

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

THE TRAP EMPTY.

For several minutes Rube preserved his meditative attitude, without uttering a word or making the slightest motion.

"Eh? what is't, old boy?" inquired Garey, who understood the signal, and knew that the whistle denoted some discovery.

Rube's reply was the interrogatory: "How long's yur trail-rop, Bill?"

"It are twenty yards—good mizyure," answered Garey.

"And yurs, young fellur?"

"About the same length—perhaps a yard or two more."

"Good!" ejaculated the questioner, with a satisfied look, "we'll fool them niggers yit—we will!"

"Hooraw for you, old boy! you've hit on some plan, hain't you?" This was Garey's interrogatory.

"Sartintly, I hez."

"Let's have it, then, kummarade," said Garey, seeing that Rube had relapsed into silence: "ther ain't much time to think o' things—"

"Plenty o' time Billee! Don't be so durned impatient, boy. Ther's gobs o' time. I'll stake my old mar agin the young fellur's black hoss that we'll be out o' this scrape afore sunup. Gee-hospat! how thull cuss when he finds the trap empy. He, he, he—ho, ho, ho!"

And the old sinner continued to laugh for some seconds, as coolly and cheerfully as if no enemy was within a thousand miles of the spot.

Garey and I were chafing with impatience, but we knew that our comrade was in one of his queer moods, and it was no use attempting to push him faster than he was disposed to go.

When his chuckling fit was ended, he assumed a more serious air, and once more appeared to busy himself with the calculation of some problem. He spoke in soliloquy.

"Twenty yurds o' Bill's," muttered he, "twenty o' the young fellur's ur forty; an myen—it ur sixtee yurds—make the hul fifty and six; ye-es fifty-six preezactly. Then thur's the knots to come off o' that, though fornest'em thur's bridles. Wagh! thur's rope aplenty, an enough over, to string up half a score o' them yeller-bellies, ef ever I gits holt'en 'em. And won't I? Wagh?"

During this arithmetical process, Rube, instead of gazing any longer into the barrel of his rifle, had kept his eyes wandering up and down the cliff.

Before he had ceased speaking, both Garey and myself had divined his plan, but we refrained from telling him so. To have anticipated the old trapper in his disclosure would have been a mortal offence.

We waited for him to make it known.

"Now, boyes!" said he at length, "yur's how we'll git clur. Fust an o'f most, we'll crawl up yander, soon's it gits dark enough to kiver us. Secound, we'll oat our trail-ropes along wi' us. Thuds, we'll jine the three together, an ef that ain't long enough, a kuppel o' bridle'll help out. Fo'th, we'll tie the eend of the rope to a sapling up thur on top, and then slide down the bluff on t'other side, do ee see? Fift, oncest down on the prairie, we'll put straight for the settlements. Sixt and lastest, when we gits thur, we'll gather a wheen o' the young fellur's rangers, take a beeline back to the mound, and gie these hyur niggers such a lambaystin as they hain't hed since the war begun. Now!"

"Now" meant, what think you of the plan? Mentally, both Garey and I had already approved of it, and we promptly signified our approval. It really promised well. Should we succeed in carrying out the details without being detected, it was probable enough that within a few hours we might be safe in the plaza of the rancheria, and quenching our thirst at its crystal well.

The anticipated pleasure filled us with fresh energy; and we set about putting everything in readiness. One watched, while the other two worked. Our lazoes were knotted together, and the four horses fastened head to head with their bridles, and secured in so as to keep them behind the boulder. This done, we awaited the falling of night.

Would it be a dark night? About this we now felt anxious. It was already closing down and gave promise of favoring us; a layer of lead-colored clouds covered the sky, and we knew there could be no moon before midnight.

Rube, who boasted he could read weather-signs like a "salt-sea sailor," scrutinized the sky.

"Wal, old boss!" interrogated Garey, "what do ye think o' it? Will it be dark, eh?"

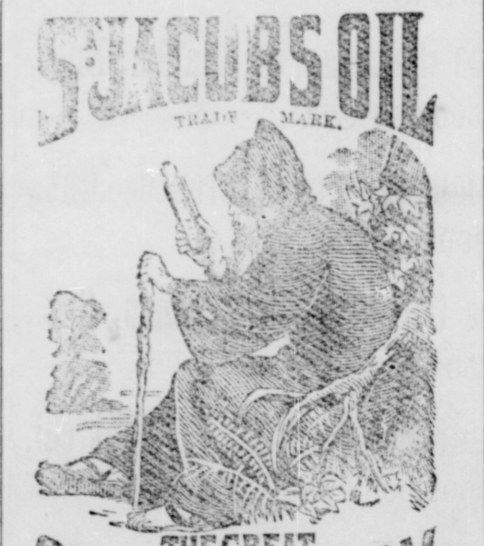
"Black as a bar!" muttered Rube in reply; and then, as if not satisfied with the simile, he added: "Black as the inside o' a buffler bull's belly on a bournt paraira!"

The old trapper laughed heartily at the ludicrous conceit, and Garey and I could not refrain from joining in the laugh. The guerrilleros must have heard us; they must have deemed us mad!

Rube's prognostication proved correct; the night came down dark and lowering. The leaden layer broke up into black cumulus clouds, that slowly careered across the canopy of the sky. A storm portended; and already some big drops, that shot vertically downward, could be

heard plashing heavily upon our saddles. All this was to our satisfaction; but at that moment a flash of lightning illumined the whole arch of the heavens, lighting the prairie as with a thousand torches. It was none of the pale lavender colored light, seen in northern climes, but a brilliant blaze, that appeared to pervade all space, and almost rivalled the brightness of day.

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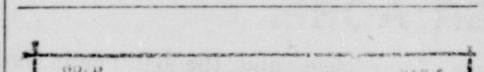
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By order, F. BRAUN, Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, January 31, 1892.

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