

system ; (b) clansmen, over whom their chieftains exercised a patriarchal influence ; and (c) a number of mercenaries, who formed a bodyguard, called the Foot Band.

53. **the Fleming.** A native of Flanders. The soil of the Netherlands, of which Flanders formed a part, is very fertile.

60. **halberd.** A combination of spear and battle-axe.

63. **holytide.** Holiday.

75. **burden.** Accompaniment. See note on II., 392.

78. **Trent.** A river in the north of England.

84-5. He did not like it because their games had been cut short that day, and he disturbed the noisy game of dice by shouting.

86. **Renew the bowl.** Fill up the bowl with liquor.

87. **catch.** A humorous song.

troll. To sing loudly.

88. **buxom.** Lively.

90. **the warder's challenge,** "Who goes there?"

93. **Ghent.** In Flanders.

106. **store.** Plenty.

108-13. This is said jeeringly. "Fine spoil indeed, after all your fighting! You have a harp and glee-maiden ; if you only had an ape you might lead a band of jugglers through the land."

118. **purvey.** Provide.

124-7. Shall he strike down the deer just outside the gamekeeper's lodge and yet be so stingy as not to give the keeper his share.

his fee. In this case, a kiss.

134. **tartan screen.** The tartan scarf by which her face was concealed.

151. **forest laws.** The laws governing the pursuit of game.

152. The offence for which De Brent had been outlawed had taken place in the forest of Needwood, in Staffordshire.

165. **Tullibardine.** The seat of the Murray family, about twenty miles from Stirling.

174-7. Ellen's lovely face seemed out of keeping with her Highland dress and with her surroundings in the guard-room, and it was easy for any one to imagine that there must be some strange explanation for her appearance.