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The Maiden's Choice

K. THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

*What—what mean you!' faltered the youth, turning pale as death, while he and Marion fixed a bowlidered gaze on the glowing face of the excited Baronet.

*I mean just what I say,' he exclaimed. Dae ye no understand me? Whaur dae ye think I hae been a' this time?'

*Have you not been at Brankswood?'

*Brankswood, and you in the condemned cell o' the Tobooth? Think shame o' yerse!', Watty, for sayin' sic a word.

*Where have you been then, Sir Gilbert?'

*At Lunnon, ye prodigal—at Lunnon. It was tae hae time tae gang fifter that I got the month o' grace, and by my certic the time has turned oot short eneach. Buti's as richt yet. I gained the King's hig at last, got yer pardon, and galloped doon wi' tim my pocket, amaist without stopping, except to change horses.'

Walter stood regarding him with an expression of utter bewilderment, struggling to comprehend his meaning, yet seemingly unable to do so. Marion was more quick of apprehension, but the reaction of feeling caused by the amazing hope engendered by his words made her unable to gasp out a syllable.

*Pardoned!' at leagth she hysterically shricked.

*Oh ye think that's owre guid news to be Foar—none.

Pardoned! at length she hysterically thricked.

Oh ye think that's owre guid news to be true,' exclaimed Sir Gilbert, clapping her affectionately on the shoulder. Wait a wee then. Before I cam tae the prison I put the pardon into the hands o' the Commissioners, and the officers will be here immediately will be order for your liberation, but I wanted the pleasure o' bein' the first tae tell ye. Walter had recovered from his stuper now, and in the fallness of his grateful emotion he folded the Baronet in a passionate embrace. Marion, also, with wildest rapture flung her arms round Sir Gilbert's neck, and wept and aughed by turns.

'Oddaske, puddius and painches! you than the fallness of the grateful emotion he faronet, actually blushing at the fervent demonstration.

'I can but fainly realise your goodness.'

monstration. 'I can but faintly realise your goodness,' nurmured Walter. 'I feel as if your presence here is but a dream, and that I shall awake presently to the dark prospect which your entrance has changed.'

'Deli a lear o' that, Watty, lad. There will be nae ladder for you in the Grassmarket the morn.'

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'And you have done this unparalleled deed on my behalf—saved me from the scaffold—preserved me to life and Marion?'

'Dae ye think I was gaunna see ye sacrificed as lang as there was the possibility of savin' ye? No likely—puddin's and painches, no likely. I failed in Embro, but thocht I had a gey guid chance in Lunnon. Ye see, Watty, I had the guid fortune tae dae a service tae His Majesty King Charles I, when he was in Scotland. Ae guid turn deserves anither, ye ken; an' on the strength o' that I made my way into the Royal presence. It was nae easy matter, though, an' day after day I was keepit back. At last I got into the l'ark where Itlis Majesty walks four hours every day, an' made bold tae address him. I tell't my story, an' pressed my suit, an' nae little pressin' it took, for His Majesty is in a sair way aboot the insurrection in Scotland. But I prevailed in the end. Yer pardon was granted on condition that ye leave Scotland, an' live beyond His Majesty's dominions. I stuck up for a pardon oot an' cot, but His Majesty grew angry at that, an' I was fain tae be content wi' the savin' o' yer craig frae the gibbet. So, ye rascal, gin ye dinna be daft encuch an' dour eneuch tae quarrel wi' the terms, ye sall gang tae supper at my iodgin's the nicht.

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Words would fail to describe the tide of happiness which rushed into the hearts of Walter and Marion when they found that the great paril was indeed escaped. Walter had ny liftheally in accepting the conditions on Which his life was to be spared. He had indeed resolved to go into exile before he was taken, and wait in Holland till the time came when he could be of any real service to the cause of the Covenant.

That night he was liberated from the Tolbooth, and in three days he and Marion left the shores of Seculand, nor knowing if they would ever see their native land again.

CHAPTER XV.—THE MISER AND HIS DAUGHTER-CHARLIE ALLAN BEGINS A NEW PERSUIT-THE LOVERS.

The LOYKES.

Two years have passed away, and the tright sun of a glorious June day hangs in he western sky like a burnished shield, and luminates with rich, yet mellow radiance, he fair scene around Birkencleuch and Greytone.

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If we stood on an upland about a mile from
the village and the Cleuch we should obtain
to gorgoous view of a large portion of Nithsdiale, the fertile strath, down the centre of
which the river flows with silvery brightness
the clustering woods that adorn its banks,
and spread in all directions in stripes and
broad patches of richest variegated foliage—
the fertile corn-fields, which the woods enclose and shelter—the grassy meadows,
whose verdure view with the living green of
the glistening forest leaves—the wider and
opener pasture lands stretching towards the
extensive moors, whose deep brown surface
as soon to be changed into purple by the
bursting heather bells—and, last of all, the
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the bursting heather bells—and, last of all,
the bursting the distance, their brows
rising to the summer sky, and the sultry
haze which had swathed them all day vanishing and leaving them clear and distinct in the
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haze which had swathed them all day vanish and any analy allow evening light, cast by the slanting sun.

The upland from which a view of this wide and spleadid prospect is beheld had, at the time of our story, its creat traversed by a bridle path which formed a communication with the farm steadings and isolated cottages of the district. At certain points there branched away from its well-defined track, paths leading to the glens and lesser vales, whose hamlets and solitary habitations were made the homes of the scattered population to whom the fields and moors and mountains gave labour and sustenance.

As the shadows of the landscape were beginning to lengthen and stretch castward, agirl's lithe and graceful figure might have been seen in brisk motion as she came at a quick pace along the bridle-path with a basket over her arm, and in her hand the scart which she had removed from her shoulders as a relief frem the heat—increased as that heat was by the smartness of her exercise. She was a fair young creature, not of exalited station, as could be seen by the style of health and happiness, and suggested the idea of a refinement of nature and an intelligence considerably above her class. Her dress was as we have said plain, but it was neat in the extreme, exceedingly tasteful, and fitted to set forth her natural charms with great effects the did not seem to be much above twenty years of age, and had a beauty of feature and elegance of form altogether rare, and all the more pleasing that she was wholly without affectation, and seemed unconscious of the attractions which ker appearance presented.

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