

the utter unreasonableness of the sex, as he has pointed out, was finely illustrated by the way Chirsty took his explanation.

"Ye never thocht of it!" she exclaimed, "Tammaas, you're a most aggravating man."

In his humorous period, Haggart could have stood even this, but that night it was beyond bearing. He jumped to his feet and stumbled to the door.

"Chirsty Todd," he turned to say, slowly and emphatically, "you're a vain tid. But beware, woman, there's others than Jeames Pitbladdo as can take the hiccup."

Chirsty had strange cause to remember this prophecy, but at the moment it only sent her running to the door. Tammaas was half-way down Tillyloss already, but she caught him in the back with this stone:

"Gnid-nicht, Jeames!"

With these words the Thrums Odyssey began.