

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER XXVII.—(CONTINUED.)

The man pointed to the scene of our accidental rencontre. "He was going yonder," said he, "he went among the trees—I saw him no more."

This intelligence evidently increased the astonishment of all. They could not comprehend why Wakono should be upon the ground, and yet not come forward to assert his claim. Had he abandoned it altogether?

The father of the claimant appeared as much puzzled as any one. He made no attempt to explain the absence of his son. He could not. He stood silent, and evidently in a state of mystification.

Several now suggested that a search be made for the absent warrior. It was proposed to send messengers throughout the camp—to search the grove.

My blood ran cold as I listened to the proposal, my knees trembled beneath me. I knew that if the grove should be searched, I would have no chance of remaining longer concealed. The dress of Wakono was conspicuous—I saw that there was none other like it—no other wore a robe of jaguar skins, and this would betray me. Even the paint could not avail, I should be led into the firelight. The counterfeit would be easily detected. I should be butchered upon the spot—perhaps tortured for my treatment of the true Wakono, which would soon become known.

My apprehensions had reached the climax of acuteness, when they were suddenly relieved by some words from the Spanish Wolf.

"Why search for Wakono?" cried he, "Wakono knows his own name? it has been called, and loud enough Wakono has ears—surely he can hear for himself; if he is in the camp. Call him again, if you will!"

This proposition appeared reasonable. It was adopted, and the eric once more summoned the young chief by name.

The voice, as all perceived, could have been heard to the farthest bounds of the camp, and far beyond.

An interval was allowed, during which there reigned perfect silence, every one bending his ear to listen. There came no answer—no Wakono appeared to the summons.

"Now," triumphantly exclaimed the renegade, "is it not as I said? Warriors! I demand your judgment."

There was no immediate reply. A long pause followed, during which no one spoke—either in the circle, or among the spectators.

At length the oldest of the council rose—lit the calumet, and after taking a whiff from the tube, handed it to the Indian seated on his left. This one in like manner passed it to the next, and he to the next, until the pipe had made the circuit of the fire, and was returned to the old warrior who had first smoked from it. The latter now laid aside the pipe, and in a formal manner, but in a voice inaudible to the spectators, proposed the question. The vote was taken in rotation, and was also delivered *sotto voce*. The judgment only was pronounced aloud.

The decision was singular, and somewhat unexpected. The jury had been moved by a strong bearing towards equity, and an amicable adjustment, that might prove acceptable to all parties.

The horse was adjudged to Wakono—the maiden was declared the property of the Spanish Wolf!

CHAPTER XXVIII,

A ROUGH COURTSHIP.

THE decision appeared to give satisfaction to all. A grim smile upon his face testified that the renegade himself was pleased. How could it be otherwise? He had certainly the best of the suit, for what was a beautiful horse to a beautiful woman, and such a woman?

Even the white haired chief seemed satisfied—perhaps, of the two the old savage jockey preferred the horse? It might have been different had Wakono been upon the ground. It was much mistaken if he would so tamely have acquiesced in the decision.

Yes, the renegade was satisfied—more than that, he was rejoiced. His bearing bespoke his consciousness of the possession of a rare and much coveted thing. He was unable to conceal the gratification he felt, and with an air of triumph and exultation he approached the spot where the captive sat.

As soon as the sentence was pronounced the Indians, who had been seated, rose to their feet. The council was dismissed. Some of the members strolled off on their own business, others remained by the great fire, mixing among their comrades, no longer with the solemn gravity of councillors, but chatting, laughing, shouting, and gesticulating as glibly and gaily as if they had been so many French dancing masters.

The trial and its objects appeared to be at once forgotten. Neither plaintiff, defendant, nor cause seemed any longer to occupy the thoughts of any one. The horse had been delivered to a friend of Wakono; the maiden to Hisoo-rozo, and the thing was settled and over.

Perhaps, here and there some young brave, with a pain in his heart, may have bent wistful glances upon the lovely captive. No doubt, there were many who looked with envious thoughts upon Hisoo-rozo and his fortunes.

After the verdict was over by the

terfere—no one seemingly took any interest either in the renegade or his pale-faced squaw. They were left to themselves.

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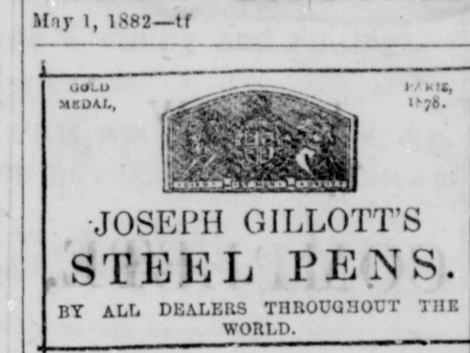
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