

THE THREE LITTLE CHAIRS.

They sat alone by the bright wood fire. The gray-haired dame and the aged sire, Dreaming of days gone by...

For their sad and tearful eyes described Three little chairs, placed side by side. Against the sitting-room wall...

Then the sire shook his silvery head, And, with trembling voice, he gently said: "Mother, these empty chairs!"

"Johnny still whistles a ship's tall masts, And Willie his leaden bullets casts. While Mary her patchwork sews..."

"Johnny comes back from the billow deep: Willis wakes from the battle-field sleep. To say 'good night' to me..."

"So let them stand there, though empty now, And every time when alone we bow At the Father's throne to pray..."

"The chaparral aint afire," answered Rube, somewhat mollified by the apology; "so don't be skeart, Frenchy; yur sale enuf!"

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER LXVIII. — (CONTINUED.)

We had worked our way about five miles through the hideous jungle, when I began to feel a strange sensation in my eyes—a sensation of pain—what is usually termed a "smarting."

It was not until we had gone some distance farther, that we found the true explanation, by perceiving that there was smoke upon the air! Smoke it was that was causing the bitterness in our eyes.

The denizen of the prairie never regards such an indication with indifference. Where there is smoke there is fire, danger—at least, upon the broad grassy steppes of the west. A burning forest may be shunned. You may stand near to the forest on fire, and contemplate such a scene with safety; but a blazing prairie is a phenomenon of a different character; and it is, indeed, a rare position where you may view, without peril, this sublime spectacle.

There are prairies that will not burn. The plains covered with the short "buffalo grass" (Festuca dactyloides), and the sward of various species of "gramma" (Chondrosium), rarely take fire, or if they do, horse, man, buffalo, or antelope, can easily escape by leaping across the blaze.

Not so upon the "weed prairie," or those where the tall reed-grass rises above the withers of a horse—its culms matted and laced together by the trailing stems of various species of bindweed, by creeping convolvulus, cucurbitaceae, and wild pea-vines.

It was smoke that affected my eyes, causing them to smart and water. Fire must be causing the smoke—what was on fire? I could detect apprehension in the looks of my followers, as we rode on.

As we advanced, the glances of the men became more uneasy. Beyond a doubt the smoke was thickening around us—the sky was fast becoming darker, and the pain in our eyes more acute.

Stanfield was a backwoodsman, his thoughts ran upon "woods." Whether forest or prairie, a conflagration was certainly raging. It might be far off for the wind will carry the smoke of a prairie fire a long distance; but I had an unpleasant suspicion that it was not distant. I noticed drooping around us the white floc of burnt leaves, and from the intense bitterness of the smoke, I reasoned that it could not have floated far—its gases were not yet dissipated.

It was not the distance of the fire that so much troubled me, as its direction. The wind blew right in our teeth, and the smoke was travelling with the wind. The conflagration must be ahead—directly upon the trail.

The smoke grew thicker and thicker— ahead, the sky appeared slashed with a lurid light; I fancied I could hear the crackling of the flames. The air felt hot and dry; a choking sensation came into our throats, and one and all were soon hacking and gasping for breath.

So dark had it suddenly become, or rather so blinded were we with the smoke, we could scarcely make out the trail. My followers would have stopped, but I urged them on. With voice and example I urged them on—myself leading the way. My heart was too sore to pause.

Where in all this were Rube and Garey! We had come far and fast; we should now be nearly up with them—they could not be much ahead. I halted as we advanced.

"Hullo," came the response, in the rough baritone of the younger trapper. We hurried forward in the direction of the voice. The path conducted to an

opening in the chaparral, in the centre of which through the smoke, we could distinguish the forms of men and horses.

With eager eyes, I scanned the group; a glance was sufficient: there were only two of each—only the trackers.

CHAPTER LXIX. SMOKE AND THIRST.

"Ah, Monsieur Roob!" cried the Canadian, as we hurried up, "vat make ce de la diable d'une fumee—smoke? Are ze woods on fire—you tink—eh?"

"Wuds!" exclaimed Rube, with a contemptuous glance at the speaker. "Wagh! Thur's no wuds hyur. Thur's a paraira afire. Don't ee smell the stink o' the grass?"

"Pe gar, ouil vraitment—c'est la prairie? You sure, Monsieur Roob?" "Sure!" vociferated the trapper, in a tone of indignation. "Sure!—ye durned parley-voe-eat-a-frog, spit-a-brick, soup-suekin' Frenchman, d' yur tink I don't know the smell o' a burnin' paraira? Wagh!"

"Ah, Monsieur Roob, me pardon. Vat I mean ask—is ze chaparral brule—on fire—ces arbres?" "The chaparral aint afire," answered Rube, somewhat mollified by the apology; "so don't be skeart, Frenchy; yur sale enuf!"

This assurance seemed to gratify not only the timid Canadian but others, who, up to this moment, were apprehensive that it was the thickest that was on fire.

For myself, I had no such fears; I perceived that the chaparral could not burn. Here and there, patches of dry mesquite trees would have caught like tinder; but in most places, a succulent endogenous vegetation formed three parts of the jungle, and rendered it "fire-proof." This was especially the case around the glade where the trappers had taken their stand, and which was completely inclosed by a wall of the great organ cactus, with aloes, opuntias, and other juicy-leaved plants.

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A. A. McLEAN, Administrator. Ch'town, 1st March, 1882.—3m law

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