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ROYALISTS AND LOYALISTS.

An Historical Novel,

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"WAR SKETCHES," "THE TWO NEIGHBOURS," &c.

CHAPTER IV.—CONT.

The untutored savage in his native woods,
O'er dreadful wrong or fancied injury broods,
With silent tread creeps noiseless on his foe,
And with his tomahawk deals a dreadful blow
Or lays with deadly stab his victim low.

Vindictive passions nerve his powerful arm—
No conscience sounds to him a dread alarm ;
The scalp-lock from his victim's head he tears,
Proof of his prowess, he the emblem wears
Till home from war-path he the trophy bears.

When the St. Francis Indians made their incursions South, they were very careful not to give offence to the various tribes of the Iroquois, who, although neutral as regarded the colonists, were always on the alert to guard their own interests and territorial rights. Many families among the English Colonists had formed friendships of a personal character among the Indians, owing to living so near to some of their villages ; and in cases where a farmer had an influential friend among his dusky neighbors, he could generally rely upon their good will and assistance in case of danger from attack.

The Mohawk chief and his sons had seen the marauders and followed their trail for some distance, and knowing that Bent was somewhere on the frontier, they had gone to the fort to enquire for him. Owing to their intimate relations, Bent had informed the chief what his plans were, so that as soon as the two youngest of his sons came out of the fort and said Bent and White were ready, he with his elder sons.