### "Little by Little."

"Little by little," the torrent said,
As it swept along in its narrow bed,
Chafing in wrath and pride;
"Little by little, and day by day,"
And with every wave it bore away
A grain of sand, from the bank which lay
Like granite walls on either side.

It came again, and the rushing tide
Covered the valley far and wide,
For the mighty banks were gone;
"Little by little, and day by day,"
A grain at a time, they were swept away,
And now the fields and meadows lay
Under the waves, for the work was done.

"Little by little," the tempter said,
As a dark and cunning snare he spread
For the young unwary feet—
"Little by little, and day by day,
I will tempt the careless soul astray
Into the broad and flowery way,
Until the ruin is made complete."

"Little by little," sure and slow,
We fashion our future of bliss or woe,
As the present passes away.
Our feet are climbing the stairway bright,
Up to the region of endless light,
Or gliding downward into the night,
"Little by little, and day by day."

## Jeannie Sinclair,

OR

### THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

'God sake, but that's a serious busines,' he soliloquised. 'Tae me it is as clear as day that there has been jookery-packery wi' the doctor and Mrs. Carrick; and the bairn doon by at the Castle is no she bairn o' Sir Fer- or her leddyship ava, but the weun born by the puir lassie, and its father is Maister Lynedoch. The Castle bairn is the wean at Holme, that Maister and Mrs. Sinclair ha'e taen in hand tae bring up. What on earth is to be done? Forby the twasome that are airst and sairt in the deed, there's naebody kens onything about it but me, and if I was tae speak it oot, I ha'e nae way o' provin' what I say. The doctor and the howdie will ctick tae their lee, and I'll get naething but hard words and ill-wull. But feint a hait wad I care for that giff I could pit maitters richt, but I canna—I canna.'

Ned relapsed into silence for some time, then as his eye wandered to and fro over the vacant expanse of scene, he spoke again.

'Aften a' it may be best tae let things remain as they are. If by ony means I could bring the truth tae licht, the puir laddie wad be turned owre on the parish. The lassie wad be made nae better than she is noo, and Maister Lynedoch, that naebody likes, wad get the estate. Botheration, when I think o't, I am nae shure but it's just the best thing that could ha'e happened—barrin' the sin, of coorse—barrin' the sin. It's a just punishment on that villain Lynedoch tae be cut oot by his ain hand; and I am weel pleased tae think the bairn o' yon puir wranged lassie wull get the inheritance that could never hae come to it by law.'

Another pause of deep-absorbing reflection here took place, but it had not lasted long when Ned started to his feet, with the air of one who had come to an ultimate decision.

'My mind is made up?' he exclaimed. 'I'll say naething, I'll dae naething, I'll keep this secret lockit up in my ain bricst, and watch and wait for what time may bring. But, heeh me! I canna bide here ony langer. My heart has gotten sic a dunt that I maun e'en keep awa' frae the Strath for a while tae come.'

Shouldering his knapsack and grasping his cudgel, Ned turned his face westward, and went his solitary way across the Moor, his honest nature troubled and shaken not a little by the serious matter he had been forced to consider and settle, and his moral sense not satisfied by the existing position of things in the Strath, though his judgment failed to show him that it would be wise or politic to have these at present disturbed.

On the other side of the Moor where the Strath was narrowed almost to a glen by the closing in of the hills, and where the stream, which flowed so gracefully below, came turbulently down its steeper and rougher channel, stood a clump of trees on a gradually ascending slope, and Ned threw himself down under their shadow to rest himself, and discuss a portion of the contents of his wallet.

As he lay there, his unsettled mind still musing, and his eye wandering over the wide prospect, it lighted on a solitary horse-riding leisurely across the Moor, the bridle rein hanging loosely in his hand, and his head bent as one in deep rumination. The wanderer watched his slow approach, wondering at first who it might be; but recognizing while he was yet a good distance off, the form and features to be those of Lynedoch Sinclair.

The horseman rode slowly on, not suspecting that any human eye was observing him, and the countenance, which every moment brought more distinctly to Ned's view, was gloomy and disturbed.

As this is the first occasion in which Lynedoch Sinclair appears personally in our story, and as he is destined to play not an inconsiderable part in its development, we had better photograph him in a few words.

He was young, not apparently more than twenty-four years of age, dark complexioned, beardless, but having a profusion of very black glossy hair hanging down to his shoulders. His face was one that had no set expression; it was flexible, and capable of a variation, suited to the expression of the wily, cunning nature which dwelt within—for there was cunning and calculation in those smooth features; in the small, firm mouth: but particularly in the dark eyes that gleamed out from the heavy protruding arches which hung above them. If physiognomy be worth anything, an adept in the art would have said at once that the countenance of Lynedoch Sinclair was expressive of dissimulation and disguise, and that, though not to him, yet to a superficial observer it concealed a soul of thorough selfishness, a strong persistent will, and a bosom of heartless insensibility to the rights or feelings of those who might stand in the way of anything on which he had set his desire.

Such was Lynedoch Sinclair—smooth, cunning, deceitful, unprincipled and designing. He wore a mask—he was a hypocrite. When without a purpose this natural disposition was allowed to manifest itself, and thus it was that those from whom he expected nothing, whom he had no cause to fear, and from whom he looked for no gain, were able to form an idea of his character somewhat approaching towards the truth. For this reason he was not liked by the people of the Strath, and the universal hope that he would not come into power there.

He rode slowly towards the spot where Ned lay, and turned his horse's head away to the right when only a few yards distant from the clump of trees. His thoughts were evidently dark enough, for in that solitary place his mask was thrown aside, and a gloomy form of dissatisfaction o'erspread his countenance.

'That's a bitter cud he's chewin',' said Ned to himself, as horse and rider disappeared behind the elbow of the adjoining height. 'It's the comin' o' the wean that hastroubled him, and the blastin' o' his prospects thereby. It's no a pleasant thing to be cut oot o' a title and a grand estate like Baigley, and Maister Lycedoch hasna the temper tae bear meekly the dooncome o' his high hopes. Aweel, aweel, he has his ain evil ways to thank for it. It's the fruit o' his cruel sin tae yon puir lassie, and e'en let him drink the bitters he has brewed.'

With which pungent stricture Ned closed his wallet, grasped his cudgel, rose to his feet, and marched away, his route being in a different direction from that taken by Lynedoch Sinclair.

The latter rode on in his dreamy reverie, through a narrow pass between two hills, and winding round several eminences, some of which were finely wooded all over, and others broken and scarred by precipices; he had just emerged on a piece of vantage ground which commanded the view of a fertile and cultivated tract, and of a secluded hollow nearer at hand, in the recess of which a small gipsy encampment was set up—when his horse's progress was suddenly arrested by a firm hand laid upon the bridle rein.

Astonished at this interruption, Lynedoch looked over the horse's head, and saw a man there who was to him a stranger, but the look upon his face was a look of unmistakable rage and menace.

Lynedoch Sinclair did not know the man; but we do, for we have met him before.

It was Will Sanderson!

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