

not fire without still more endangering that precious life. Again the bear fixed his deadly fangs in the breast of his unfortunate victim, who cast one concentrated look of dying love on his brother.

Unable longer to witness, without an effort to save him, so harrowing a spectacle, he raised his rifle, the ball told, tore away part of the jaw-bone of the bear, but entered then the forehead of the prostrate youth.

With a yell of agony, Dupont rushed on the animal, his arm nerved with vengeance and despair, and lacerated and torn as he himself was, with the dying struggles of the terrible creature, the fiercest of his species, and famed for its extraordinary tenacity of life, he succeeded in stabbing it through the heart.

The Indians, alarmed at the reports of the rifles, and not seeing the brothers, went in search, and found Dupont stretched, in a bleeding, exhausted state, on the dead body of the bear,—his brother lying dead also by his side.

Life, to him an unenvied boon, was granted, but the noble mind had sunk.

One thought alone pursued him, vengeance. The forest became his home, and many and sanguinary were his encounters, single-handed, with the terrible brutes.

At times, he would return to the village, where he was ever received with sympathy and kindness.

The Indians could well enter into his feelings of vengeance. Many were the trophies he brought of his victims—some, are even now, preserved and regarded with respect by the Indians of Lorette.

At last, he came not, and, after a long search, they found him stretched in death, beneath the tree where his brother's remains were interred. In his hand was grasped a claw of the grisly bear, of immense size, as though recently taken from his hated foe, and his own lacerated form shewed but too plainly he had met his end in the encounter.

At some distance was found the carcase of the animal, and the loving sad heart had dragged itself to the grave of the deeply-mourned brother—fraternal love triumphing even in the last agonies of death itself.

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