

at some distance, but being of a bold and daring spirit, they determined, after entrusting their estate to a faithful agent, for a time to indulge fully in the dangers and excitement of the chase.

Their calmness in danger, their unerring aim, and their frank and agreeable manner, had won the hearts of the wild Indian tribe with whom they resided. Their hunting dress and equipments were similar to the chieftains of the tribe, and their powerful athletic forms, handsome countenances embrowned by exposure, their wild but striking dress, armed with their rifles, and couteau de chasse, they formed models of Herculean strength and beauty.

Passionately attached to each other, did danger assail one, the other risked life in his defence, and many and narrow were the escapes they had met with in their forest life.

But the danger of the chase seemed only the more to fascinate their fiery and fearless spirits.

On hearing from the habitan of his perilous adventure, they, at once, without waiting for a stronger escort, sallied forth to beard the terrible foe.

After following the circuitous forest path for some distance, on one side, another and more intricate diverged from it.

Here, the brothers separated, agreeing to keep within hail of each other. They were each provided with a set of signal calls; and, in a few minutes, the elder Dupont heard the sharp crack of a rifle, followed by that signal, which they had agreed to use only in cases of extreme and imminent peril.

Answering the call, with bounding leaps he cleared the intervening thick and thorny underbrush, and what a sight awaited him.

The young hunter had met the deadly foe, fired, but the ball had glanced off, only slightly wounding him.

With one spring the ferocious brute reached the unfortunate youth, and with a stroke of his terrible claw, had laid bare the flesh from the right shoulder to the hip. Sinking under the loss of blood, prostrate beneath the infuriated animal, he yet retained presence of mind to give the signal call, which had brought his brother to his aid.

With maddening despair, the elder Dupont found, so close was the head of the monster to his beloved brother, he could