

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER XIX.

A PRAIRIE DREAM.

There was no hope of crossing in the darkness. The barranca was here deeper than at any point above; so deep that I could but indistinctly see the rocky boulders at its bottom. Perhaps with the daylight I might be able to find a crossing place; but from that doubtful hypothesis I derived little consolation.

I had now grown quite dark, and I had no choice but to pass the night where I was, though I anticipated a night of torture.

I dropped to the ground, and having led my horse a few rods into the prairie, so as to keep him clear of the precipice, I relieved him of his saddle and bridle, and left him to browse to the full length of the lazo. For myself, I had but few preparations to make; there was no supper to be cooked; but eating was a matter of secondary importance on that occasion. I should have preferred a cup of cold water to a roast turkey.

I had but few implements to dispose of in my temporary camp. My rifle and hunting knife, with horn and pouch, and the double-headed gourd, which served as water canteen, and which, alas! had been emptied at an early hour in the day. Fortunately my Mexican blanket was buckled on the croupe. This I unstrapped, and having enveloped myself in its ample folds, and paced my head in the hollow of my saddle, I composed myself as well as I could, in the hope of falling asleep.

For a long time this luxury was denied me. The torture of thirst will rob one of sleep as effectually as the stinging pain of toothache. I turned, and turned again, glancing at the moon; she was visible only at intervals, as black clouds were coursing across the canopy; but when she shone out, her light caused the little lake to shine like a sheet of silver. Oh! how that bright water mocked me with its wavy ripple! I could comprehend the sufferings of Tantalus. I thought at the time that the gods could not have devised a more exquisite torture for the royal Lydian.

After some time, the pain of thirst was less intensely felt. Perhaps the cold damp air of night had the effect of relieving it; but it is more likely that fatigue and long endurance had rendered the sense less acute. Whatever may have been the cause, I suffered less, and felt myself yielding to sleep. There was no sound to keep me awake: perfect stillness reigned around; even the usual howling bark of the prairie wolf did not reach my ear. The place seemed too lonely for this almost ubiquitous night-prowler. The only sign of life that told me I was not alone was the occasional stroke of my steed's hoof upon the hard turf, and the "crop-crop" that told me he was busy with the short buffalo grass. But these were soothing sounds, as they admonished me that my faithful companion was enjoying himself after his hard gallop, and strengthened my desire for repose.

I slept, but not lightly. No; my sleep was heavy, and full of troubled dreams. I have a sort of half belief that the role we play in these dream-scenes wear the body as much as if we enacted it in reality. I have often awaked from such visions feeble from fatigue. If such be the fact, during that night upon the prairie, I went through the toils of the preceding day, with considerable additions. First of all, I was in the presence of a lovely woman; she was dark-eyed, dark-haired—a brunette—a beauty. I traced the features of Isolina. I gazed in her eyes; I was happy in her smiles; I fancied I was beloved. Bright objects were around me. The whole scene was rose-color.

This was a short episode; it was interrupted. I heard shouts and savage yells. Looked out; the house was surrounded by Indians! They were already within the enclosure; and the moment after, crowds of them entered the house. There was much struggling and confusion. I battled with such arms as I could lay hold of; several fell before me; but one—a tall savage, the chief as I thought—threw his arms around my mistress, and carried her away out of my sight.

I remember now how I got mounted; but I was upon horseback, and galloping over the wide prairie in pursuit of the ravisher. I could see the savage ahead upon a snow-white steed, with Isolina in his arms. I urged my horse with voice and spur, but, as I thought, for long, long hours in vain. The white steed still kept far in the advance; and I could come no nearer him. I thought the savage had changed his form. He was no longer an Indian chief, but the fiend himself; I saw the horns upon his head; his feet were cloven hoofs! I thought he was luring me to the brink of some fell precipice, and I had no longer the power to stay my horse. Ha! The demon and his phantom-horse have gone over the cliff! They have carried her along with them! I must follow—I cannot remain behind. I am on the brink. My steed springs over the chasm. I am falling—falling—falling!

I reach the rocks at length. I am not killed; how strange I am not crushed! But no; I still live. Yet I suffer. Thirst chokes and tortures me; my heart and brain are aching, and my tongue is on fire. The sound of water is in my ears; a torrent rushes by, near me. If I could only reach it, I might drink and live; but I cannot move; I am chained to the

rocks. I grasp one after another, and endeavor to drag myself along; I partially succeed; but oh, what efforts I make. The labor exhausts my strength. I renew my exertions. I am gaining ground: rock after rock is passed. I have neared the rushing water; I feel its cold spray sprinkling me. I am saved!

After such fashion ran my dream. It was the shadow of a reality, somewhat disorganized; but the most pleasant reality was that which awoke me. I found myself in the process of being sprinkled, not by the spray of a torrent, but by a plashing shower from the clouds! Under other circumstances, this might have been less welcome, but now I hailed it with a shout of joy. The thunder was rolling almost continuously; lightning blazed at short intervals; and I could hear the roar of a torrent passing down the barranca.

To assuage thirst was my first thought; and for this purpose, I stretched out my concave palms, and held my mouth wide open, thus drinking from the very fountains of the sky. Though the drops fell thick and heavy, the process was too slow, and a better plan suggested itself. I knew that my serape was waterproof; it was one of the best of Parras fabric, and had cost me an hundred silver dollars. This I spread to its full extent, pressing the central parts into a hollow of the prairie. In five minutes' time, I had forgotten what thirst was, and wondered how such a thing should have caused me so much torture!

More drunk from the same "trough," and betook himself to the grass again. The under side of the blanket was still dry, and the patch of ground which it had sheltered. Along this I stretched myself, drew the serape over me; and after listening a while to the loud lullaby of the thunder, fell fast asleep.

TO BE CONTINUED.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 3. A Treasury minute has been issued including occupying tenants in Ireland, among those authorized to borrow money from the Government for improvements.

LONDON, Jan. 3. The Standard's Paris special says trustworthy information confirms the inference that unless the French make more liberal proposals, there is no hope of a commercial treaty with England.

DUBLIN, Jan. 3. The President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Ladies League at Roscommon have been arrested. The three ladies arrested at Dreen-collogher have been liberated on bail.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31. During 1881 there arrived at this port from foreign countries 6,929 vessels, of which 1,953 were steamers; coastwise arrivals from eastern parts were 8,272 including 211 steamers; and from southern parts 3,722 vessels, including 1,185 steamers.

BRADFORD, PENN., Jan. 1. The large frame boarding house of Garrett Abois, near Risikburg, N. Y., was destroyed by fire this morning. Gas from oil well was used as fuel in the cooking stove, and an unexpected pressure set the kitchen on fire. Mrs. Abois was sick upstairs. Her husband, who is seventy years old, was awakened by the smoke and discovered the entire rear part of the building in flames. Seizing his wife he carried her out and laid her down in the snow in her nightclothes. He then went back to awaken three children who were sleeping in a rear room up-stairs, but could not reach them. There were two girls, aged respectively, 13 and 11 years, and a boy aged 10 years. Their legs, arms, and heads were burned off, and the trunks blackened and charred. Several persons down stairs were also dangerously burned in making their escape. The physicians think that Mrs. Abois will die from exposure in the snow. Mr. Abois is nearly insane with grief.

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