

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER XLVI (CONTINUED).

She spurred towards the centre of the glade, where the ground was higher, and there again pulled up.

"Come hither, cavaliero!" she cried, beckoning to me with her small gloved hand.

Mechanically I rode up to the spot.

"So gallant captain! you who are brave enough to meet a score of foes, have not the courage to ask a woman if she loves you!"

A dismal smile was my only reply to this bitter badinage.

"Ah! captain," she continued, "I will not believe it; ere now you have put that dreaded interrogatory—often, I fear, too often."

I looked at her with surprise. There was a touch of bitterness in the tone. The gay smile was gone; her eyelids drooped; her look was turned upon the ground.

Was this real, or only a seeming? the prelude to some abrupt antithesis? some fresh outbreak of satire?

"Senorita!" said I, "the hypothesis, whether true or false, can have but little interest for you."

She answered me with a smile of strange intelligence. I fancied there was sadness in it. I fancied—

"We cannot recover the past," said she, interrupting my thoughts; "no, no, no! But for the present—say again—tell me again that you love me!"

"Love you!—yes lady!"

"And I have your heart, your whole heart?"

"Never—can I love another?"

"Thanks, thanks!"

"No more than thanks, Isolina?"

For some moments she remained silent, her eyes averted from me; she appeared struggling with some emotion.

"Yes more than thanks," she replied at length; "three things more—if they will suffice to prove my gratitude."

"Name them!"

"Why should prudery tie my tongue? I promised to be candid. I to come here to make confession. Listen! Three things I have said. Look around you!—north, south, east and west—the land you see is mine; be it yours, if you will."

"Isolina!"

This, too, can I bestow!—she held forth her little hand, which I clasped with fervid emotion.

"And the third?"

"The third, on second thoughts, I cannot give; 'tis yours already."

"It is?"

"*Mia corazon*" (My heart).

Those splendid steeds, like creatures of intelligence, appeared to understand what was said; they had gradually moved closer and closer, till their muzzles touched and their steel curbs rang together. At the last words, they came side by side, as if yoked in a chariot. It appeared delight to them to press their proud heaving flanks against each other, while their riders closing in mutual clasp, leaned over and met their lips in that wild fervid kiss which forms the climax of love.

CHAPTER XLVII.

STRAYED FROM THE TRACK.

We parted upon the top of the hill; it was not prudent for us to be seen together. Isolina rode away first, leaving me in the glade. We bade adieu in the phrase of pleasant promise, "*hasta la manana*" (until to-morrow). To-morrow we should meet again. To-morrow, and to-morrow, we should visit that sweet spot, repeat our burning words, renew our blissful vows.

I remained some minutes on the ground, now hallowed and holy. Within, the tumult of triumphant passion had passed, and was succeeded by the calm repose of perfect contentment. My heart's longings had been gratified; it had found all that it desired—even to the full reciprocity of its passion. What would it more? There is no more of mundane bliss. Life has no facility to cope with requited love; it alone can give us a foretaste of future joys; by it alone may we form some idea of the angel existence of heaven.

The world without was in harmony with the spirit within. The scene around me was rose-color. The dowers appeared fresher in tint, and breathed a sweeter fragrance in the air; the hum of the homeward bee, laden with treasures for his love queen, fell with a dreamy pleasure upon the ear; the voices of the birds sounded softer and more musical; even the *araras* and parrots, changing in more subdued tone, no longer pronounced that hated name; and the tiny Mexican doves—*las palomas*, scarcely so large as finches—walked with proud gait over the ground, or side by side upon the branches of the myrtles—like types of tender love—told their heart's tale in soft and amorous cooing.

Long could I have lingered by that consecrated spot, even *hasta la manana*, but duty claimed me, and its calls must not be disregarded. Already the setting sun flung purple beams over the distant prairie; and heading my horse down the hill, I once more plunged under the shadows of the mimosa.

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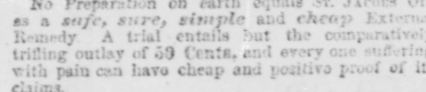
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TRAINS OUTWARD.

STATIONS. MIXED. MIXED. MIXED.

Ch'town.. Dp 8.15am Dp 3.00pm Dp 2.30pm

Royalty Jc.. " 8.38 " " 3.23 " " 2.53 "

N Wiltah's " 9.29 " " 4.15 "

Hunter R'r " 9.45 " " 4.30 "

Bradalba's " 10.23 " " 5.08 "

Co'ty Line " 10.33 " " 5.18 "

Freetown " 10.48 " " 5.33 "

Keusing'n " 11.10 " " 5.55 "

Summ'side " 11.45 " " 6.30 "

Royalty Jc " 1.45pm " 2.53pm " 3.09pm

Wellington " 2.37 " " 3.29 " " 3.45 "

Port Hill " 3.29 " " 4.15 " " 4.31 "

O'Leary " 4.44 " " 5.18 " " 5.34 "

Bloomfield " 5.08 " " 5.42 " " 5.58 "

Alberton " 5.48 " " 6.22 " " 6.38 "

Tignish " 6.45 " " 7.19 " " 7.35 "

Royalty Jc " 2.53pm " 3.09pm " 3.25pm

York " 3.09 " " 3.25 " " 3.41 "

Bedford " 3.25 " " 3.41 " " 3.57 "

Mt. Stew't " 4.15 " " 4.31 " " 4.47 "

Cardigan " 5.33 " " 5.49 " " 6.05 "

Georget'n " 6.00 " " 6.16 " " 6.32 "

Mt. Stew't " 6.15pm " 6.31pm " 6.47pm

Morell " 6.45 " " 7.01 " " 7.17 "

St. Peter's " 6.55 " " 7.11 " " 7.27 "

Bear River " 7.15 " " 7.31 " " 7.47 "

Souris " 7.00 " " 7.16 " " 7.32 "

TRAINS INWARD.

STATIONS. MIXED. MIXED. MIXED.

Ch'town.. Ar 5.30pm Ar 11.15am Ar 11.45am

Royalty Jc " 5.07 " " 10.52 " " 11.22 "

N Wiltah's " 4.15 " " 9.45 " " 10.15 "

Hunter R'r " 4.00 " " 9.45 " " 10.15 "

Bradalba's " 3.24 " " 8.59 " " 9.29 "

Co'ty Line " 3.14 " " 8.59 " " 9.29 "

Freetown " 2.19 " " 8.44 " " 9.14 "

Keusing'n " 2.55 " " 8.20 " " 8.50 "

Summ'side " 2.00 " " 7.45 " " 8.15 "

Wellington " 1.30am " 7.38 " " 8.08 "

Port Hill " 9.53 " " 10.23 " " 10.53 "

O'Leary " 8.51 " " 9.21 " " 9.51 "

Bloomfield " 8.08 " " 8.38 " " 9.08 "

Alberton " 7.25 " " 7.55 " " 8.25 "

Tignish " 6.30 " " 7.00 " " 7.30 "

Royalty Jc " 11.22am " 11.05 " " 10.48 "

York " 11.05 " " 10.48 " " 10.31 "

Bedford " 10.45 " " 10.28 " " 10.11 "

Mt. Stew't " 10.10 " " 9.53 " " 9.36 "

Cardigan " 8.40 " " 8.23 " " 8.06 "

Georget'n " 8.15 " " 7.58 " " 7.41 "

Mt. Stew't " 8.00am " 7.43 " " 7.26 "

Morell " 7.30 " " 7.13 " " 6.56 "

St. Peter's " 7.00 " " 6.43 " " 6.26 "

Bear River " 6.30 " " 6.13 " " 5.56 "

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