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when the deluge came. But suddenly the sky seemed to lift. The rain stopped. The stars came out. The moon shone. And above the cañon appeared a pale and delicate crescent—a lunar rainbow.

We camped on the height for the remainder of the night, and saw, when the sun rose, bold peaks and glistening valleys reaching away in majestic distances. But we had, of course, no time to devote to scenery. We rode on rapidly, till Black River, a deep stream, barred our way. A strong swimmer, after battling with the current for sometime, succeeded in getting a line across. With this he drew over a stouter rope and fastened it to the shore.

Meanwhile Colonel Biddle, who had joined us at Fort Thomas, a bugler and myself had stationed ourselves as lookouts on a bluff above the river. The Colonel, a portly man, wearied from the night's ride, had seated himself against a rock to take a nap. He was dozing peacefully when I touched him on the shoulder.

"Colonel, I see figures across the river. They are moving in this direction."

The Colonel opened his eyes with a start and struggled to his feet. "Apaches!" he exclaimed. "They'll swim the river and be on us in fifteen minutes! Bugler, sound the recall, and be quick about it!"

While the bugle was ringing out I hurried down to where our men were preparing to ford the stream.

"We can't leave those men over there to be killed!" exclaimed Rafferty. He ran down to the water's edge as if to plunge in to the rescue, and we all followed, forgetting for an instant that they could get back as quickly as we could get over. Suddenly some of the approaching party appeared over the top of a little hill.

"By all that's holy!" cried Rafferty.

"Who said those were Indians? Why, confound it! they're a force of the Sixth from Fort Apache. Go up and relieve the Colonel of his worry, Blake, and tell that bugler to stop his noise."

Everybody shook hands when we reached the other side of the river. The Indians, we were told, had not yet renewed the attack on the fort, but were expected at any time. General Carr had sent us reinforcements because he thought it might be their intention to ambuscade us on the way. We pushed ahead rapidly; but saw no Indians, though we came upon numerous signs that they were not far off. We found, for instance, leaves arranged curiously under stones—Indian post-offices, and the burned framework of a prairie wagon, to the wheels of which were tied two charred bodies.

When we arrived at the fort we found that the Indians had not appeared again. They were trying, we learned, to persuade other tribes to go on the war-path. But the White Mountain Apaches, to whom the Cibicus principally appealed, saw no reason for putting on the war-paint just then, and so the big talks came to nothing.

I was on duty at the gallows at Fort Grant some months afterward when the three leaders of the scouts who turned on Hentig were led out to be hung. They were Dandy Jim, Dead Shot and Skippy, fine stalwart bucks and as fearless of death as any men I have ever seen. In their shackles they came dancing across the square from the guard-house, chanting a strange refrain that seemed, somehow, to reach far back into the past with memories of fights and camp-fires. Our scouts hung their heads when the nooses were adjusted and turned their backs when I cut down the bodies.

This was the end of the Cibicus' attempt to please their forefathers.

GHOST OF A GENTLEMAN

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man growled. "He might have learned an honest trade then, instead of being the sort of waster that people call a gentleman. Ancestors, indeed! Now, look here, Maisie? What is the use of ancestors?"

Lady Mallinson squeezed his arm and looked up in his rugged face. "What is the use of brave men?" she asked softly, "and the memory of them? They faced the hard things of their times, like you face them."

The old man smiled. "Right you are, Maisie!" he said. "They faced the music as I'm going to face it; got driven in a corner and beaten down, and fought on their knees. Good old knights! Sir Geoffrey, I apologize to you. You were a man, sir, from all that I hear."

The syndicate took off an imaginary hat, and Sir Geoffrey bowed an invisible bow. "Man to man" means more than "gentleman to gentleman," and Sir Geoffrey recognized that this rough old person in trade was a man.

Lady Mallinson laughed and touched the hands of the portrait and the hands of her father. "Sir Geoffrey Mallinson—Mr. Jonathan Porkure," she said. "You'd better settle the little matter about the treasure between you. Good-by!" She kissed the old man and ran away.

He sighed once. Then he turned sharply to the portrait. "They've beaten me to the wall," he said. "They beat you to the wall, didn't they? And you went on fighting. Well, I'm going on, sir. I—" Sir Geoffrey had "walked" and advanced toward him with outstretched hand.

Mr. Porkure grasped—nothing!—and shook it steadily up and down. "Pleased to see you, sir," he said briskly. "Heard of you from my daughter. You did a little in the way of business in your day, I gather?" Sir Geoffrey shook his head emphatically. "I mean buried treasure and all that sort of thing?" Sir Geoffrey nodded. "Just so, just so. May I ask if you have called about the treasure?" Sir

Geoffrey signified assent. "Want to make it over to Sir Charles?" Sir Geoffrey shook his head furiously. "Do you mean my daughter?" The ghost bowed with his hand on his heart. "Sir, you do me proud. She's a rattling good girl." The ghost signified assent.

"May I ask where it is?" he inquired. The ghost moved his mouth, but no sound came. Then he pointed to the north end of the gallery. "In the corridor up there, do you mean? No? Just draw the place on this paper with your finger. I'll follow it with a pencil."

"You mean it for the broken stairway in the North Tower, don't you? How many steps up? Seventeen? In the wall, eh? Fifteenth brick? Very good. You're the ghost of a gentleman, sir, and I'm honored to have met you. Good-day!"

They found the treasure in the hollow of the wall of the North Tower steps; tarnished goblets of silver, and mildewed bags that dissolved when they touched them into heaps of mildewed gold, and here and there a noble gem that a noble lady of forgotten days had worn. They laughed and hugged one another with delight; and the ghost of Sir Geoffrey felt a little lonely as he stood unseen beside them. So he stole away to the picture-gallery to wait till they remembered him. It was not long before Lady Mallinson came; and she touched the stern lips of the portrait with her own sweet ones.

"Pray God," she said, "I may never forget that my little sons are the heirs of a gentleman!"

So she went back to her dear living ones, with smiles in her eyes, and Sir Geoffrey returned to the place of the honored dead with smiles in his. "The old spirit lives yet," he said, "among the sons of men; and it will live as long as there is a good woman."

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