

Rest.

My feet are weary and my hands are tired— My soul oppressed. And with desire I long desired Rest—only Rest.

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER LIII—(CONTINUED.)

Again I had strife with my men; they would have returned and fired the place, had I permitted them. Fortunately, he who had been ill-treated was a good-for-nothing fellow—scarcely worth the sympathy of his comrades—and I was well satisfied at his having received a lesson.

Along the road, we saw signs of a guerrilla. Shots were fired at us from a hill; but a party sent to the place encountered no one. Horse-tracks were observed, and once a brace of mounted men were seen galloping away over a distant slope.

The prospect of a "fight" with that noted partisan created quite an excitement in the ranks. To have captured Canales—the "Chapparal Fox," as the Texans termed him—or to have made conquest of his band, would have been esteemed a feat of grand consequence—only inferior in importance to a pitched battle, or the taking of "Game-leg" (Santa Anna) himself.

I confess that to me the idea of measuring strength with the famed guerrillero was at that moment rife with charms; and the excitement derived from the hope of meeting him, for a while abstracted my mind from its painful bodings.

But we reached the town without seeing aught of the Chapparal Fox. It was not likely that he was on that road; or if so, he took care not to show himself. Canales fought not for glory alone, and the rangers were not the foes he cared to encounter. Rich baggage trains were the game he was used to hunt, and our solitary "company-wagon," filled with frying-pans, camp kettles, sick soldiers, and tattered blankets—half alive with those charming little insects of the genera pulex and pediculus—had no attractions for the gallant guerrillero.

On reaching the town, we were surprised to find that the division had not yet moved. It was to have marched on that morning, but a countermand had arrived from head-quarters, delaying the movement for some days—perhaps a week.

This was rare news to me; and as soon as I heard it, my mind became occupied with projects and anticipations of a pleasant nature. I had hoped that we would be sent back to the rancharia, but alas! no—our orders were to remain with the division.

As every available building was occupied by troops, the rangers, as usual, were treated as "outsiders," and compelled to take to the grass. Half a mile from the town, a spot was shown us for our camp. It was on the banks of a pretty rivulet; and there, having picketed our steeds, stretched our canvases to the sun, and washed the dust from our faces, we made ourselves at home.

I did not remain long by the camp. As soon as our tents were fairly pitched, I left them, and walked back into the town—partly to get more definite information as to the future movements of the army, and partly with the design of indulging a little in the social feeling. I had some old comrades among the different regiments of the division; and after such a long spell of rustication, I was not indisposed to refresh my spirit by the renewal of former fellowships.

many of whose names my friends and I could not restrain either our satire or laughter. It appeared that the men of deeds were scarcely known beyond limits of the army itself, while others, who in the field of battle had actually played the potroon, had at home become household words in the mouths of the people. One general, whom I myself saw hiding in a ditch, during the rage of battle, was the theme of speech, sentiment, and song. The newspapers were filled with praises, and the windows with pictures of a "gallant dragon officer," who had somehow obtained the credit of capturing a battery. My rangers cried "Bah!" when I told them this. They themselves were the men who had first galloped over those Mexican guns!

"Keeping an editor in pay" was a standing sarcasm, applicable to more than one of our generals; and the "army correspondent" taking advantage of this prurience for fame, lived well, and swaggered in proportional importance. Ah, glory! what sacrifices men make for thee upon the shrine of conscience! For my part, I do not think I could feel happy under the credit of a feat I had not performed. Surely the consciousness of having done a deed is of itself a sufficient reward. He is but an unhappy hero who is not a hero to himself!

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They say fortune is a capricious mistress. But sometimes she is a good woman, and gives to those who merit. True goodness is like the glow-worm in this, that it shines most when no eyes except those of heaven are upon it. Nothing makes the earth seem so spacious as to have friends at a distance; they make the latitude and longitude.

A bitter life is better than a blighted one, and it's useless to break off an engagement if a heart breaks with them. Life does not count by years. Some suffer a lifetime in a day, and so grow old between the rising and setting of the sun. Life is like a game of whist. I don't enjoy the game much, but I like to play my cards well, and see what will be the end of it.

As to people saying a few idle words about us, we must not mind that, any more than the old church steeple minds the rocks cawing about it. We can no more have back old times by gathering the same people in the same place than we could have back a dead friend by seating his skeleton in his accustomed place.

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