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SURE TO WIN.

[CONCLUDED.]

Open hostilities were, therefore, now declared—Stutely versus Stark, Themis against Mars, Bayfield and the Ferns the scene of action, six months the duration of the campaign.

After the colonel's departure, my uncle and I held a consultation. Our deliberations resulted in the conclusion, that some means of communicating with Letty must positively be found. The colonel's vigilance was only to be baffled by securing an ally within the garrison. None could be so effectual or valuable as Letty, if we could only engage her upon our side. Now how was this to be accomplished?

We were lawyers, and between us we conceived a plan. It was strategy, romantic and hazardous; its success was very doubtful; its failure would only cause the enemy to double his watchfulness. But his insolent defiance, had put us upon our mettle, and we resolved to leave no stone unturned that might secure victory.

Not far from my uncle's house lived an old college chum and lifelong friend, Dr. Polt. Like habits, like politics, like bachelorhood, bound the two strongly together. The doctor was the oldest medical man in Bayfield. He was in very tolerable circumstances, and had of late years almost retired from practice, maintaining his connection only with a few families, many of whose members he had introduced into existence. The intimate terms upon which Uncle Ferril and Dr. Polt stood rendered the latter fully cognizant of all the circumstances attending my troubled love-passion, and his warmest sympathies were for our success.

Much of this feeling may have been owing to the colonel having upon several occasions treated the doctor with considerable rudeness. Colonel Stark, crammed with Indian prejudices; did not see why he should be civil to the "vet," as he chose to call our friend. Dr. Polt was a short man, and short men are touchy upon the point of personal dignity.

"Big" blatant blusterer!" exclaimed the doctor to my uncle one evening, when Colonel Stark's want of urbanity formed the topic of discourse. "I wish he'd fall ill, and call me in, Ferril. Wouldn't I physic him? Ah! P' and the doctor glared fully over his spectacles, in manner, intending to signify that the phar-macopoeia would hardly afford the tremendous compounds he should like to inflict upon his enemy.

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SHRINKING MODESTY.

I had hitherto considered her special attribute. But I dashed the cruel thought, away as soon as it arose, and we hastened down the lane.

The chaise was reached at last. I called to the post-boys to look to their horses, and opened the door of the carriage to help my Letty in. Judge of my consternation, when a tall, portly figure, in a long military cloak, stepped on the instant out of the vehicle, and withdrawing the side of a lantern, shewed by its light the mocking and detested features of my enemy, Col. Stark!

"Hallo! young Parchment," he sneered, with a hideous grin, "distorting his misgiving countenance, 'what are you going to do with my daughter? Come, come, my lad, your gallery's countering me. Catch a weasel asleep if you can, and shavo his eye. It won't do. Your plan was clever, but not clever enough to deceive an old campaigner. Come, sir, give up the lady, and march away."

"Never!" I shouted, throwing my arm around Letty's shrinking form.

"There are limits even to a father's authority. Never will I surrender this dear, this lovely prize, save at her own request. She honors me with her affection, and I will not abandon the precious boon, except with life. Stand away from the carriage, Colonel Stark, and let us pass this instant!"

To my intense astonishment, the colonel burst out in roars of laughter. The post-boys, who had turned sideways upon their saddles, the better to survey the scene, exploded with similar glee. Last and hardest blow of all, from beneath the shroud that shrouded Letty's features issued sounds unmistakably those of mirth! I fell back a pace, and gazed upon her shaking figure with speechless dismay.

"Ho, ho, ho," bellowed the colonel. "This fellow will be the death of me. Hold me up, somebody, or I shall fall. Ho, ho, ho! What did he say? 'This dear, this lovely prize—this precious boon.'—O Lord! O Lord! Here, young Parchment, look at your lovely prize!"

Slowly the figure before me raised its veil, and instead of my Letty's charming features, I beheld—O horror!—the sable visage of that disgusting Jotite Lall, his eyes gleaming with malicious delight, his mouth disheveled with a hideous grin from ear to ear.

"He, he, he!" tittered the wretch, holding out his arms, "Miss Tutely run away wit' Joties all de way to Coland. Come along, Miss Tutely—come along!"

How I got home that night, I never knew.

Long afterwards, I learned how this terrible mishap had come to pass. Up to the morning of that unlucky day, it appeared all had gone well. The colonel believed me seriously hurt, and intended to avail himself of the circumstance to appear at the India House, in obedience to what he imagined a genuine summons.—Being in Bayfield, he had called at the postmaster's to order his chaise; while in the yard, he noticed another vehicle being got ready for service, and inquisitive as usual, asked for whom it was intended. The postmaster, knowing no reason for secrecy, replied that the chaise had been ordered for that evening by my uncle Ferril, who was going to the north. The colonel's ever ready suspicions were instantly aroused; he determined to delay his journey for a day, to see if this unusual event concealed mischief. Ostensibly, however, he made no change in his arrangements; and at the appointed time, the chaise conveyed him from the Ferns, and took the road for the metropolis; and at the post-town ten miles off he halted, and directed the post-boys to remain where they were until the ensuing day, and returned to the Ferns secretly and on foot. My note to Letty arriving shortly afterwards, was intercepted by the colonel's vigilance. It shewed him at once that his precaution was fully justified. Under some pretext, he obtained from Letty the answer I received, and the subsequent plot was carried out without her knowledge.

Well, my courage was not dampened even by this failure. Letty's genuine concurrence was absolutely essential, and I tried another scheme. I re-wrote my explanation to Letty of the present state of affairs, and dispatched it to my sister Grace in town. As old schoolmates, the two corresponded frequently. I asked Grace to visit the lady-principal of the establishment where the girls had been educated, and telling that respectable instructor that she was going to pass a few days with Miss Stark, offered to take charge of any communication she might desire to send. Postage-rates were high in those days; shillings were needed to purchase the privileges of the box; and such an offer as this was not uncommon. My sister was to copy my note to Letty, and append it to the packet of correspondence. I hoped that Col. Stark would infallibly open the parcel, seeing that it was made up of many sheets in that delightfully angular female hand, so difficult to decipher, after wading thro' a page or two of latest fashions and school gossip, would toss over the remainder to his daughter in disgust. I relied on Letty's superior ingenuity then to discover a method of reply.

Within a week from the concoction of this scheme, a large packet was delivered and ill in accordance with the ideal of

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