

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XX.

NECTOR M'LEOD FOLLOWS CAMERON AND IAN—NARROWLY ESCAPES FALLING INTO THE LION'S DEN—SEVEN FRIENDS WHO FEEL BY AND-BY PROVE OF IMPORTANCE.

"True, true," exclaimed Hector, who saw the truth of the other's remarks: "and I must admit, too, that you may not feel the same interest in this particular case as I do. I must ally my excitement, for I have yet work before me which shall call forth all my coolness and self-possession, as well as all my energy. I must follow them, go where they may. Could I but know where they landed, I could easily do so, for they shall leave behind them a distinctly enough marked trace in the deep snow."

"But can you hope to overcome them? You are but one against several."

"I shall trust in the maxim that right is might," replied Hector. "I know the danger and difficulty by which it is surrounded, but I cannot give up the pursuit. I must rescue these women from the hands of Donald Cameron and Ian McKenzie; and," he continued, with a proud sparkle in his eye. "I should like to do it myself. I would feel that I had lived to do some good in the world even though that good consisted only in depriving these villains of life."

"Did you say that these fellows of whom you were in pursuit were none other than Donald Cameron and Ian McKenzie?" inquired Winterton, eagerly, when Hector had made mention of their names.

"These were the men whom I pursued, and who have just escaped from you," was the reply. "They broke into Castle M'Leod along with a number of the Caterans, and succeeded in carrying off these women, but failed in the taking of my life. A score of the Caterans are yet behind me. I left them engaged in conflict with my clansmen at the back of the hill at Skerryvach—and heaven knows how the struggle may have ended."

"This is news, and news of importance," exclaimed Winterton. "The Chief, and McKenzie, whom I believe I will be able to prove a Cateran some day soon, will ere long fall into my hands, if they escape yours; but I shall not be content until I totally root the band out. Now, I think I can do no better than go to Skerryvach and see whether any traces of them can be found. If they have left the field of conflict in a body I can track them just now, and if they have defeated the M'Leods my assistance may be of value. Will you return with me, M'Leod? You may be of service at the Castle; but you cannot be successful in reaching those you seek alone."

"Nay," replied Hector, decidedly, "my course is plain. I cannot suffer Flora Macgregor and Anne M'Leod to remain in the company and under the power of these men, and I must go to their assistance and to their rescue immediately, however hazardous the attempt. I cannot rest until I have met them man and engaged with either or both in mortal strife. One of them has shed the best blood of the M'Leods and both of them have insulted me and tried to tarnish my honour and the honour of my clan. But this deed to-night is the crowning act of their villainy, and, heaven helping me, it shall be their last. Oh my darling Flora! I know not what you may have suffered by this time; every thought perhaps which the villainy of these men could suggest. Oh, the thought is terrible! I must go to the rescue. Captain Winterton, farewell."

"Stay, M'Leod," exclaimed the Captain, as the young man turned and strode off—"stay; you must breakfast with us before you go. You will be exhausted in an hour if you go on as you are."

AMERICAN SCENERY, than which none is more beautiful, holds the leading place in the March issue of The Aldine. Three charming pictures, by J. D. Woodward, represent some of the most striking scenes in North-Western Virginia. A nobler specimen of the wood engraver's art has never been produced than the full-page rendering of Woodward's "Balcony Falls, James River." The artist and engraver have worked lovingly together, and the result is what may be boldly called a perfect picture. The second picture of this series is a striking view of the wonderful "Natural Bridge," and the third represents a lovely spot on the "James River, above Rope Ferry." The trumpet flowers, and other vines, twine gracefully over an old maple tree in the foreground. C. Mettais, a French artist, has an ideal picture of "Poland," a full-page picture, representing a woman, shackled, barefooted, seated among snow and ice, crushed down with sorrow, but not subdued. Fritz Paulsen contributes a full-page picture "Her Treasure," showing the interior of a chamber, with a group of ladies standing about a cradle, in which there is a sleeping infant. This picture is artistic and beautiful in all its details. "The Wolf turned Shepherd," is a fine picture by Dore, illustrative of one of La Fontaine's fables. "Laying Out a Town," is a childlike picture, eminently life-like, by John S. Davis. Specht contributes two magnificent cuts of animal life, one representing "English Greyhounds," and the other "Wild Boars," a fine contrast between domestic and wild animals. An excellent portrait of Annie Louise Cary, in the character of Amneris, in the new opera of "Aida," embellishes this number. Another large portrait picture represents "Gothie at Home," in the chamber where he spent his childhood. The "Return of the Exile," by T. E. Rosenthal, is a beautiful picture which depicts an incident in the life of a Spaniard, who returned to his castle to find it in ruins. From the above list of illustrations it will be seen that the March Aldine is remarkably rich in pictorial art, embracing every variety of subject. The literary contents do not fall behind the picture in number and interest. James Sutton & Co., 58 Maiden Lane, New York City, are the publishers.

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