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# The Braes of Yarrow Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

turer proceeded with quick strides to the spot where the Chevalier had arranged to await his return.

He found him, and briefly related all that had passed, not omitting the singular communication made to him by the lady who had accompanied him to the door. The Chevalier pressed his armas if in congratulation.

I trust the lady prophesied truly; and may hap her rendom words were nearer truth than she or you imagned.

It may be so, for folk say that fortune favors all who have hearts stubborn enough to besiege the jade till she yields.

And when she yields, do you ever dream of the form you would have her favors take?

The vision is very faint. When my poor mother lived she would at whiles when she was saddest take me down from Halstane to Binram's Cross, and there, whilst we heard the Yarrow moaning by us, she would tell me strange tales of the brave knights of Binram. Sometimes I dream that I should like to be one of them, for my mother loved with the lords of Binram for long years.

'Your mother was one of the Elliots of Minto?'

'Yes, but she lived apart from her family

Minto?

Yes, but she lived apart from her family on account of some quarrel, the nature of which 1 have failed to learn hitherto. She lived at Halstane with her kinsman Walter. Spens, in whose arms she died.

'And where was your father?'
They walked on a little way in silence.—Then (ilibert, huskily—'Dead I believe.'
'Have you never attempted to make yourself known to his family—or to adopt his name?'

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"You press me sorely, comrade, but since we have touched upon this matter we will finish it now. By snatches I have learned something of a cruel story from my mother and from Spens. When she was in direst distress my tather's friends turned coldly from her. My father himself was many years occupied in the wars of France and the Lower Country. Either his messages were never delivered or he had learned to forget his wife. You speak harshly.

"And if I do it is because my mother's memory is so dear to me, and because she suffered cruelly. From the time that I began to grasp the meaning of these things I said in the bitterness of my heart that I began to grasp the meaning of these things I said in the bitterness of my heart that I began to grasp the meaning of these things I said in the bitterness of my heart that I began to grasp the meaning of these things I said in the bitterness of my heart that I began to grasp the meaning of these things I said in the bitterness of my heart that I began to grasp the meaning of these things I said in the bitterness of my heart that I began to grasp the meaning of these things I said in the bitterness of my heart that I began to grasp the meaning of these things I said in the bitterness of my heart that I began to grasp the my heart that I began to grasp the mount of the said that the said that a said the said that the said that the said that I began the said that the sa

that may concern our cause meanly. Step softly."

They ascended the staircase, and the Chevalier, after passing his hand carefully over the door, pressed one of the mails with his inger. No sound was heard, but presently the door was cautiously opened and the two men entered. The door closed in the same cautious manner as it had opened.

Then a light, which appeared to be placed on the top of the child's head, moved along in the passage before them, un two steps at the back part of the house, and into a small three cornered chamber which had apparently been designed originally for a pantry.

The light was low-used to the ground and Gilbert recognized in its beaver, Hornic the dwarf.

You have met before?' said the Chevalier Yes,' responded Gilbert quickly, ' with aid gained entrance to Tushielaw's tow-

or, and 'Whist—hand your whist,' interrupted the dwarf, with a comical expression of alarm on his big disproportioned face; 'f you't, would be put red het einders amang dry birse.'

And he motioned with bis finger towards the wall as if indicating the danger of being

the wall as it indicating the danger of being overheard. The next minute he extinguished the light.

The sound of voices from another apartment reached Gilbert's ear, and the pronounciation of his own name and that of Lady Spens quickened his curiosity.

The Chevalier drew him to the wall, a portion of the pannelling was removed, and a diamond shaped eye-hole admitted the light from the next chamber. Gilbert looked throthe hole and perceived those arch conspirators, Adam Scott of Tushielaw and the sham friar Simon.

There was a third to whom both seemed to

triar Simon.

There was a third to whom both seemed to pay particular attention, and upon whom ooth seemed to be earnestly urging something Phis third person owned a gainly figure, tall, unuscular, and youtbrid, with a keen dark eye, and a bearing haughty as that of the proudest monarch.

products monarch.

He spoke with a decisive tone of authority.

Now,mark me,with the persons you name.

I have nothing to do. To-night you have blundered as the stupidest gilley to be found on Angus would not have blundered.

We did not get the full signal, growled Tushielaw.

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