The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

To all this Mary listened without once opening her lips: she had disliked the woman at first: she positively hated her now, and yet she had not the least knowledge where except that she felt her to be a sanctimonious bypocrite; and she felt, too, that her aentiment of dislike was reciprocated. But ahe was resolved to-play the hypocrite herself until she had got out of this place, which, notwithstanding the favour shown her, was still a prison for her. So she bridled her tongue, and when the Prioress had finished, begged meekly to be allowed the use of writing materials.

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In the evening shelwas required to attend vespers in the chapel, but she was not permitted to mix with either the nuns or novices. In a gloomy corner by herself she tried to give her heart and mind to; the service; but both were refractory, and repeatedly she child herself for thinking rather of the world, from which she was debarred, than of the devout things which became the time and place. On the succeeding day she was allowed in the grounds after matins. She examined every part of the walls, but they were too high, shd, although she saw several doors, they were all too stoutly formed to yield the slightest hope of escape, unless she could procure the key of one of them. At noon she was told that a person waited to see her in the receiving room. Thither she was conducted, and was ushered in by a small side door—not the one by which she first entered it—and found herself behind the large grating.

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The black serge hangings were drawn aside, and peering through the bars she saw her page Crawford. The visage of the youth wors a piteous expression at sight of his Mistress.

She was moved by his distress, not fancying that he was to some extent the chief cause of her present plight.

You are sorry, Crawford, to see me here, also said, in a low and sad tone.

'Ay, my lady, more sorry than you can credit, and with more reason than you can imagine.'

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concealed the original beneath his long in hair.

"Then he promised to be with her on the morrow, and retired hastily.

In the corridor he was met by Barras.

"Well, has she given you a missive?"

"Yes master, answored the page, meckly, as he presented the copy."

"Humph, it is as I expected, muttered Barras, you can ride as far as Peebles; then return, and I will tell you what next to do."

"Oran of Crawford bowed low, and departed."

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