

Jeannie Sinclair, OR, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER XXVII. TRACKING THE ROBBER—LYNCH LAW—LETTER FROM THE STRATH.

'Robert,' said William, 'we may congratulate each other.'

'We may,' replied Robert. 'This crime of Lynedoch's has relieved my mind of a great fear, and opens up a region of hope and happiness for you.'

'It does, my friend, it does,' rejoined Denman. 'God forgive me, but the news of the deed sent a thrill of joy through my soul, a lost sight of the horrid crime and the Baronet's cruel fate in the thought—the delicious, the rapturous thought—that Jeannie may no longer be mine.'

'And I,' responded Robert, 'in the thought that Ellen is freed from the design to force her to marry Lynedoch—Sinclair. It may, after all, though, be added with a bitter sigh, "make little difference to me, for unless I realise at the diggings the ransom of Cloverles I can never marry her."

'Nonsense,' exclaimed William. 'Cloverles shall be ransomed. This intelligence has changed everything. Don't let us linger here a day longer, but hey for Scotland and Strathmae—for home and happiness.'

'Impossible,' answered Robert, 'sadly shaking his head. "So far as my purpose here is concerned, the intelligence changes nothing. As a ruined man, as a beggar, I shall never ask Ellen to marry me. No, my friend, if within the year I fail to acquire the sum necessary to liquidate the bond, I cannot return to Scotland to claim Ellen as my wife."

'Robert, that is sheer folly,' exclaimed William. 'It is a morbid feeling of pride, for which you would surely never sacrifice the happiness both of Ellen and yourself. Come, be more of yourself. Be generously frank and friendly and allow me to—'

'Pardon me, and forbear. I have no words to express my sense of your noble desire, and the unexampled devotion of your friendship. But on this point I must stand firm. It will be hard—harder than language can reveal—to make the sacrifice you speak of; but honor is more sacred than aught else, and must be preferred even to happiness.'

'It is vain, I see, to argue with you at present,' rejoined William. 'Let us work in what Mr Barille would call our "location," and who knows but a few more nuggets may turn up to cut the gordian knot, and render the continuance of the discussion unnecessary; and lest our tent should have a visit from one of Jim Murdochson's kidney, I'll go back and tell Watty to bring the bag down with him, so that it may be under our eye when we are digging.'

Robert nodded, and turned down through the water-course, while William sauntered back to the hut in search of Watty. As he approached he suddenly came in sight of Watty seated on the edge of the ravine, and, unseeing as he deemed himself, engaged in the curious process of ducking his head up and down over Maggie's letter, which he still had in his hand. William stood for some moments eyeing him with astonishment, utterly at a loss to know the meaning of his manœuvre.

Watty chanced to look round, saw him, and appeared taken. 'Why, Watty, what on earth are you doing?' asked William, walking forward to where he sat.

Watty's face grew as red as the comb of a turkey-cock, then he looked sheepish, and, forcing a laugh, replied with inimitable simplicity—

'Loth, Maister Denman, if ye wull ha it, I—I was kissin' Maggie.'

'Kissing Maggie!' echoed William. 'Well, I must say your imagination is a strong one if you call kissing her letter kissing herself.'

'Hoos, sir,' returned Watty, holding up the sheet, 'dae ye see thae marks?'

'I observe something like a score of crosses.'

'Just sae. Weel ye maun ken that every cross is a kiss. Maggie and I made it up atween us. The last thing she did afore fauldin' up the letter was tae mak' thae crosses, and then she kissed every aue, and noo I've kissed them, and that's what I ca' kissin' Maggie.'

William laughed long and heartily—more heartily than he had laughed for many a day. His depressed spirits had risen at a bound, and he was in a mood to be boisterously gay.

'Well,' he exclaimed, 'I must say that is as near an approach to kissing each other as can well be adopted by sweethearts who are three thousand miles apart.'

'Eh, Maister Denman, and I just wish we weren't three thousand miles apart,' said Watty, with a regretful sigh. 'Dae ye no think, sir, that we will be on our way tae the Strath shune?'

'I hope so, Watty—I sincerely hope so—and if my way was to be followed we would quit the diggings this very day.'

'Weel, sir,' exclaimed Watty, with great animation, 'I vote for that tae, and maist votes carries.'

'Ah, but Mr. Douglas won't hear of it.—He insists on remaining till we dig up the price of Cloverles.'

'And when will that be, sir? Maybe no for mony a day tae come, if ever. Blast that day-thief-robbin' Jacob McQuirk! It's a his wyle that we are wanderin' in this fa' kintra like three prodigal sons. Confound him, but I wad like tae get amends o' him—the leein' cheatin' scoundrel.'

'Patience, Watty—patience—and perhaps your feelings as regards the worthy Jacob will be gratified,' laughed William. 'Meanwhile we must be at work again, and who knows but our eyes will be gladdened by the sight of the nugget? But, after the lesson we have had, it will be advisable to have the bag at the hole beside us. So be good enough to bring it down with you. Mr. Douglas is there already.'

'A richt, sir; I'll be after ye in a jiffy,' replied Watty, as with a light, springing step William walked away.

Watty stood for some minutes out of sight, then whipt out Maggie's letter again, and rapidly ran his lip over the crosses which had not been kissed before—the smacks sounding like platoon firing.

TO BE CONTINUED.

The battle against Protection wages hard in the United States. Horace Greeley admits the pressure by promising to commence in the Tribune, on or about June 1st, the publication in weekly chapters of a treatise on political economy.

It is interesting to note how great questions disappear from the stage, and are replaced by new issues. Pro and anti Slavery articles for many years graced the columns of the American Press to the exclusion of almost everything else.

But slavery is no longer a bone of contention. It is now only a ghostly specter of past memories. The new issue looming up is Free Trade vs Protection. Strange to say, many of the progressive party, so called, advocate an exploded fallacy; while the Democrats, who espoused the cause of human bondage, are almost unanimously in favor of Free Trade.

The house of the Rev. Robert Renwick, Presbyterian Minister at Elma Centre, was entered on Tuesday last, and robbed of about \$300. Mr. Renwick had gone to Stratford, and the house-keeper was alone in the house. She heard the robbers, but was too frightened to make any alarm, and locked herself up in her bedroom. The extent of the robbery was not known till the reverend gentleman returned on Wednesday evening.

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