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"**SEARCH a lighter candle than I search'd him**"

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### CHAPTER I

#### THE VENDETTA

"Why do you say that, Uncle Jeff?"

"'Cause every Mac in the mountins has camped on my trail for more'n thirty year. The McCalls, McCandlesses, McMahons, McBrides, and every other Scotch-Irish gang, and all their kin by blood, marriage, or 'doption, have been dead set agin we-uns ever since the wah. My uncle had a company of mountin Bucktails on the Union side when most of the mountins were on the other side. The Thompson kin and the Reardon kin, and the Joyces, and the Clays, made the company, and we-uns got through the wah all right, but the other side made the mountins scaldin' hot when we-all got back."

"Was there a personal feud before the war?"

"Not that I ever heard tell of. To be certain, there was a little shootin' once in a while; but it was all regular and friendly-like, and no hard feelin'."

"What started this vendetta, Uncle Jeff?"

"If you mean this wah between the Macs and