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THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER XXVII.

A "WEED"-PRAIRIE ON FIRE.

My recovery was rapid. My wounds,
though deep, were not dangerous; they
were only flesh-wounds, and closed
rapidly under the cauterising influence of
the *lechugilla*. Rude as my doctors
were, in the matter of such a malady, I
could not have fallen into better hands.
Both, during their lives of accident and
exposure, had ample practice in the
healing art; and I would have trusted
either in the curing of a rattlesnake's
bite, or the tear of a grizzly bear's claw,
in preference to the most accomplished
surgeon. Old Rube, in particular, tho-
roughly understood the simple pharma-
copia of the prairies; and his
application to my wounds of the
sap of the *piñon* plant, obtained
among the rocks of the ravine, bespoke
his skill. This plant, a bromelia, is of
the same genus as the *Agave Americana*,
and by travellers often confounded with
the latter, though quite a distinct plant
from the *maquey* of cultivation. It grows
in most parts of Mexico and South
America, extending as far north as the
latitude of 30°, and even further.
There is no spot too arid or barren to
give support to it. It is a true desert
plant; and even on the naked rock, its
curved and thorny blades may be seen
radiating on all sides from the tall
flower-stalk, that shoots upward like a
signal-staff to the height of twenty feet.
As already observed, its uses are manifold:
the fibre of its leaves can be manu-
factured into thread, cordage, and cloth;
fences are constructed of the growing
plant, and that of the blades when
cut; its sap, distilled, furnishes the
fiery but not unwholesome mezcal;
and the large egg-shaped
core or stem is eaten for food.
Tribes of Indians—Lipans, Comanches,
and Apaches—use it extensively as an
article of diet. One branch of the great
Apache nation are distinguished as
"Mezcaleros" (eaters of the mezcal plant).
They bake it in the ground-ovens of
heated stones, along with the flesh of the
wild horse. It is firm when cooked,
with a translucent appearance like can-
died fruits. I have eaten it; it is palatable
—I might say delicious. The mastication
of it is accompanied by a picking
sensation upon the tongue, singular to
one unaccustomed to it. It is a gift of
nature to the desert regions, where it
grows in greatest luxuriance, and where
it serves the same purpose in the eco-
nomy of the savage natives as the *ixias*
mesebryanthemum, and *zamia* (the
Cafre bread,) upon the arid karoo of
South Africa.

One of the most esteemed qualities of
this bromelia is the cauterizing property
of its juice, well known to the natives of
the Mexican table-land, and to the
Peruvians, where several species are
found of like virtues. It will cause
ordinary wounds to cicatrize in a few
hours, and even "ugly gashes" will
yield to it in time.

My companions had full knowledge of
its effects, and having extracted the sap
from its large succulent leaves, and
boiled it to the consistency of honey,
they applied it to my wounds. This
operation they from time to time repeated,
and the scratches were healed in a
period marvellously short. My strength,
too, was soon restored. Garey with his
gun catered for the cuisine, and the
ruffed grouse, the prairie partridge, and
roasted ribs of fresh venison, were dainties
even to an invalid.

In three days I was strong enough to
mount; and bidding adieu to our camp-
ground, we set forth, taking with us
our beautiful captive. He was still as
wild as a deer; but we adopted precau-
tions to prevent him from getting off.
The trappers led him between them,
secured to the saddles of both by a lazo.

We did not return in the di-
rection of our old trail; my com-
panions knew a shorter route, at least
one upon which we should sooner reach
water, and that is the most important
consideration on a prairie journey. We
headed in a most westerly direction; in
which, by keeping in a straight line, we
should strike the Rio Grande some dis-
tance above the rancheria.

The sky was leaden-grey, the sun not
being visible, and with no guide in the
heavens, we knew that we might easily
diverge from a direct course. To pro-
vide against this, my companions had
recourse to a compass of their own inven-
tion. On taking our departure from the
camp, a sapling was stuck into the
ground, and upon the top of this was
adjusted a piece of bear's-skin, which,
with the long hair upon it, could be dis-
tinguished at the distance of a mile or
more. The direction having been deter-
mined upon, another wand, similarly
garnished with a tuft of bear's-skin, was
set up several hundred yards distant from
the first.

Turning our backs upon these signal-
posts, we rode off with perfect confidence,
glancing back at intervals to make sure
we were keeping the track. So long as

they remained in sight, and aligned with
each other, we could not otherwise than
keep a straight path. It was an ingeni-
ous contrivance, but it was not the first
time I had been witness to the "instincts"
of my trapper-friends, and therefore I
was not astonished.

When the black tufts were well-nigh
hidden from view, a similar pair—the
materials for which had been brought
along—were erected, and these insured
our direction for another stretch of a
mile; then fresh saplings were planted,
and so on, till we had passed over some
six miles of the plain.

We now came in sight of timber right
ahead of us, and apparently about five
miles distant. Towards this we directed
our course.

We reached the timber about noon, and
found it to consist of black-jack and post-
oak groves, with mezquite and wild-china
trees interspersed, and here and there
some taller trees of the honey locust
(*Gleditsia triacanthos*).

It was not a close forest, but a suc-
cession of groves with openings between
—avenues and grassy glades. There
were many pleasant spots, and faint with
the ride, I would have chosen one of
them for a resting place; but there was
no water, and without water we could
not halt. A short distance further, and
we should reach a stream—a small
arroyo, an affluent of the Rio Grande.
So promised my companions and we rode
ward.

After passing a mile or so through
the timber-openings, we came out on the
edge of a prairie of considerable extent.
It was full three miles in diameter, and
differed altogether from the plain we
had left behind us. It was of the kind
known in hunter phraseology as a
"weed-prairie," that is instead of
having a grassy turf, its surface
was covered with a thick growth
of flowering-plants, as *helianthus*, *malvas*,
altheas, *hibiscus*, and other tall annuals
standing side by side, and frequently
laced together by wild-pea vines and
various specimens of convolvulus. Such
a flower-prairie was the one now before
us, but not a flower was in sight; they
had all bloomed, faded, and fallen, per-
haps, unseen by human eye, and the
withered stalks, burned by a hot sun,
looked brown and forbidding. They
cracked and broke at the slightest touch,
shelling their seed-pods like rain upon
the loose earth.

Instead of striking across this prairie,
we skirted around its edge; and, at no
great distance, arrived on the banks of
the arroyo which ran along one side.

We had made but a short march; but
my companions fearful that a long ride
might bring on fever, proposed to en-
camp there for the night, and finish our
journey on the following day. Though I
felt strong enough to have gone further,
I made no objection to the proposal; and
our horses were at once unsaddled and
picketed near the banks of the arroyo.

TO BE CONTINUED.

A Smart Horse.

Our New York contemporary *Turf, Field, and Farm*, describes the wonder-
ful career of a "fire" horse which,
for sagacity, almost rivals that of the
famous London "fire" dog of bygone
days:—"Old Charlie, a grey horse be-
longing to the fire department in Vir-
ginia City, Nev., contracted an attack
of rheumatism, which temporarily
disabled him from his accustomed duty
in work enough during his years of
faithful service, and the department
concluded to part with him. He was
passed through several hands, and was
finally sold to the owner of a furni-
ture wagon. Meanwhile he had recov-
ered the use of his limbs, and began to
prove a very useful animal to his new
owner. Three days after doing his
duty in his new occupation, the wagon
was loaded with furniture from the
auction store, and was
ready to start when an alarm of
fire was sounded. Charlie pricked up
his ears, and listening to the sound for
a moment to discover the direction of
the fire, dashed off at full speed,
scattering the furniture from one side
of the street to the other. He reached
the scene of conflagration before the
position hose-cart, and with a self-
satisfied air backed the furniture-wagon
in his accustomed manner to the
fireplug. His successor arrived soon
after with the old hose-cart, the boys at
once recognizing Old Charlie. It is
well-nigh to say the faithful animal was
re-purchased by the department, and
that Charlie in his old quarters re-
ceived quite an ovation. He is still in
the service.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal
Manning, the Earl of Shaftesbury, Dean
Bradley, and Canon Liddan and Farrar
are in communication with each other on
a scheme for organizing a conference or com-
mittee of calling public meetings through-
out the country to raise a fund for the
relief of homeless Jewish families in Russia
and to facilitate their emigration. A
prominent Israelite has volunteered to head
a subscription list with £10,000, and con-
siders £1,000,000 necessary to carry out the
project.