

# Cardigan

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"What I am striving for," said Sir William, to me again and again, "is to so conduct that these Indians on our frontiers shall take neither one side nor the other, but remain passive while the storm rages. To work openly for this is not possible. If it were possible to work openly, and if Quider should die, I would send such a message to my Lord Dunmore of Virginia as would make his bloodless ears burn! And they may burn yet!"

"You are to know, Michael, that Lord Dunmore, governor of Virginia, is, in my opinion, at the bottom of this. He it is who, foreseeing the future, as do all thinking men, has sent the deluded Cressop to pick a quarrel with my Cayugas, knowing that he is making future allies for England. It is vile! It is a monstrous thing! It is not loyalty! It is treason!"

This outburst left me stunned. Save for Sir William, I knew not where now to anchor my faith. Our king already in these few days had become to my youthful mind a distant, wavering shadow, no longer the rock to which loyal hearts must cling—unquestioning.

Now the dark pages turning in the book of fate were flying faster than young eyes could mark. First to the Hall came Joseph Brant, called Thayendanegea, brother to Mistress Molly, and embraced us all, eagerly admiring my uniform with an Indian's frank naïveté, crossing Silver Heels' curly pate and praising her beauty, and fondling Esk and Peter with Albany sweets till I forbade them to approach, for their stickiness did disgust me.

Now, though Sir William had hitherto treated Brant in all things, I noticed he spoke not to Brant of Quider's mission, though Mr. Butler had already scented a mystery in the Cayuga's visit and often asked why Quider had never spoken his message, for he was not aware that both message and an swer had been delivered long ago.

That week there were three council fires at the lower castle, which Brant and Mr. Butler attended in company with a certain little Seneca chief called Red Jacket, a filthy, sly and sullen creature, who was world's great orator, but all the world knew him for a glutton and a coward.

Our house had now been thronged with Indians for a week. Eleven hundred Mohawks, Cayugas, Senecas, Onondagas and a few Tuscaroras lay encamped around us, holding long talks with Red Jacket, Mr. Butler and Brant, but Sir William attended no fires, and very soon I discovered the reason. For suddenly Sir John Johnson arrived at the Hall, and with him Colonel Daniel Claus and his lady from Albany, which abrupt advents began a stir and bustle among us that increased as day by day new guests arrived at our house. Johnson Hall, Colonel Guy Johnson's house and the house of Colonel John Butler were now crowded to overflow with guests Sachems and chiefs of the Onondas arrived.



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and passed before me to greet Colonel John Butler and his son, Captain Walter Butler.

The Butlers were of a stripe. There was the blank, fixed eye of the night bird in father and son, the deathly grimace to do duty as a smile, the mechanical observances of polite company, the compliments, the bows, the carriage of gentlemen, but back of it something lifeless, something slow and terrifying in voice and step—God knows what I mean! Yet often and often it came to me that inside their bodies something was lying dead—their souls perhaps.

I stood behind Sir William, drawing on my gloves of kidskin, observing the officers as they came up to join the staff and stand and watch the two remaining regiments marching into the meadow below.

They had built a gayly painted wooden pavilion in the meadow for the ladies and Governor Tryon and my Lord Dunmore, and now came the coaches and carriages burdened with beauty and tickled and tricked out in ribbons.

Behind us the grooms were bringing up our mounts, and I slyly looked for Warlock, doubting lest he be portioned to some horseless guest. But there the dear fellow stood, ears pointed straight at me and snorting for the caress of my hand on his muzzle.

"Mount, gentlemen!" said Sir William briskly, and up into our saddles we popped, while the trumpet blew from the blockhouse and down in the meadow the long painted drums boomed out the salute.

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As for Silver Heels, I saw her but twice, and then she disappeared entirely. I was sorry for her, believing she had been cooped within the limits of nursery and play room, but I had my pity for my pains, as it turned out.

It came about in this way: I had been relieved of duties at the blockhouse to receive reports of Quider's sickness, as it was now believed certain that the Cayuga must die, and I had been ordered to dress in my new uniform to accompany Sir William to a review of our honest Tryon county militia, now assembling at Johnstown and Schenectady.

Standing in the portico, with the fresh wind in my face, I perceived Sir

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The old cronies who met so happily after the lapse of more than a quarter of a century, are H. T. Robinson, of this city; George M. Sanders and Henry Gale, of Columbus; Dan S. Green, of Chattanooga; Tom McConnell, of Arlington; Will Thompson, of Memphis; George Anderson, of Carlisle county, Ky.; and James Brewer, of Indian Territory.

## MURRAY NEXT

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Gauge today reads four-tenths and standing. Weather is clear and cool, and there has been no change in the stage since last Monday. By referring to the record of last year it is found that the gauge then for November 28th was four feet, instead of four inches, and for several days the latter part of last November the river rose a foot a day.

The City of Charleston arrived from Elizabethtown, Ill., yesterday.

The Lulu Warren is due from Tennessee river tomorrow and returns Wednesday night.

Capt. Jack McCaffery has returned from Davenport, Ia. His newly chartered boat, the Kit Carson, is now at Cairo waiting for more water to come to Paducah.

These are dull, desolate days down about the river front. For many months now the river men have had practically nothing to do. This affects pilots, captains, engineers, clerks and scores of others, with all those with whom they are accustomed to trade.

The sinking of the Joe Seay and the tragic fate of Engineer Walter Bobb was the only topic discussed along the river front at Vicksburg Tuesday. Since the loss of the Providence at Ion landing nearly four years ago nothing approaching the disaster has occurred in these waters. The fine little tug is reported to be a total loss.

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