

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER LVI—(CONTINUED.)

I rode into the patio. The court was lit up by the glare of the fire. It presented a picture of ruin. Rich furniture was scattered about in the veranda and over the pavement, broken or tumbled down. I called her name—the name of Don Ramon. Loudly and earnestly did I raise my voice, but echo gave the only reply.

I dismounted, and rushed into the veranda, still vociferating, but still without receiving a response. I hurried from room to room—from *cuarto* to *sala*—from *sala* to *salon*—up to the *azotea*—everywhere—even to the *capilla* in the rear. The moonbeams gleamed upon the altar, but no human form was there. The whole house was deserted; the domestics—even the women of the *cocina*—had disappeared. My horse and I seemed the only living things within those walls—for my followers had remained outside with their prisoners.

A sudden hope gleamed across my heart. Perhaps they had taken my counsel, and gone off before the mob appeared! Heaven grant it might be so!

I rushed out to question the captives. They should know, both men and women; they could certainly tell me.

A glance showed me I was too late to receive information from the men. A large *pecan* tree stood at one corner of the building. The firelight glared upon it; from its branches hung six human forms with drooping heads, and feet far from the earth. They had just ceased to live!

One told me that the herdero was among them, and also the cruel metador. Pedro had identified both. The others were *pelados* of the town, who had borne part in the affair of the day. Their judges had made quick work, and equally quick had been the ceremony of execution. Lazos had been reeved over the limbs of the *pecan*, and with these all six had been jerked up without shriek or prayer!

It was not revenge for which I panted. I turned to the women; many of these had made off, but there were still a dozen or more in the hands of the men. They looked haggard with drink; some sullen, and some terrified. They had reason to be afraid.

In answer to my questions, they shook their heads, but gave me no information. Some remained doggedly silent; others denied all knowledge of Don Ramon or his daughter. Threats had no effect. They either knew not, or feared to tell what had befallen them. O heaven! could it be the latter?

I was turning away angered and despairing, when my eyes fell upon a figure that seemed to skulk under the shadow of the walls. A shout of joy escaped as I recognized the boy *Cyprio*; he was just emerging from his place of concealment.

"Cyprio!" I cried.

"Si, señor," answered he, advancing rapidly to where I stood.

"Tell me, Cyprio, where they are gone—where—where?"

"Carrai, señor! these bad men have carried the *dueno* away; I do not know whither."

"The *caallera*? the *senora*?"

"Oh! *caallero*, *es una cosa espantosa!*" (It is a terrible thing.)

"Quick, tell me all! Quickly, Cyprio!"

"Senor, there came men with black masks, who broke into the house and carried off the master; then they dragged out *Dona Isolina* into the patio! *Ay de mi!* I cannot tell you what they did before—*pobre senorita!* There was blood running down her neck and all over her breast: she was not dressed, and I could see it. Some went to the *caballeriza*, and led out the white horse—the steed that was brought from *lanos*. Upon his back they bound *Dona Isolina*. *Valga me dios!* such a sight!"

"Go on!"

"Then, señor, they led the horse across the river, and out to the plain beyond. All went along, to see the sport, as they said—*ay de mi!* such sport! I did not go, for they beat and threatened to kill me; but I saw all from the hill-top, where I had hidden myself in the bushes. *O Santisima Maria!*"

"Go on!"

"The señor, they stuck *cohetes* in the hips of the horse, and set them on fire, and pulled off the bridle, and the steed went off, with fire-rockets after him, and *Dona Isolina* tied down upon his back—*pobre senorita!* I could see the horse till he was far, far away upon the *llano*, and then I could see him no more. *Dios de mi alma!* *La linda esta perdida!*" (Alas the young lady is lost.)

"Some water! Rub! Garey! friends—water! water!"

I made an attempt to reach the fountain in the patio; but, after staggering dizzily a pace or two, my strength failed me, and I fell fainting to the earth.

TO BE CONTINUED.

A gentleman who has just returned from Winnipeg says that farmers and others going into Manitoba this spring should leave their wives and children here till summer, as it is almost impossible to find a place to stop at. Another gentleman went through Toronto on his way from New York, taking with him 200 large tents to sell to the settlers in the North West. He says there will be very little accommodation in the spring.

CLIPPINGS.

THE CHINESE GIANT.—The largest man in the world is said to be Chang, the Chinese giant, who has been exhibited in New York. He is thirty-three years old, and is the son of a wealthy silk and tea merchant in Peking. He speaks, reads and writes English, German, French, Italian, and Spanish. He is nine feet high. He was exhibited before the crowned heads of Europe, and Australia. The Emperor of Russia presented him with a diamond ring, and Queen Victoria, a watch which weighs two pounds and a half, and whose chain is nine feet long.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.—There is but one mechanic buried in Westminster Abbey. His name was Graham, and he was a clock-maker. He made exact astronomy possible by his great improvements in time pieces. He invented the dead-beat escapement and the gridiron compensating pendulum, and he was the first to make clocks that would run for many days without winding. Graham was also a maker of great quadrants and instruments of that sort. His funeral was attended by all the members of the Royal Society.

A Dog.—This story is told of a San Francisco dog named General. His wonderful performances were admired by everybody who knew him. It was General's custom every morning to take a ten-cent-piece wrapped up in paper to an adjoining butcher's shop, in return for which he obtained a chunk of beef for his breakfast, first carrying it however, to his master. One day the butcher intentionally failed to give the dog his meat after taking his money. The dog remained there patiently for some time, but finally trotted off. The next day the dog took his paper and ten-cent-piece to another butcher's shop, and positively refused ever after to patronize the man who had cheated him.

WEDDING CUSTOMS.—In Sweden a bride has her pockets filled with bread. It is supposed that every piece she gives to the poor on her way to church averts some misfortune. In Norway the bride herself hands around strong drinks, that all the company may drink long life to her, and the wedding festivities last some days. In Liburnia, it is the custom of the bride to retire from the table before the end of the dinner, and to throw over the brides' grooms' house a hard cake made of coarse flour; the higher she throws it the happier she will be. In Circassia, there are always set upon the carpet in one of the rooms in bridegroom's house a vessel of wine and a plate of dough; and the first thing the bride does on entering, is to kick over the wine and scatter the dough with her hands about the room. This is supposed to bring good luck.

WHERE THINGS CAME FROM.—Naturalists assert that cabbages grew wild in Siberia; celery originated in Germany; the potato is a native of Peru; the onion originated in Egypt; tobacco was a native of South America; millet was first discovered in India; the nettle is a native of Europe; the citron of Asia; oats originated in North Africa; rye came from Siberia; parsley was discovered in Sardinia; the parsnip is a native of Arabia; the sun flower was brought from Peru; spinach was cultivated in Arabia; the horse-chestnut is a native of Thibet; the quince came from the Island of Crete; the pear is supposed to be of Egyptian origin; the horse-radish came from the south of Europe.

BROTHER JONATHAN.—The origin of this term is said to have arisen as follows: When General Washington, after being appointed commander of the Revolutionary army, went to Massachusetts to organize it, he found a great want of ammunition and the means of defence. Jonathan Trumbull was then the governor of the State of Connecticut, and the general, placing the greatest reliance on Mr. Trumbull's judgment, remarked: "We must consult Brother Jonathan on the subject." He did so, and the governor supplied many of the wants of the army; and thereafter—when difficulties arose, and the army was spread over the country—it became a by-phrase, "We must consult Brother Jonathan." And the name has now become a designation for the whole country, as John Bull has for England.

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