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OR,
THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER XXXI.
A NIGHT OF PERIL—THE CRUEL FATE OF MOSES LEVI—UNLOOKED-FOR AID—A BLOODY BATTLE—ROYAL CANADIAN

Those of them who heard responded at once to the order, and closing in a body, like men who had been drilled and disciplined, they began an orderly retreat towards a ledge of rock which had closed the mouth of a narrow gully affording access to the rugged heights and the higher land which skirted the gorge. Against this rocky ledge the Captain set his back, sabre in hand, and refused to leap up his side till all his men who were with him had gained the top, and so made good their escape. When the last had gained a footing on the slope he quitted his vantage ground and vaulted up after them. A few of the Indians followed, not so much with a view to assail them in their flight as to make sure they really departed, and did not lurk among the bushes to renew the fight.

The battle was now over. Those of the robbers who had not fled were either dead or mortally wounded, and the anxiety of their victors now was to learn the fate of their friends. The exigencies of the fight and the darkness which surrounded them had made it impossible for any one of them to notice how the others had fared; but now that victory was theirs and the struggle ended, they anxiously sought about for each other.

Hardly had the form of the robber Captain vanished in the darkness when William and Robert came together.

"Robert, my friend, you are safe I trust, cried William.

"Safe and sound—and you?" exclaimed Robert.

"Without a scratch, so far as I know, was the answer.

"See am I," cried Watty cheerily.

"Thank God," ejaculated Denman. "But what of our other friends? Where is Mr. Bardle?"

The American was nowhere to be seen.—Josh, who made his appearance as the moment, knew nothing of him. His first care, he said, had been to make for the wagon and liberate Bree, and the dog with a savage howl, had bounded into the midst of the combatants, where he had been heard occasionally to bark. More than this Josh could not tell.

With lighted torches they began to seek about upon the ground for the American.—The sights they came on were sickening and harrowing. Human forms lay there stiff and distorted, dead and dying. Nothing, however could be seen of the American, till they heard the mournful howl of a dog on the other side of a clump of bushes. Guided by the sound they drew near with their torches, and came upon Bree lying beside two dead bodies. One of them was that of poor Jonathan, with his skull cleft in twain, the other was that of a stalwart robber, who held an axe in his hand—the instrument, doubtless, which had deprived the American of life.—Certain marks in the throat of the wretch showed clearly enough how he had come by his death—the marks having been left there by the fangs of Bree.

At their first approach, Bree, who lay crouching by his master's side, emitted a fierce growl, which subsided into a long melancholy whine when he recognized his friends. He turned his eyes mournfully towards them, then fixed them on the distorted face of his dead master. It was a sad sight, and in silence and sorrow they turned away for the present, to discover the condition of Moses Levi.

They found Shagar kneeling beside him, not far from the post to which he had been found, doing his best to staunch the many wounds which the knives had made, and weeping wildly when he found himself unable to stay the purple tide. The poor murdered one was dying fast, but he was conscious, though weak, and growing weaker every moment.

William knelt down by his side and spoke to him words of pity and tenderness. The Jew heard him, raised his drooping eyelids for a moment, then smiled and died.

Shagar threw himself on the dead and bloody body, tore his hair, and invoked bitter curses on his murderers. His mingled grief and rage was something fearful to witness, and the onlookers turned from the sight with a shudder.

The dawn was now breaking. The veil of darkness which had deepened the horrors of that dreadful night was drawn slowly and steadily aside, and the gray morning light stole softly over the ravine, disclosing the results of the tragedy which had been enacted.

Three Indians only had been killed, and a few more were slightly wounded, but nearly a dozen of the brigands lay dead upon the ground.

Eagle Heart and his dusky followers lifted the dead bodies of their friends, and after performing around them their wild, weird dance of death, scooped out three shallow graves side by side and laid them therein.—William and the others did the same sad duty to the American and the Jew, and leaving the other bodies to bleach in the desert, they gladly bade farewell to the gloomy spot, and, escorted by the Indians who had rendered them such signal service, proceeded on their journey.

Eagle Heart and his braves accompanied them to the edge of the desert, and when they parted company, a handful of gold-dust was considered ample reward by the simple sons of the wilderness. Having parted from their allies, whose skins were red, but whose hearts were true and faithful, the travellers proceeded on their journey, and reached San Francisco in safety.

Here they likewise parted company with Josh and Shagar. Bree had by this time attached himself to William Denman.

To reach Scotland and the Strath was now the chief anxiety of our three friends, and they lost no time in settling matters for the voyage. They found no difficulty in disposing of their gold dust, and of the monster nugget which had brought them into so much difficulty and danger—receiving for the whole over £3,000.

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