

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER C.—(CONTINUED.)

At that instant I perceived a horseman making along the foot of the hill as if to intercept me. He was dashing, furiously though the thicket that skirted the base of the declivity. I could hear the bushes rattling against the flanks of his horse. He was evidently making all the haste in his power, at the same time aiming to keep concealed from the view of any one upon the plain.

I recognized my horse, and upon his back the thin lank form of the earless trapper.

We met the moment after at the point were the thicket ended. Without a word passing between us, both simultaneously flung ourselves to the ground, exchanged horses, and remounted. Thank heaven! Moro was at last between my knees.

"Now, young fellow!" cried the trapper, as I parted from him, "gallop like durnation, an' kitch up wi' her!—we'll soon be arter en yer trail—away then—away!"

I needed no prompting from Rube. His speech was not finished before a lhad sprung my horse forward, and was going like the wind.

I was only then that I could comprehend why the horse had been changed—a ruse—it was an afterthought of the cunning trapper! Had I mounted my own conspicuous steed by the camp, the Indians would in all probability have suspected something, and continued the pursuit. It was the spotted mustang that had enabled me to carry out the counterfeits!

I had now beneath me a horse I could depend upon; and with renewed vigor I bent myself to the chase. For the third time the white and black stallions were to make trial of their speed—for the third time was it to be a struggle between those noble creatures. Would the struggle be hard and long? Would Moro again be defeated? Such were my thoughts as I swept onward in pursuit.

I rode in silence. I scarce drew breath, so keen were my apprehensions about the result. A long start had the prairie-horse; my delay had thrown me far behind him—nearly a mile. But for the friendly light, I should have lost sight of him altogether; but the plain was open, the moon shining brightly, and the snow-white form, like a meteor, beckoned me onward.

I had not galloped far before perceiving that I rapidly gained upon the steed. Surely he was not running at his fleetest? Surely he was going more slowly than was his wont?

Oh, could his rider but know who was coming after! Could she but hear me! I would have called, but the distance was still to great—she could not have even heard my shouts—how could she distinguish my voice?

I galloped in silence. I was gaining—constantly and rapidly gaining. Surely I was drawing nearer, or were my eyes playing false under the light of the moon?

I fancied that the steed was running heavily—slowly and heavily—as if he was laboring in the race. I fancied—no, it was no fancy—I was sure of it! Beyond a doubt, he was not going at his swiftest speed!

What could it mean? Was he broken by fatigue?

Still nearer and nearer I came, until scarce three hundred yards appeared between us. I fancied that my shouts might be heard, that my voice—I called aloud—I called the name of my betrothed, coupling it with my own; but no answer came back—no sign of recognition to cheer me.

The ground that now lay between us favored a race-course speed; and I was about putting my horse to his full stretch, when, to my astonishment, I saw the steed stagger forward, and fall headlong to the earth!

It did not check my career, and in a few seconds more I was upon the spot, and halting over horse and rider, still prostrate, I flung myself from the saddle and drew nearer. Isolina had now disengaged herself, and risen to her feet. With her right hand clasping the red knife, she stood confronting me.

"Savage! approach me not!" she cried, in the Comanche tongue, and with a gesture that told me her determination.

"Isolina, I am not it!"

"Henri."

No words interrupted that wild embrace. No sound could be heard save that made by our hearts, as they throbbed closely together.

Silently I stood upon the plain, with my betrothed in arms. Moro was by our side, proudly curving his neck and chafing the steel between his foaming lips. At our feet lay the prairie-horse, with a barb in his heart and the feathered shaft pointing from his side. His eyes were fixed and glassy. Blood still ran from his spread nostrils, but his beautiful limbs were motionless in death!

Dark horsemen were seen approaching the spot. We did not attempt to flee from them. I recognized my followers.

We looked back over the plain. There were no signs of pursuit, but for all that we did not tarry there. We knew not how soon the Indians might be after us. The friends of Hissio rozo might start forth upon the trail of Wakonah. It was near daybreak when

we halted to rest, and then only after the prairie had been fired behind us.

We found shelter in a pretty grove of acacias, and a grassy turf on which to repose. My wearied followers soon fell asleep.

I slept not. I watched over the slumbers of my betrothed. Her beautiful head rested upon my knees—her soft, damask cheek was pillowed upon the robe of jaguar skins, and my eyes rested upon it; the thick tresses had fallen aside, and I saw—

The matador, too, had been merciful, or had gold bribed him from his cruel intent? No matter which, he had failed in the fiendish duty. There, in full entirety, were those delicate organs perfect—complete. I saw but the trifling scar, where the gold-circlet had been rudely plucked—the source of that red hemorrhage that had been seen by Cyprio!

I was too happy to sleep. * * * It was our last night upon the prairies. Before the setting of another sun, we had crossed the Rio grande, and arrived in the camp of our army. Under the broad, protecting wings of the American eagle, my betrothed could repose in safety until that blissful when—

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