



CHAPTER XXXIX

AT HIS WITS' END



LYNDON soon tired of staying in Glasgow beside Kitty. It had been a relief to escape from Ballymore in the first shock of the unwelcome revelation regarding Fletcher's real parentage, but very soon he found himself longing to get back to learn all that had transpired during his absence. He gave a good deal of thought to the ultimate fate of Kitty Rooney, but supposed that sooner or later she would go back to Arraghvanna. He intended to take care, however, that he got himself clean out of the country before that happened. He had quite decided to go abroad, nor had he any intention of taking Kitty with him, although he continually spoke as if it were a settled matter that they should go abroad together. Had he been gifted with even ordinary powers of observation he might have taken alarm from Kitty's very quiescence. She listened to what he had to say on the subject, but seldom made any remark on her own account. Lyndon imagined her to be indifferent, or at least only too willing to follow in any arrangement he might make ; but it was far otherwise. Kitty