

RESCUED FROM INDIANS.

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Among the first settlers west of the Allegheny river was a man, with his family, consisting of his wife and two daughters, of the name of Thornburg. A home was established a little north of the central part of Ohio, and after a year or two their habitation showed the evidences of taste and industry which always characterizes the advance of civilization.

One day, after the sun had passed the meridian some three hours, two Indians crept stealthily out of the woods which bordered the house lot. One of the red faced devils was the young warrior before mentioned; the other a tool in his hands to assist in stealing and carrying away the young pale-face, of whom he had become enamored.

Thornburg met the excited child, who was screaming lustily for help, and without stopping to arm himself further than with the axe which he had in his hand, he plunged into the woods with the desperation of a madman, in the direction pointed out by the child as the one which the Indians had taken.

The Indians apparently discovered that they were pursued by a single man, and he without firearms, so they deliberately bound Agnes hand and foot, and awaited the onset. Thornburg advanced to within about ten feet of the party, and by command of Agnes, came to a dead halt.

Agnes begged of her father not to attempt to rescue her by force, as it would only result in his death and multiply her sufferings, and at her request he laid down the axe and lifted up his empty hands to signify his purpose not to make an attack. Leadings were made for restoration by father and daughter as well as could be by signs, and the use of what few words they understood in the Indian tongue; but the young warrior shook his head and flourished his tomahawk in a manner which signified that Agnes should go with him, and the old man must die.

Little Elnor did not return to the house after telling her father of the capture of Agnes, but ran through the bridle-path to the home of Alfred Culver, to tell the story there. Young Culver received the intelligence with distended mouth and staring eyes, but soon regained his senses, and strapping on his rifle and putting a big knife in his hunting belt, struck out alone in pursuit of the demons who were bearing away his idol, vowing, while he clutched lightly the handle of his knife, that he would never return without her.

As the first glimmer of dawn stole over the eastern horizon, Alfred awoke a little of the bread and crumbled venison which he had wisely taken along, and as soon as he could possibly make the trail pushed on with renewed vigor. Just before sunrise he came upon Thornburg, lashed to the tree and after cutting the thongs, learned the story of the father's adventure. The old gentleman from his twelve hours in a position but little better than the rack of the inquisition, was utterly unable to follow the trail with young Culver, and so determined to work his way homeward as best he could.

Early in the forenoon young Culver came to the spot where the Indians and the fair captive had spent a portion of the night, and while making a close examination of the spot to determine as accurately as possible how long since they had left, he found written on the surface of a flat stone the following:

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