

The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

He saw the fletcher gazing at him curiously. He stopped and gripped the burly little man by the arm.

'Eh, eh, what's like the matter wi' ye, my man?' cried the fletcher wriggling in the iron grasp and striving to conceal his terror. 'Will they let me through the port yet?'

'Gude sake, dinna grip sae hard—whatna Port?'

'That ane.'

'He pointed in the direction of the Netherlands.'

'Ay, ay, I think they'll no object.'

'Dinna ken—its near the time for the Port till open—its open, I think, but Deacon Simpson next door 'll tell ye a'bout it.'

The man released the fletcher and dived into the next shop.

'Gude save's, the man's dat!'

'Ay, ay, 'im thinking ye warena jest sae ready 'ill take yer ain wi' him as ye might hae been.'

'Hoots, man, wha wid harm a dafie and the fletcher disappeared within doors.'

'What's your name?' said the Deacon in half finished toot answering to the furious summons of the stranger.

'Andrew Howie.'

'What do you want?'

'Tae git till Holywood.'

'Heu, man, what's that for?'

'I maun see the Captain o' the Queen's Guard.'

'Im—possible.'

The word was pronounced with all the emphasis of official authority.

'Dann it, I maun see him, I cried Andrew, striking the counter with his clenched fist.'

'Weel, I'm no the Captain o' the Guard, and he doensna bide here.'

The Deacon retired into the depths of his shop, and Andrew, looking demented enough to justify the fletcher's observation, was about to leave.

The Deacon re-appeared.

'Heu, my man, what for is't ye want till see the Captain?'

'It's about the fecht that's to come off the day.'

A few minutes' conversation with the Deacon and that worthy was seen by his neighbors scudding down the High Street with Andrew.

When they reached Holywood daylight was beginning to break. They descended to see the Captain of the Queen's Guard. The sentinels would not let them pass, answering that the Captain could not be seen till after the joust.

'I maun see him before it comes on,' persisted Andrew.

He was again refused admission peremptorily. Andrew became obstreperous, the Deacon was explanatory; but in spite of all, they were finally, much to the Deacon's indignation, both locked up in the guard house.

The day advanced. The red winter sun shone coldly through the fleecy clouds of mist. The citizens were crowding to the scene of trial, bourgeois, apprentices, and all were making a holiday of the occasion, and the corporations rivalled themselves in the opportunity to display their insignia. The waiters (surgeons), barbers, skippers and furriers, the goldsmiths, hammermen, wrights and masons; the tailors, baxters, fletchers and cordiners; the websters and bonnet makers—all were going to the fair with glee, expectant faces and loud spoken jests. The craftsmen's wives and daughters too—sons and lean—were of the merry-makers, and much shy wooing was achieved by the young folk, so that the gala had a better side than the sanguinary one to be witnessed within the lists.

The lists had been formed in the hollow beneath the Calton Hill and near Greenside Well. The spot chosen was almost the same as on which a few years later was ridden the journey to reach which, and to display his hardihood before Mary of Guise, the hot-headed Earl of Bothwell urged his steed down the steep of Calton Hill.

Over the brow of the hill the people crowded, and beneath them were the soldiers of the Castle—the horse troopers forming an outer square, the archers and arque-busiers the inner. A pavilion with a silken canopy studded with gold had been hastily raised early in the morning for the Queen Regent, the King and Court.

Tents had been erected at the respective ends of the lists for the combatants, and all looked as if the event were to be merely a courteous tournament and not a dogged struggle between two men for life—a struggle of foot upon which hung the honour and life of a noble lady and the fortune of her child.

There was certainly earnest purpose to give the contest zest.

A little while before the sun reached its meridian the loyal shouts of 'Long live the Queen,' and 'Long live the King,' announced the approach of the royal party, and yet there had been no appearance of either combatant.

'What are the fechtors?' queries our pugnacious fletcher.

'What ye wouldna like to be, quoth gossip weaver, the civic.'

Below their majesties and the Court, and on their left hand side, was seated in the royal pavilion the pale faced Lady Spens, with bonny wee Alice on her knee, thinking the sight a rare one, and enjoying it amazingly in happy childish ignorance of its importance to herself and mother. Both were dressed in white, in token of innocence; the fate of the combat would decide whether or not these robes of purity were to be covered by the significant black gown which an attendant bore in readiness. She had received another token of her Majesty's kindness in being permitted a place in the royal pavilion; and here, pallid, beautiful, and sad, she patiently waited the issue of her fate.

'Will your man come, my lord, think you?' said Angus drily looking at Arran.

'I do not doubt, are you sure of yours?' was the quick response.

'Surely, for yonder comes the—ruffian, if the term likes your lordship.'

And as he spoke Tushielaw, accompanied by the giant Ding-a-doon and the dwarf Hornie, rode up to the lists and entered his tent.

'I am glad of that,' said Arran gruffly, 'for it would have been a sorry sight to see my Lord Angus enter the field in the petty shoes of a border riever.'

The sun rose nearer and nearer to the meridian, and still the champion of Halstane had not arrived.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Jews in New York.—This body of men are fast abandoning the practices of their fathers. Going upon Fifth Avenue is a Jewish temple, the like of which this country has never seen. It is to cost over a million of money, and is being built by the wealthiest Jews of the city. It is to be the home of the Reformed Hebrews, who are leaving the old Jews behind.

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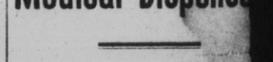
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