Jeannie Sinclair.

THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

'Richt! ye ha'e a richt, 'cried Grizzy.

'The best'o' a' richts,' added Thomas.
'Noo, Mr. Denman,' continued Grizzy, rising and clapping him affectionately on the shoulder,' be a guid bairn, and dinna say ony mair about gaun to lodge wi' Mrs. Carrick. We are plain, hamely folk, and, nae doot, ye've been used tae live in a grander style than us. But a warmer welcome, or mair honour, ye'll get nae where than here, and it wad pit the guidman and me sair about gif ye left oor hoose for lodging's. Tell me, my bonny lad, that ye winns dae it.'

The youth looked to where Jeannie sat, and saw with a thrill of ple are: that, while maidenly modesty kept her from endorsing with words her mother's invitation, she was waiting with breathless eagerness for its acceptance, and the sight at once decided him. 'It will give me only too much pleasure to remain,' he murmured. 'I can never be so happy anywhere as here.'

'Hurray, Grizzy, you've managed that rale weel, 'cried the farmer, his honest face glowing with pleasure.

'Gang awa' now, my woman, and get ben the supper.'
That night, when the immates of the farmhouse separated to retire to rest, Miss Wilson accompanied Jeannie to her room. It was a pleasant chamber, facing the west, and the warm glow of the summer twilight filled it with a subdued and tranquil light. Jeannie seated herself in a chair by the window, and her face, radiant with pleasure, gazed forth upon the rich uplands, which stood out so dark and strong against the sky from which the light of sunset was fading. Miss Wilson sat down beside her, and for a little the two maidens were silent, but while Jeannie's eyes were directed, with a look vague, and pre-occupied, towards the hills, those of the other were fixed with an anxious and troubled expression on her companion's face.

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'I wish Mr. Denman had left the Holme and gone to Mrs. Carrick's,' said Miss Wilson, abruptly breaking the silence.

Jeannie turned her head in astonishment. 'You wish Mr. Denman had left the Rolmer's she repeated.

'Aye, left the Strath,' said the other, gravely, almost mournfully.

'Oh, Mary, how can you speak so unkindly as that,' exclaimed Jeannie, reproachfully, 'I do not speak unkindly, but in true kindness; and I say again it will be better for your peace and his that he should leave this place.'

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his place."

You words are incomprehensible, 'cried he fair girl in the extremity of amazement.

They may be for a moment, Jeannie, but hat is only because of their strangeness, sook at them a little, reflect on their import, and you will understand, I fear, only too vell. Thave not spoken thus without due onsideration. I have watched narrowly, and studied closely, and now I am sure what suspected is true—William Denman loves 'on."

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Jeannie gave a great start, and a wild
startied, but withal a glad light came into
her eyes. It passed quickly away, not, however, without being observed by the watchful eyes of her companion, and she became
greatly distressed and equitated.

"Mary, dear, you are dreaming," she faintly marmured.

Mary shook her head. 'It is' no dream:
it is the truth I say; and why should it be a
matter of surprise? I saw the danger from
the first, but scrupled to point to out. Would
to Heaven I had been more bold, and at the
risk of seeming harshness and coldness, prevented this painful and deplorable result!

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'Ah, my dear, that is said not by the heart but by the conscience,' rejoined Miss Wilson, in a tone of mournful admonition. 'In your deepest soul you do not rebel against the thought; it is the remembrance of your position which lends you to express the hope that what I have said is erroneous. But it is not erroneous, Jeannie; it is, alas! true enough, and again I say it need not surprise us. When could such intercourse as you have had with each other lead but to this? Could William Denman see you as he has seen you—gaze on your beauty—observe with ample opportunity all your goodness—be the recepient of your kind and affectionate ministrations—and fail to lose his heart, he were more than mortal, or less noble and excellent than he is had his love not been drawn forth towards you. Jeannie, dear, it was wrong to subject him to such a resistless temptation.

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'Oh, do not say it was wrong in me to nurse him,' murnared Jeannie. 'Did he not deserve all, and far more than all, I could do for him? Were not the weakness and suffering he was enduring brought upon him for my sake, and could I do less than eapress my gratitude in the only way possible—by tending him, and doing all in my power te alleviate his pain, and restore him to strength?

'And in so doing inflict on him a pain a thousandfold greater than that you alleviated. I well know your strong impelling motive, and heartily approve it, for it was right that you should show in every possible way your gratitude for his brave, self-sacrificing interposition in your behalf. Having saved your lite, he was entitled to all the devotion you could show. You acted with the best intention, Jeannie, dear; but, while your motive is to be highly commended, we—and and the rest of us are to blame far more than you—did not think sufficiently of the probable consequences. If my surmies is correct, Jeannie—if William Denman loves you—what a tertible, what a blighting disappointment awaits him!

'But I hope—that is, I—I think you are mistaken,' faltered Jeannit, very pale, and deeply concerned.

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'Hush, dear, returned Miss Wilson, in a tone of the most gentle chiding. 'You are trying but unsuccessfully to hide the truth from yourself as well as from me. In the far depths of your heart you do not hink, you do not hope, that I am mistaken, for with anxious study I have read you both, and, while I have observed that William Denman loves you, I have also perceived that you love William Denman loves. You I, have also perceived that you love William Denman loves you. I have also perceived that you love William Denman loves you. If we were the work of the well as the wealth we have a soft of the truth of the well as the wealth we have a soft of the truth of the wealth we have a soft of the wealth we h

to at you have william beaman.

A Lesson for Sourmore—"Burleigh" writes from New York to the Journal of the hotels recently, I saw a well dressed young man, not over thirty he was drunk. His friends, some of the mamong four most respectable citizens, were trying to induse him to go home. Two years ago he was reputed to be rich. His tollar ance over in the bank was large. He could any day draw his check for fifty thousand follows. One of the bottle, and his end is easily predicted. One cancount on his ton fingers the New York is fall of wrecks of men who, because they cannot be not fingers the New York is fall of wrecks of men who, because they could not pay their notes, have fing the most could not pay their notes, have find the declaration of the tenement louses of the day declaration of the tenement louses of the city declaration. He was a fall of wrecks of men who for thirty sears have had almost uninterrupted success. But New York is fall of wrecks of men who, because they could not pay their notes, have flust grown and the tenement louses, covered the city declaration of the tenement louses, covered the city declaration of the lady was found to the lady declaration of the lady the law well as well

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