

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER XCIV.

THE COUNCIL IN SESSION.

THE situation into which I had chanced, could not have been better had I deliberately chosen it.

What was of equal importance, I could see without being seen. Along the edge of the copse there extended a narrow belt of the shadow, similar to that which had favored me while in the channel, and produced by a like cause, for the stream and the selvedge of the grove were parallel to each other.

I could not have been better placed for my purpose. I saw the advantage of the position, and resolved, therefore, to abide upon it.

The observations and reflections thus given in detail occupied me but a few minutes of time. Thought is quick, and at that crisis mine was more than usually on the alert.

I saw there was but one way to proceed—my original scheme must be carried out; under so many eyes, there was not the slightest chance that the captive could be stolen away—she must be taken openly, and by a bold stroke.

The question arose, when should I make the attempt? At that moment? She was not ten paces from where I stood! Could I rush forward, and with my knife set free her limbs? Might we then get off before the savages could fling themselves upon us?

Hopeless—impossible. She was too near them—she was too near the renegade who claimed her as his property. He was standing almost over her—within the distance of a single leap.

I remembered Rube's last word of counsel, not to act too hastily; and his reasons, that if I must make a "desperate strike for it," to leave the grand coup to the last moment.

Under the influence of this idea I checked my impatience, and waited. I watched Hisso-rozo—I watched the squatted forms around the fire—I watched straggling groups behind them—in turns my eyes wandered from one to the other.

At intervals they rested upon Isolina. Up to this moment, I had not seen her countenance. I saw only the reverse of that beautiful image so deeply graven upon my heart.

It pleased fortune to smile upon me. So many little incidents were occurring in my favor, that I began to believe the facts propitious, and my hopes of success were growing stronger apace.

There was no mark on that fair brow—that soft cheek was without a scar—the delicate skin was intact, smooth and diaphanous as ever.

Perhaps something had occurred to interrupt or hinder him from his horrid work? Would that the matador had met with a similar interruption! I could not tell—those profuse clusters covered all—neck, bosom and shoulders were under the dark dishevelment.

I could not tell, but I did not dare to hope Cyprilo had seen the blood! It was but a momentary glance, and her face was again turned away.

It might not be—she was too closely watched. Jealous eyes were upon her—savage hearts were gloating over her beauty. No word could have reached her that would not have been heard by others—by all around the fire—for the silence was profound. The "council" had not yet assayed to speak.

The stillness was at length broken by the voice of a crier, who in a shrill tone proclaimed that the "council was in session."

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Laird: 'Donald I took particular notice of the road from Traig to Morar, and found it up-hill all the way; and I am now taking particular notice of the road from Morar to Traig, and I find it more up-hill than from Traig to Morar.' Donald: 'Aye, Laird, that's joost it.'

An old lady who does not believe in the co-education of the sexes was rejoiced the other day to find that, although the boys and girls in a large seminary seemed to be playing some sort of a game together, the school authorities had wisely hung a long net between them.

Scene—Drill ground of volunteers, Campbelltown. Celtic sergeant (calling the roll): 'Dugald M'Alpine,' Dugald (very loudly): 'Here! Celtic sergeant: 'Yes, you said that last week, but who saw't you—your's always here if I tak your own word for it, but you cry "here" whether ye pe here or no—ferry bad habit, sir.'

David Crockett used to say of the late Philip Home, with whom he was in Congress, that he was the 'perilitest' man he ever knew—'Cause why?' said the colonel 'he allus put his bottle on the sideboard before he asks you to drink, and then turns his back so as not to see how much you take! This adds the colonel, 'is what I call "real perilitiness."'

Apropos of the 'Scotch Sermon' heresy case, a friend reminds us of the following lines of our national poet:—

'This day the Kirk kicks up a stour. Nae mair the kuaives shall wrang her, For heresy is in her power, And gloriously she'll whang her Wi' pith this day.'

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Superintendent Burns, of Chillicothe, thus disposes of the word "boy" in a grammatical way: Boy is a noun, and singular; and is very singular if a boy cannot find other boys. The word boy is said to be monosyllabic, the boy himself is polysyllabic,—very. The word boy is a primary word, the boy is a derivative. The word boy is found in the original. Emerson says a boy is 'a quotation from all his ancestors.' The boy's big sister about 8 o'clock in the evening finds him the objective case, and thinks he should be sent to bed. Speaking of the relations it might sustain and the ways it could be governed, he remarked that the boy himself was generally sustained by his relations, and seldom governed at all.

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