I could not," she muttered; "it is fifty miles off, and is the very road they would suspect I had taken."

"And the old footpath through the mountains—I think I could find my way along it. Surely they would never think of following me there; nor would they be able with horses, which they will be almost sure to use in the pursuit. I will attempt it, let the consequences be what they may. I will fly to Castle M'Leod and tell my story, ask protection for myself, and tell the father of my Hector the misfortune that has befallen his son."

She was interrupted for a moment by the entrance of a servant with some food. When she had retired Flora went forward and partook of a hearty repast—the eatables before her being a piece of venison, a fowl, and some brown bread. When she had concluded, she cut several substantial slices off the venison, and cutting up the fowl, took a piece of it and some bread, and rolled them carefully up a handkerchief which she secreted in a corner of the room.

LANDS FOR SALE IN GARAFRAXA. The undersigned offers for sale 24 lots of land, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 acres, no clearings, soil good and dry, timber mostly hardwood, price \$1000. Also, 24 lots of land, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200 acres, cleared, houses and fencing good, small orchard, spring water, price \$4000. Deeds free of incumbrance. Possession immediately. Apply to Wm. Clark, Lot 16, con. 8, Garafraxa; or Garafraxa P.O.

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