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**HIGHLANDER'S DOG.**

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A SHEPHERD who inhabited one of those glens which intersect the Grampian mountains of Scotland, in one of his excursions to look after his flock, carried along with him a child of three years old. This is not an unusual practice among the Highlanders, who accustom their children from the earliest infancy to endure the rigours of the climate. After traversing his pastures for some time attended by his dog, the Shepherd found himself under the necessity of ascending a summit at some distance to have a more extensive view of his range. As the ascent was too fatiguing for the child, he left him on a small plain at the bottom, with strict injunctions not to stir from it till his return. Scarcely, however, had he gained the summit, when the horizon was darkened by one of those impenetrable mists which frequently descend so rapidly amidst the mountains as in the space of a few minutes almost to turn day into night. The anxious father instantly hastened back to find his child; but, owing to the great darkness and his own trepidation, he unfortunately missed his way in the descent. After a fruitless search of many hours, he discovered that he had reached the bottom of the valley, and was near his own cottage. To renew the search that night was equally fruitless and dangerous. He was therefore compelled to go home, although he had lost both his child and his dog, which had faithfully attended him for many years. Next morning, by break of day, the Shepherd, accompanied by a band of his neighbours, set out to seek the child; but after a day spent in fruitless fatigue, he was at last forced by the approach of night to descend from the mountain. On returning to his cottage he found that the dog which he had lost the day before, had been home, and on receiving a piece of oat cake had instantly gone off again. Struck with this singular circumstance, he remained at home the next day, and when, as before, the dog departed with his