

POETRY.

A FRAGMENT.

Two hands upon the breast,
And labor's done,
Two pale feet crossed in rest,

SELECT STORY.

THE PIONEERS.

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CONTINUED.

"I see no streets in the direction of our

walk," said Elizabeth, "unless you call the

short avenues through these pine bushes

by that name. Surely you do not con-

template building houses, very soon, in

that forest before us, and in those swamps?"

"We must run our streets by the com-

pass, cord, and disregard trees, hills, ponds,

stumps, or, in fact, anything but posterity.

Such is the will of your father, and your

father, you know."

"Had you made sheriff, Mr. Jones," in-

terrupted the lady, with a tone that was

very plainly to the gentleman that he was

touching a forbidden subject.

"I know it, I know it," cried Richard,

"and if it were in my power, I'd make

'duke a king. He is a noble-hearted fel-

low, and would make an excellent king;

that is, if he had a good prime minister.

But who had he? voices in the bushes—

a combination about mischief, I'll warrant

my commission. Let us draw near and

examine a little into the matter."

During this dialogue, as the parties had

kept in motion, Richard and his cousin

advanced some distance from the house

into the open space in the rear of the

village, where, as may be gathered from

the conversation, streets were planned and

future dwellings contemplated; but where,

in truth, the only mark of improvement

that was to be seen was a neglected clear-

ing along the skirt of a dark forest of

mighty pines, over which the bushes or

sprouts of the same tree had sprung up to

a height that interposed the fields of

snow with little thickets of evergreen.

"Let us withdraw," whispered Elizabeth,

"we are intruders, and can have no right

to listen to the secrets of these men."

"No right!" returned Richard, a little

impatiently, in the same tone, and draw-

ing her arm so forcibly through his own

as to prevent her retreat! "You forget,

cousin, that it is my duty to preserve the

peace of the country and see the laws ex-

ecuted. Let us draw nigher and hear

what they say."

Notwithstanding the lady's reluctance,

Richard, stimulated doubtless by his sense

of duty, prevailed; and they were soon so

near as distinctly to hear sounds.

"The bird must be had," said Natty,

"by fair means or foul. Heigho! I've

known the time, lad, when the wild

turkeys wasn't over-scared in the country;

though you must go into the Virginia

gaps if you want them now. I gave the

last farthing, all to that shilling, to the

French trader, this very morning, as I

came through the town, for powder; so, as

you have nothing, we can have but one

shot for it. I know that Billy Kirby is

out, and means to have a pal of the tiger

at that very turkey. John has a true eye

for a single fire, and, somehow, my

hand shakes so whenever I have to do

anything extraordinary, that I often lose

my aim. Now, when I killed the shep-

herd this fall, with her cubs, though they

were so mighty ravenous, I knocked them

over one at a shot, and loaded while I

dodged the trees in the bargain; but this

"You are a Delaware, my son; your

words are not heard—John cannot shoot."

"I thought that lad had Indian blood

in him," whispered Richard. But the

poor fellow shall have two shots

at the turkey, if he wants it, for I'll give

him another shilling myself, though, per-

haps, I had better offer to shoot him.

They have got up their Christmas sports,

I find, in the bushes yonder, where you

hear the laughter.

"Hold, Cousin Richard," exclaimed

Elizabeth, clinging to his arm: "would it

be delicate to offer a shilling to that gen-

tleman?"

"Gentleman, again! do you think a half-

bro, like him, will refuse money? No,

no, girl, he will take the shilling; ay! and

even run too, notwithstanding he moralizes

so much about it. Billy Kirby is one of

the best marksmen in the country; that

is, if we except the—gentleman."

"Then," said Elizabeth, who found her

strength unequal to her will, "then, sir, I

will speak." She advanced, with an air

of determination, in front of her cousin,

and entered the little circle of bushes that

surrounded the trio of hunters. Her ap-

pearance startled the youth, who at first

made an unequivocal motion toward retir-

ing, but, recollecting himself, bowed, by

lifting his cap, and resumed his attitude

of leaning on his rifle. Neither Natty nor

Mohegan betrayed any emotion, though

the appearance of Elizabeth was so entire-

ly unexpected.

"I find," she said, "that the old Chris-

tmas sport of shooting the turkey is yet

in use among you. I feel inclined to

try my chance for a bird. Which of you

will take this money, and after paying

me, give me the aid of his rifle?"

"Is this a sport for a lady?" exclaimed

the young hunter, with an emphasis that

could not be mistaken, and with a

rapidity that showed he spoke without

consulting anything but feeling.

"Why not, sir? If it be inhuman, the

sin is not confined to one sex only. But

I have my humor as well as others. I

seek not your assistance, but"—turning to

Natty, and dropping a dollar in his hand—

"this old veteran of the forest will not be

so ungallant as to refuse one fire for a

lady."

Leather-Stocking dropped the money

into his pouch, and throwing up the end

of rifle, he freshened his priming; and

first laughing in his usual manner, he

threw the piece over his shoulder, and

said:

"If Billy Kirby don't get the bird before

me, and the Frenchman's powder don't

hang fire this damp morning, you'll see

as fine a turkey dead, in a few minutes, as

any was eaten in Judge's shanty. I

have known'd the Dutch women, on the

Mohegan and Schoharie, count greatly on

coming to the merry-makings; and so,

lad, you shouldn't be short with the lady.

Come, let us go forward, for if we wait

the finest bird will be gone."

"But I have a right before you, Natty,

and shall try on my own luck first. You

will excuse me, Miss Temple; I have

much reason to wish that bird, and may

soon ungallant, but I must claim my

privileges."

"Claim anything that is justly your

own sir," returned the lady; "we're both

adventurers; and this is my knight. I

trust my fortune to his hand and eye.

Lead on, Sir Leather-Stocking, and we

will follow."

Natty, who seemed pleased with the

frank address of the young and beauteous

Elizabeth, who had so singularly intrusted

him with such a commission, returned the

bright smile which she had address-

ed him, by his own peculiar mark of

mirth, and moved across the snow, to-

ward the spot whence the sounds of boist-

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