#### Jeannie Sinclair. THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER XX.

A MURDERER'S RESTLESSNESS AND ANXIETY-LYNEDOCH SINCLAIR TAKEN PRISONER.

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'Oh, Maister Lynedoch, Maister Lynedoch,'
cried John, bursting with excitement, 'sic
news, sic extraordinar' news! Lynedoch turned slowly round, and awaited his approach with the most careless air.

'What's the matter? be inquired. 'Why,
what a state you are in. Have you seen a
warlock on the way?'

'Oh, Maister Lynedoch, it's nae jokin maiter. It's something that nearly concerns
you. Sir Fergus is amissin'.'
'Amissing, you fool! What mean you by
that nonsense.'

'It's nae nonsense ava; it's a doonricht

that nonsense.'

'It's nae nonsense ava; it's a doonricht tet. Sir Fergus, I say, is amissin'. He gaed of tae shoot yesterday mornin', and has ne'er come back.'

'Pooh, what about that? He will return then it suits him, I suppose.'

'But they are feared something has hapened him, and the hail folk o' the Strath as been seekin' him a' day on the Muir.'

'Indeed! The people are easily alarmed. Depend upon it, Sir Fergus will come back n due time.'

'But if he shouldns. Maister Lynedoch?

och, are the Baronet o' Baigley, and a great and a rich man."

'I don't look for such good luck, John,' ephed Lynedoch. 'But touching this foolha alarm which his absence has caused, who re smitten hy it—none but the Castle peolet, I suppose?

'Ye are wrang there, Malster Lynedoch, lean wrang. A' the Strath, high and low, are on the search, and if there's nae word o' im the nicht, they are gaun to scour the tills the morn. Word has been sent tae hawheid, and the Sheriff and the Fiscal are as be owre.'

ou.' So saying, John made his way into the kit-sen of the Tower; and Lynedoch having ex-acted the information he sought, retired to se solitude of his own chamber to muse over

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It was something significant that no one was dispatched specially to the Tower with the news. Doubtless he would be communicated with on the morrow—perchance the Sheriff or the Fisca would visit him, in which case he would need all his self-command to sustain the interview.

The morrow came and promised to pass in the same manner. From his place of observation on the top of the Tower, Lynedoch saw at an early hour the searchers go across the level moorland towards the hills, behind which they were lost to his view. For hours thereafter the scene presented its usual quietude and solitary stillness. Impelled by the uneasy restlessness of his soul, he ascended the Tower many times during the day in the hope of descrying something which would give him information as to what was passing, but these visits, one after another, proving vain, he retired at length to his chamber to entertain in privacy his unenviable thoughts. Thus he was absent from his post of observation at a time when he could have beheld something which would have struck his guilty soul with trepidation, if not with utter dismay. This was the procession of people carrying the body of Sir Fergus in the direction of the Castle. With his telescope Lynadoch could easily have seen this, as also a small group of four or six which had separated from the procession, and were coming towards the Tower. But being in his room, he was ignorant of these movements, and was, therefore, taken by surprise, when he heard a trampling of feet on the atone stair, and John Cross opened his chamber door in great excitement, ushering in the Sheriff, the Fiscal, and three constables.

The twe first mentioned, Lynadoch at once

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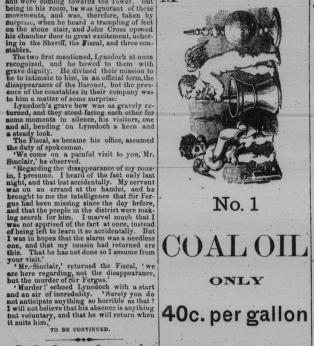
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