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Poor House Business.

The Directors of the Poor meet at the Poor House on the 2d Tuesday of each month.

BENEDICT & CO.,
BANKERS,
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Collections and remittances promptly made. Interest allowed on time deposits. jan23-1y.

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Practicing Physician,
Belleville, Mifflin County, Pa.
DR. DAHLEN has been appointed an Examining Surgeon for Pensions. Soldiers requiring examination will find him at his office in Belleville.
Belleville, August 22, 1866.-y

H. M. DUNMIRE,
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DR. S. G. McLAUGHLIN,
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OFFERS his professional services to the citizens of Lewistown and vicinity. All in want of good, neat work will do well to give him a call.
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THE BEST. TERMS LIBERAL.
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Lewistown, April 24, 1867-tf

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Lewistown, March 13, 1867—tf.

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mar20-10m WM. T. HOPKINS.

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Removed.
CHARLES W. GIBBS,
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WHAT'S ALL THIS?
Why the Grain Business is Revived at McCoy's Old Stand.
THE undersigned, having rented the large and commodious Warehouses formerly occupied by Frank McCoy, esq., is now prepared to purchase or receive and forward
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for which he will pay market prices. Also, he will keep for sale, SALT, PLASTER, COAL and FISH.
He returns thanks to all his old customers for their former patronage, and shall feel grateful for a renewal of past business relations.
Merchants will find it to their advantage to give him a call. [mar14-y] WILLIAM WILLIS.

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Are superior to all others for
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Contain all the latest improvements; are speedy noiseless; durable; and easy to work.
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To the Voters of Central Penna
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Look at the Prices, get some of the goods, and compare with all others, and you will be satisfied that you get the worth of your money at Frysinger's.
Frysinger's Spun Roll only $1.00 per pound.
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And other Plug Tobacco at 40 and 50 cts. per lb.
Cut and Dry, 40 and 50 cts. Granulated Tobaccos at 50 cts., 60 cts., 80 cts., $1.00, $1.20, and $1.50 per lb.
Fine-Cut chewing, at $1.40 and $1.20.
Cigars at 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 cts. each.
Pipes in great variety; also Cigar Cases, Tobacco Pouches and Boxes, Match Safes, and all articles usually kept in a first-class Tobacco and Cigar Store.
To Merchants, I offer the above goods at prices that will enable them to retail at the same prices that I go and realize a fair profit.
Oct.24-y. E. FRYSINGER.

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All goods warranted to give entire satisfaction, and sold at the lowest city prices.
Please call and be convinced.
Also, a full line of Tobacco kept constantly on hand. jy10-6m*

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REESE & SLAGLE, Proprietors.
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Made and fitted up for Mills, Factories, Forges, Blast Furnaces, Rolling Mills, &c.
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TERMS REASONABLE. All orders by mail or otherwise promptly attended to.
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Ætna, Fire of	Hartford,	$4,083,000
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North America,	Philadelphia,	1,750,000
Enterprise,	"	400,000
Lycoming,	Penna.,	2,500,000
Farmers,	York, Pa.,	500,000
American Life,	Philadelphia,	1,000,000
N. Y. Accidental,	New York,	250,000
Horse Thief Ins. Co.	York Pa.,	50,000

This agency is prepared to insure against Fire, Death or Accident, in any part of Mifflin county. Horses are insured against theft. All business pertaining to insurance promptly attended to.
jan16 '67. JOHN HAMILTON, Agent.

THE OLD STAND AHEAD!
Hamaker & Montgomery,
HAVE associated together for the purpose of manufacturing Coaches, Buggies, Carriages, Sulkies, Spring Wagons, &c., at
HIMES' OLD STAND,
in Valley street, Lewistown. They are prepared to do all kinds of work in their line, in an elegant and workmanlike manner, and invite the citizens of town and vicinity to call and examine their new stock on hand, before purchasing elsewhere, as all work manufactured at this establishment is warranted.
Prompt attention given to all repairing, which will be done with neatness and durability, and guaranteed to give satisfaction. my1-1y

REDUCTION!
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AT HIS
BOOT AND SHOE STORE,
HAS just received a large Stock of Boots and Shoes direct from Eastern Manufacturers, which he offers at greatly reduced prices:
Men's Congress Gaiters, $3 50
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Other work in proportion.
Also, an assortment of Home Manufacture constantly on hand, and made to order at short notice.
Call and examine his stock before purchasing elsewhere. may5-y

Look out for Us, as we are Coming once more, with a
NEW ARRIVAL,
AND THE PRICES
STILL LOWER!
WE are prepared to sell Goods at the lowest market prices, lower than before the war.
If you want good
Sugars at 11 to 16,
Coffees at 28 to 30,
Rice at 13,
Syrups at 15 to 30 qt.,
Go to RITTENHOUSE & McKINNEY'S.
If you want good Teas of all kinds go to R. & McK.
If you want good Spices of all kinds, go to R. & McK.
If you want a good quality of Honey, go to R. & McK.
If you want the best
Corn Starch, Concentrated Lye,
Washing Soaps, Toilet Soaps,
Canned Fruits, &c.,
Go to R. & McK.
If you want to buy good white Muslin, yard wide, at 15 cents, go to R. & McK.
If you want Calicos, at 10 to 18 cents, go to R. & McK.
If you want good goods of all kinds, such as Ginghams at 16 to 25,
Brown Muslins at 10 to 23,
Delaines, 25, (old prices,)
including Dress goods, the best of all kinds, Go to R. & McK.
For Flannel, Ticking, Crash, Table Diaper, Linen, with a variety of other goods, go to R. & McK.
TO THE LADIES:
If you want good Cotton Hose, at 15 to 30, Go to R. & McK.
If you want good Notions of all kinds, go to R. & McK.
Gentlemen, if you want Cotton Socks, at 12½ cts., Paper Collars of all kinds, Linen Collars, got up for the summer, at 5 cents, go to R. & McK.
If you want good
Cotton Pants Stuff,
Cassimers and Cloths,
Go to R. & McK.
If you want Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, go to R. & McK.
If you want good Fish of all kinds, go to R. & McK.
If you want to find a good stock of goods of all kinds, go to R. & McK.
Thankful for past favors, and hoping a continuance of the same, we remain,
Very Respectfully,
RITTENHOUSE & McKINNEY.
Lewistown, June 19, 1867-tf

NEW GOODS.
F. J. HOFFMAN has just received a large supply of new goods, which will be sold low, for cash.
TIN WARE. A good assortment, at F. J. HOFFMAN'S.

POETRY.

The following is a song from W. B. Bradbury's new Sunday School Music Book, entitled "Fresh Laurels."

Sunday School Volunteer Song.

We are marching on with shield and banner bright,
We will work for God and battle for the right,
We will praise his name rejoicing in his might,
And we'll work till Jesus calls.
In the Sunday School our army we prepare,
As we rally round our blessed standard there,
And the Saviour's cross we early learn to bear,
While we work till Jesus calls.

CHORUS:

Then awake, then awake, happy song, happy song,
Shout for joy, shout for joy, as we gladly march along.
We are marching onward, singing as we go,
To the promised land where living waters flow;
Come and join our ranks as pilgrims here below,
Come and work till Jesus calls.

We are marching on, our Captain ever near,
Will protect us still. His gentle voice we hear:
Let the foe advance, we'll never, never fear.
For we'll work till Jesus calls.
Then awake, awake, our happy, happy song,
We will shout for joy, and gladly march along;
In the Lord of Host let every heart be strong,
While we work till Jesus calls.—Cho.

We are marching on the straight and narrow way,
That will lead to life and everlasting day,
To the smiling fields that never will decay,
But we'll work till Jesus calls.
We are marching on and pressing towards the prize
To a glorious crown beyond the glowing skies,
To the radiant fields where pleasure never dies,
And we'll work till Jesus calls.—Cho.

A GOOD STORY.

ALEE,
The Six-Fingered Robber.

An Eastern Story.

[Continued from last week.]

CHAPTER IV.

ALEE'S WIFE.

As they entered, a young woman in a loose dress ran forward to meet and embrace the outlaw.

'Well, Rahmana, I have not been able to keep my promise to bring the bracelets and handkerchiefs; for just as the caravan was coming up, our venerable uncle here made his appearance on the highway, and I could not let my good old schoolmaster pass our dwelling without a welcome; so, my dear Rahmana, you must make ready some savory dish out of the flesh of the wild cow I shot yesterday; for I think our guest must be very hungry. As he spoke he turned round to the old man, who had sat down with his back terned to the fair partner of his wild pupil.

'Come, Seedy Moostafa,' said Alee, 'the Spirit of the Woods is not jealous of his Houri. Why is a woman made lovely, but to be looked upon? and what were our eyes given us for by the Allwise, but to behold beautiful things? Rahmana, go, ask the Taleb's blessing, and then prepare the keskseo.'

To hear was to obey with old Moostafa upon the present occasion; so raising the hood of his white geelab, he looked upon Rahmana; who bent to kiss his hand, and having received a blessing, left him in order to prepare the meal.

'This damsel is truly beautiful, and seems happy with you in this wild scene: may I ask you, my son, how came she here?'

Alee took out a small cane carved in Arabic; then jerking out on the hollow between his thumb and forefinger a long snuff of Tetuan tobacco, offered it to the Taleb, and looking at him steadfastly replied: 'For my wife I paid no dowry; yet I hold her dearer, ay, dearer, I dare say, than the Kaid of Alcassar can prize either of his four, though for one of them alone he gave a dower of a thousand Mitzahel. Now, hear how I brought my fair one to her bridegroom's home. Having one morning taken up my position on a high rock that gave a wide command of view, I remained perched, like the eagle, watching for my prey, when a party of travellers appeared slowly winding up the hill The principal persons were preceded by their baggage animals with their drivers; behind these rode on an ambling mule a venerable man, whose dress bespoke some wealthy Fas merchant; and by his side, on a stout pony, rode, after the fashion of a man, a female closely muffled up. I descended cautiously from the height; then taking my stand by a fountain near the highway, waited with a cocked gun the travellers' approach. I had already taken sure aim at one of the muleteers, who having a brace of pistols slung over his geelab, might, I thought, prove my most troublesome opponent. As the party reached the fountain, the old man dismounted from his mule, then helped his female companion to alight, whose beauty, which you have so deservedly admired, I then first beheld; for as she dismounted, her haik caught in the stirrup, which drew it from her grasp, and unveiled the hallowed features. From that moment I resolved she should be mine, and, God willing, without bloodshed. The old man having seated her at the verge of the wood, in the shade, ordered the muleteers to push on with the baggage animals towards Tangier, and said that he would rejoin them with his daughter as soon as he had performed his ablution and prostration; for the shortened shadow told it was about mid-day, and the hour of prayer. I now felt convinced my prize would be easily won, for the protector of the fair was too infirm to offer resistance, yet still I waited my best opportunity. The old man, having performed sundry ablutions at the fountain, took from his saddle-bags a fine Fas rug, on which, having spread it east and west, began his adoration; but finding, I suppose, the surface of the ground in that spot too rough for his aged limbs, he moved to a level plot of turf some fifty yards down the hill, and there in perfect comfort recommenced his genuflections. Leaving my gun against a tree, I crept cautiously through the thicket, until I reached its border, where sat Rahmana, closely wrapped in her haik. I was about to carry my purpose into execution, when the clatter of horses' hoofs was heard fast ascending the hill, and obliged me again to retreat into the bushes. The new comers proved to be a body of cavalry escorting prisoners, whose hands and feet were strongly bound in chains. The party halted at the fountain for a little time to refresh their horses; and then moved quickly on again. The old man was yet at prayers, though I could perceive he was about to conclude them. Scarcely were the horsemen out of sight, when I crept again with noiseless step towards the damsel Her back was turned; I took off my slippers, and crawling upon hands and feet, cautiously approached close to her; then giving a glance at the old man, whose forehead was pressed to the ground, I pounced on my prey, and pressing the haik over her mouth, I lifted her in my arms, and dashed into the forest, regaining my gun as I passed the tree. The poor girl was sadly frightened, and endeavored to give the alarm to her aged parent; but he could not have heard her stifled screams. I brought her to this hut, and loosening the veil, gazed on her features. A death-like paleness had come over them, and her eyes were closed. I shuddered as I thought that Azrael, the arch robber of mankind, had snatched her from me. A gentle heaving of the bosom told me, however, that her fate was not yet written. She looked so pale and sorrow stricken, that for a moment I almost resolved to restore her to her father; but then, I reflected that a worse lot might befall her than to be the wife of one who already loved her so fervently as I did; for perhaps, reasoned I, she is destined to become one of a numerous harem of some old dolt in Tangier;—and this,' said the Arab, interrupting himself, 'was just the case. At length hunger obliged her to taste something; and then, poor girl, she took courage to converse with me. She told me who she was, and that her father, in spite of all her entreaties, had resolved to have married her to the old administrator of customs in Tangier, a husband aged enough to remember the first plague. But now,' said the robber, 'we are husband and wife, and only wish for your blessing and a written contract to be as happy a pair as the doves that are wooing over our heads.'

'That shall be granted,' said the old Taleb; 'but, my good Alee, what became of her father?'

'Why,' said Alee, 'I little know; though, in truth, I heard one of a party of travellers, while sitting under the tree, the very tree from which I carried off Rahmana, relate that a beautiful girl of Fas had been carried off from her father, and that the old man was persuaded it was the Jin of the Woods; for although at prayers within a few paces of her, he had seen nothing, and had heard nothing.'

The next morning before break of day Alee conducted his guest through the forest to the high road, and on taking leave presented him with thirty mitzakel, and cloth of the finest texture sufficient to make a sooliam, which would have done honor to a kady. But the old man was little worthy the confidence and bounty of his former pupil.

Not many days succeeding this strange adventure of Taleb Moostafa with the Spirit of the Woods, a message was dispatched by the Kaid of Tangier to the court, which was then in Morocco, giving full particulars of the abode and person of the secret evil doer, declaring that he who had carried off the merchant's daughter was no other than the six-fingered Alee. On that very day a considerable number of horsemen were ordered to scour the wood of Dar A'clon; but they did so without success.

CHAPTER V.

ALEE'S MARE.

Whilst the sultan was contriving Alee's destruction, the robber's famous horse, on which he had often escaped from justice, died from over exertion, after saving his master's life while hotly pursued by a troop of cavalry. Now there was an Arab sheikh who governed a camp in the neighborhood of Alcassar, and who, amongst much rare and precious property, possessed a mare of marvellous powers. No sooner did Alee—now without horse—hear of the famous mare, than he coveted this most precious of the rich sheikh's goods, and vowed that he would have her by fair means or by foul.

It was on a dreary day in the month of January, while fierce wind and torrents of rain raged from the heavens, that a man in the dress of a courier, his hooded geelab tucked up and girded round his loins, his feet clothed in a pair of stout sandals, a small dagger stuck in his girdle, and a palmetto basket slung over his shoulder for a budget, was seen making hasty way on the high road to Alcassar Kibeer, and not till between the Mood Aloolee and the Sebbah did he deviate from the main track and take the direction of a camp of the Oolad Ensair, thence some half-hour's distance. The gloomy eve turned to a black night, while a sea of the heaviest rain fell pelting from above.

The disguised courier, for it was none other than Alee himself, halted as he neared the camp, and finding all quiet, except now and then the howl of a dog, he planned his approach; and now on hands and feet advanced cautiously towards the pen where the sheep were kept, in the eye of the wind, for fear the hungry hounds should sniff him. Snatching a 'father of wool' out of the pen, he squeezed him in his grasp, and retraced his steps some fifty yards; then drawing his dagger, sacrificed the mutton, and making a prayer for his success, proceeded to cut up the carcass into some fifty bits.

Taking these in the skirts of his geelab, he moved on some few yards and listened: all was quiet. Then he imitated the barking cry of a jackal; and the well-known sound was responded to by several of the village pack. He repeated it, and two or three fierce hounds rushed towards him. He threw them a bone: growling and fighting ensued, which soon attracted the whole pack of ill-fed dogs. Delicious morsels—sufficient to bribe and satisfy the hungry maws of all comers—were thrown to them: and henceforward the enemy required no watchword with which to enter the unguarded camp. So, taking a bridle he had stowed away in his basket for the purpose, and grasping his dagger, he walked boldly to the sheikh's abode of felicity.

There stood the prize—black as night, but her eye gleamed like a star! She snorted and reared, but Alee was quicker than the heels of a thoroughbred, for planting his vice-like hand on her nostrils, he donned the bridle, cut the pickets, and now vaulted on her back.

'Most generous sheikh,' cried the six-fingered. Nobody answered, 'O possessor of fine horses! O Sheikh Hamon!'

'What's the matter, and who is there?' said a gruff voice from within the tent.

'God give you a prosperous morning, Sheikh Hamon,' said Alee: 'I have come for your mare; may the All-bountiful send you a better.' No sooner said he these words, than he darted off full gallop into the darkness.

Sheikh Hamon, with cocked gun, rushed to the rescue, and caught a glimpse of a black figure making off at full speed. 'Devils and demons,' cried he in despair, 'she shall die rather than be another man's.' He fired, and down fell his object. A wild laugh echoed at a distance. The Sheikh rushed towards the fallen object: all the villagers were up in arms—'Seize him, Mohamed—Bind him, Salem—Bring him dead or alive, Mustafa, cried the frantic sheikh: 'if I have killed my mare my loss is irretrievable; but I have done a service to the sultan and the world.'

The forms of half-naked Arabs, with torches, guns, and daggers, gleamed all around, and now they rushed towards the fallen mass, and a shout of surprise and yet of gladness was given as they discovered that the angry passion of their chief had been vented on one of his finest black bulls, the plague of the village, for many persons had been gored of late; and as they were ignorant of Alee's apparition, they all supposed it had met with its well deserved fate for having attacked their chief when returning from his matins. They dragged the carcass before the sheikh's tent, who on beholding his victim, plucked his beard in fury, then hung his head, and with solemn voice exclaimed—'War not against the devil—God's will be done,' and returned into his tent.

The loss of the mare, and the extraordinary conduct of the sheikh, were not known in the village until next day. Alee rode that mare till the day of his death.

CHAPTER VI.

ALEE'S COURAGE.

'Though he possesses the charm of Abd-Errachman, the Soosy—though he be in league with the dark One himself—this day shall he render account to Him who is the Almighty Judge of crime!' Thus spoke a doughty kaid, who, armed to the teeth, and mounted on a prancing horse, was accompanied by some fifty followers, all in warlike trim.

'Look,' said the kaid to his kleefa (lieutenant), as they reached a dark and lonely ravine in the wood of Boamar—'look at these gouts of blood, which—still as crimson as on the day poor Sheikh Selim, the bearded, was here villainously murdered—call for the vengeance of all who would fight in the path of righteousness. Here let us then arrange our plans, and swear not to abandon our task till we have fulfilled the mandates of our lord the sultan; and let every man take the precaution of adding a silver okeea to the ball, for thus alone can be broken the charm of the malicious one.'

'The Fatha—let the Fatha be said,' they all with one voice exclaimed; and Taleb Abd-el-Kader, a military moolah, with hands uplifted, gabbled over the sacred words:

'Praise be to God, the Lord of all creatures, the most merciful, the King of the day of judgment. Thee do we worship, and of thee do we implore assistance. Direct us in the right way; in the way of those to whom thou hast been gracious, who walk uprightly; not of those against whom thou art incensed, nor of those who go astray.'

The stronghold of the besieged freebooter was a wood, about two miles long, by half a mile in breadth; impenetrable in many parts from the thick briers and close-set bushes. To attempt to beard the robber in his den was considered too hazardous a deed; it was therefore determined to set fire to the wood, in the quarter whence the wind was blowing, and to lay in wait for the fugitive on the opposite side. Thus they felt assured that, between fire and sword, they were certain to destroy him. Kaid Mohktar now proceeded to station his men, in companies of six, at all the outlets of the wood; then taking with him a few chosen men, he rode round to the opposite side to commence the work of destruction.

Some dried leaves and branches having been collected, a light was struck, and the conflagration commenced. At first a small column of smoke curled up in the air: it was soon followed by a volume of flame towering to the height of the tallest trees, and withering with its great heat every green bush, ere it reduced it to dust and charcoal. The fire strided on: and what was lately an impenetrable thicket became a waste of smoking ashes.

The kaid, with his attendants, continued busy firing the wood, wherever the wind would favor the progress of the flame. Success seemed to attend the stratagem; and all were waiting, though not without fear, to discover which outlet the terrible, and until now unvanquished, Alee would choose for his sally.

Then it was that a flame rose suddenly from the very centre of the wood, at a spot some three hundred yards distant from the advancing fire. It blazed, it crackled, and rolled on with a headlong vigor of destruction; and at intervals was heard the rending crash of some giant tree, that had for ages braved all the other elements, but now lowered its noble head.

'Who,' cried the Kaid in wild despair, 'who but this accursed fiend would have thought of such a scheme? See! he has fired the wood in the centre, and when all around shall be burnt, he will choose his point of escape.'

To prevent this, the Kaid had now to change his plan; and posted his men all round the wood in parties of three. They had commenced their attack early in the morning; it was now about noon. The fire they had first kindled had just reached the yet smoking embers of the conflagration in the centre, and that, in its turn, had carried its ravages to the opposite border. One small path still remained green; all around was a mass of flame and smoke. The Kaid had stationed himself in a watercourse with three men. Birds and animals were flying with terror all around, heedless of man's presence; and ever and anon a frantic boar would gallop down the watercourse.

'Hush!' said the Kaid in a low voice; 'he comes; and he comes our way!—Be steady and resolute.'

A mounted figure could now be seen moving rapidly over the burning embers. His pace increased as he neared the ambuscade; and the slight figure of a female, her garments blackened with the fire and smoke, and her long hair streaming in the breeze, was clinging to the waist of the robber. Mounted on a jet-black steed, that with blood red extended nostril and foaming mouth, bounded as a deer over the huge rocks, Alee, with levelled gun, dashed straight towards the party. The Kaid had now made sure aim, and raising a shout to bring together the line of valiants posted along the wood, was about to pull the trigger, when a deadly shot brought him a corpse to the ground. His three attendants stood firm, waiting with levelled guns their adversary's nearer approach, to give him a warm reception, and avenge the death of their chief.

Alee in an instant had given the gun to Rahmana, and, drawing his sword, now flew like lightning on his opponents. The black mare, as if she knew her owner's danger, redoubled her speed; and in an instant the robber was on them, and received their fire unhurt. Man after man rolled on the ground; all fell who came within his reach, whilst he eluded every blow of his enemies.

The whole body of troops had now approached. The balls flew thickly; but, still unharmed, the hero and his well-beloved pursued their course.

Alee having distanced his pursuers, slacked his pace; he sheathed his sword, and reloaded his gun. One horseman yet pursued him boldly. Alee descended a steep ravine, and, turning close round the side of the opposite hill, reined in the mare. The well-mounted pursuer was not many yards in his rear. Alee waited him, and soon, with drawn sword and shouts of vengeance, he turned the corner.

'Fire!' cried Rahmana, 'or we are lost!'

'Let him come,' said her husband; and as the enemy approached, Alee recognized in him one of the Bokhary blacks who had vowed vengeance on

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