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The King Drinks

By ROBERT BARR.

On reaching the brow of the hill they

"This is your friend MacDonald of Skye?"

Count over which he rules. Are you a and smot rebel against your king, MacLeod of Skye?"

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customed to so stout a fortress as that of Stirling could not but be struck by the size, the strength and the situation of this frowning stronghold; yet, extensive as it was, its proprietor evidential found it inadequate for his ambitions, as he was now building a massive tower, which added a further dignity to the structure.

The tones of MacLeod had not been too cordial from the first, but they became less so at this confession of low quality on the part of his visitor.

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"The chieftain regarded the king in signer of a few moments, then said without change of countenance:
"By God! you may be a small farmer, however crafty he might be, he converse with him, and thus, however crafty he might be, he converse with a countered the King that the castle had no suspicion whom it held. MacLeod said

"Yes, in various ways."

The chieftain regarded the king in silence for a few moments, then said without change of countenance:
"By God! you may be a small farmer, but you are a brave man. You are the first who has questioned the authority of the MacLeod on his own ground. So

Twins.

"Unfair, by Saint Andrew, unfair! Curse the few who attacks a man from the count of himself is in many cases believed. The citizen captor releases his hold after recovering his property, if the boy has not already passed it to a confederate.

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Twins. iginally been straight enough, though now slightly stooped through age. He

Castle."

"Ah," said MaoLeod, turning again to the farmer, his eyes partially closing, examining the other with more severe scrunity than had previously been the case. "He was at liberty to come and go as he pleased then?"

Then with a bow to the man who still remained in his chair, the king and his comrade withdrew. They consulted together for a time in the room of the former, but reached no definite decision. MacDonald urged that they are the provided to the king and the provided to the king and the king and the provided to the provid Castle." with a scarcely perceptible shrug of the shoulders, "it makes but little differof the discussion, quite agreed with the elderly guide that the matter was come and go as he pleased then?"

"As free as air, sir; otherwise how could he have visited my slight hold their host at once and learn whether they were prisoners or free men, but

The King inquiring into the purport

has irresistible force at his command. We're fairly nabbed, but the old gen-

has increased our appetites."

"If our genial innkeeper intends to murder us," he said, "we shall be quite as helpless together as separate, for he "I thought perhaps he had met you in the courtyard of Stirling with a sack of corn on your shoulder". The King laughed heartily at this.
"I said a small farmer, certainly, but am not quite so unimportant."

I nere is no hurry," he said. "Each of us is younger than Allaster, and so there is time to bide." sack of corn on your shoulder."

The King laughed heartly at this.

tleman who has us in thrall can make nothing by ill using us. Sooner or later he must divulge his plan, whatever it is, before he can benefit from it, and I am not quite so unimportant as you seem to imply. I have a better horse when he does that it will be time to carry my corn than the one that today carried me to Dunvegan." to pursue." Then turning suddenly to-ward their guide, who had been stand-The laird ignored this disparagement of his castle.
"You came to Skye, then, to see the

ing motionless during the conversation, the King said sharply, in English: "Is your master at home?" King's boat, of which you had heard favorable report? The news of her The old man made no reply, but lookseems to have traveled very quickly." ed at MacDonald, who repeated the question in Gaelic and received an affirmative answer.

Seems to nave traveled very quickly said the King complacently. "Information spreads rapidly in the Highlands." "He says the laird is at home. He "It seems to spread to the Lowlands as well. You heard the King's proclamation perhaps?'

"I wasn't just sure of that, so I tested it by an abrupt question, thus lock-ing the door after the horse was stolen, "It's possible you came from the for we have spoken rather plainly be-fore him, and so have proved ourselves "No. "No. We came overland." in the beginning very poor conspirators. However, I care little what the next "Had you heard of the fame of Malcolm's boat before you left Stirling?"

down the long corridor and the King entered the apartment assigned to him.

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"You know the King's writing, perhaps? Will you tell me whether this is, as I suspect, a forgery?"

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The King, glancing over his shoulder, saw standing against the wall a row "Here's to the MacLeod!" he cried. as I suspect, a forgery?" "I drink to the King, and good luck to him!" said MacDonald.
"I drink to anything, so long as the care. "I have seen the writing of His "Very well," cried the King to his

"I drink to anything, so long as the wind wine is sound," rejoined His Majesty, enjoying a deep draught. "E-god, Donald here knows it better than I. Jamie," he cried, setting the flagon down again, "that's better claret than continued. "Is this the real Mackay, MacLeod then stood up."

"Very well," cried the King to Ms-host; "give you a suitable toast, MacLeod, and I will enter with you the continued. "Is this the real Mackay, MacLeod then stood up. we have in Stirling."

"There is no reason why it shouldn't be excellent," replier MacDonald, "for the lard's own ships bring it direct."

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"I give you," he said, "the King of Scotland. May he be blest with more wisdom than some of his account.

the laird's own ships bring it direct from the coast of France to the coast of Skye, and there's little chance of adulteration between the two."

When the repast was finished the aged man who had received them at "Well, now," said MacLeod, leaning wisdom than some of his ancestors!"

This he repeated in Gaelic, and the sentiment was received uproariously, for the wine was already making itself felt in the great hall.

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Well, now," said MacLeod, leaning ing this toast it did not appear on the

ne." slowly, but they ultimately achieved the same end. Then all seated them-"You hint, then," said MacLeod, the same end. Then all searched them drawing down his black brows, "that selves once more, and the drinking continued without the useless intervention of further talk. One by one the revel-

The tacitum commander of the guard in the tacitum commander of the foor. "The very benches are drunk, Leod, and the table sways like a ship at sea. That stool is as insecure as a throne. Rise up, if you can, and see if yours is any better."

"In shall not put him to that trouble, said the King airly. "I am of such sight of the tack which was more or less to report to no man. If the king should ask me any question regarding the introducing the tack which was more or less in the table sways like a ship at the table sways like a ship at the same the table sways like a ship at the same the table sways like a ship at the same the table sways like as the look of these corruptors of at sea. That stool is as insecure as a throne. Rise up, if you can, and see if yours is any better."

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The King and his companion were reing the custom of the court."

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now slightly stooped through age. He led them within, and up a stair direct to the apartments reserved for them. Their aged conductor spoke no English, so the burden of conversation fell on MacDonald. As soon as MacDonald perceived that he and his friend were to be separated—the King lodged at one end of the castle and himself at the other—he protested against this arend of the castle and himself at the other—he protested against this arrangement, demanding two adjoining rooms. The old man replied that he was following instructions, and if the rooms assigned were not satisfactory his master would doubtless change them on the morrow.

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"Only eleven."

"Both of them?"

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"But, my good man," expostulated MacDonald, we expect to be leaving the castle town of the morrow.

"But, my good man," expostulated more a prisoner at Stirling Castle than he is at this moment in Dunvegan the castle towngrow."

"We are sociable travelers," said the king, rising, for the laird's words had in them an inflection of dismissal, "and we will have great pleasure in accepting seats at your table." Then with a bow to the man who born?"

could he have visited my slight hold-ing and thus become acquainted with the king held that Allaster should have

On being summoned to the great dining hall that night they found a company awaiting 'dinner numbering per hapse a score, all men. A piper was ing the timbers ring with his martial music. The MacLeod stood at the head of his table, a stalwart man, whose massive head seemed sunk rather deep between his broad shoulders, but otherwise, perhaps, because his costume was cunningly arranged, there was slight indication of the deformity with which

when you neard the King's proc-amation perhaps?"

"Yes, we heard the pronouncement."

when the eating was done with the servants placed three large flagons be-fore their master and the two who sat When the eating was done with the to the brim with wine. "Gentlemen," said MacLeod, "it is a

custom in this castle that our guests, to show they are good men and true, each empty one of these flagons at a draught, and without drawing breath. thing to eat. Clear your gloomy brow, Jamle, and tell them in the most culmary Gaelic that this is not a fast day with us, and the ride across the moors with us, and the ride across the moors has been increased our appetition.

"I did not say we left Stirling. As a draught, and without drawing of Doune, some miles to the north of tit, and at that time had heard nothing either of Malcolm or his beet." sumed at your hospitable board," said "Hum!" ejaculated the laird, rum- the King, "is the best that ever ran refus their service, even if my head re-

summoned to a small room, where they found a most welcome and substantial meal set out for them. A generous flagon of wine stod by each trencher; it was the first the King had had an opportunity of tasting since he left his crepital, and he seized upon the measure with some easerness. Will you tell me whether this is mand."

"That need not trouble you," said MacLeod, "for in the last hundred years no man has insulted this vintage by leaving the hall on his own feet. There stand your legs against the wall, Guidman of Ballengeich."

"You know the King's writing, perhaps? Will you tell me whether this is of brawny gillies, each two of whom James wrinkled his brows and ex- suported a stretcher, whose use was at

definitely.

"You say that is the actual signature This he repeated in Gaelic, and the

back in his chair, "will you resolve a mystery for me? How is it likely that James Fifth ever heard of Malcolm MacLeod's boat? and if he did, do you consider it probable that an august monarch would compliment a Highland cateran's skill with the ax?

"James is a douce body," said the king, "and knows more of what is going on in his realm than folk who think themselves wiser might imagine."

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for as James made his uncertain way toward the door, the expert gillies, who knew their business, came up behind him, swooped the stretcher against his unreliant leges, and they failing instantly; he fell backward on the stoutstantly; he fell backward on the stoutstantly he

"Ah!" exclaimed the man. He eyed them a moment and then remarked: house. You appear in the police court "Pretty children. Where were they

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found there was from 30 to 50 pipers, but they evidently bore no greeting to the travellers, for the musical party was marching in the same direction as themselves, playing vigorously as they

Sleat then?"

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MacLeod," he cried, 'I challenge you to stand, and I'll wager you I can walk further down the corridor with fewer collisions against either wall than any marching in the same direction as the was marching in the same direction as the w

which in nearly every case consisted of Sugar for \$1.00. see the rule of your house broken by and eleven were girls. One hundred your—" If the next word were "monarch" or "king" it was never uttered, charged and 164 boys and five girls

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of robbing him is to weep and to declare that this is his first offence and

Dry Hardwood. Leod, and the prone man helplessly that he did not know why he acted in Which we can give you sawed or sawed and cream received at our waving his hands, shouted:

"Unfair, by Saint Andrew, unfair! well dressed and attractive, his actime to get it in now clean and dry.

and offer to return them if no further trouble is made. Several of the teach-trouble is made. Several of the teach-trouble is made. ers of thievery are tall and well form- per dozen bunches. ed, and impersonate the police in plain clothes. As soon as a man captures a

"I'll take this boy to the station in the morning and prosecute him.' If the aggrieved citizen starts to accompany the couple it will not be long before the "offcer of the law" and the

"Help yourselves, boys."

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"Seven days ago a vessel bearing the name of Sea Lady, and sailing from New York, went ashore in a fog and sailors who left the ship, only nine survived. On arriving on land they were met by the Aleuts, who showed hostile tendencies. The sailors made several tives but failed. The Americans were with dispatch. al! thrown into caves and robbed. "The schooner Fairyland, of Oakland, Cal., appeared three days later. This time the natives appeared friendly to the new comers, but they suddenly attacked the crew and burned the ship The number on board is supposed to have been five. "The imprisoned sailors in the caves

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