Buelph Evening Mercury

TUESDAY EV'NG, NOV. 10, 1868.

The Braes of Yarrow

Out o' this, ye thievin' loons, and ye snau hear what the master asya when he kens ye has been here.

'Na, Will, na, we'll no gang oot' said Hornie, cooly continuing his search, but now with the air of one seeking some object which might be easily seen; we'll no gang oot, man, but ye'll come and help us to find the gem that we were sent here to seek.

'Were ye sent here?' queried Will, beginning to think that he had made a mistake.' 'Ay, what else?'

'Wha sent ye?'

'The maaster, of course.'

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'Why, ye gowk, to find the dame his mi-ner's distaff which we are to carry to Har-en. Had it no been for that how do ye ink we would hae gotten the key to win in

in a whisper, also, and in much distress, 'be will tell Tushielaw.'

Hornie gave his neck an uncomfortable jerk.

'My feggs, then, we will hae to wear hempen cravats for an hour or twa. Tushielaw would hang us oot yonder on the gallows tree just as though we were twa kittlins ower mony for him, if he kent we had been here, I hae seen him do't afore noo.'

Kara shuddered at the doom that was suspended over them by such a thin thread as the chance of Yetholm Will's silence or speech. Then with an effort he regained composure and spoke quietly—
"We must make the most of this opportunity, then, and pray heaven that we succeed.'
"That's just my opinion, my lady; sae if ye gang oot and watch, I'll seek the hidin' place o' the treasure, though I'm muckle doubtful whether or no the thing ye want is in existence, an' if the ye will hae kittle wark to get oot o' the tower wi' it.'

'What I seek is worth dying for.'

'Weel, gang ye oot, my lady, and when ye canna whistle, so just you sing a line o' as song, and then I'll ken what tae do.'

The gipsy laddie, o who has doubtless been aiready discovered, Lady Spens, went out to the corridor, and remanued on the watch for nearly an hour.

The object for which she had braved every peril and voluntarily entered the lion's den was near its achievement or its utter failure. If, as dilbert Elliott had informed her, and had declared to the Council of State, Tushic-law was concerned in the treachery by which Flodden battle was alleged to have been lost, there must be in the tower some document relating to the transaction; and falling documents, there must be some portion of English gold sufficiently large to excite suspicion—for English gold was a rarity in Scotland at this time.

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But she had little hope to be able to bring home to the Borderer the charge which Elliott had made, and which, ahe, for her husband's sake, intended not to repeat, unless she could find the proof of it in some positive and indisputable shape.

For that proof she had now with the assistance of the dwarf vainly ransacked every nock and cranny in the tower except the turret chamber, and here she hoped, nay, was almost assured, that she would find what she sought. The singular care with which the Borderer guarded this room, and the erection of the new door shortly after the battle—the particulars of which she gathered from the troopers and from Hornte—convinced her that there was some secret of high import hidden within.

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Hornie sprung to his feet, and with quick but cautious movements closed the door and his heavy features were distorted with alarm he had so cleverly concealed whilst the man was in the room.

'Certes, my lady,' he said in a whisper, 'we were near nabbit that time. Ye mann has left the door agee.'

'But what will we do?' exclaimed Kaz in a whisper, also, and in much distress, 'he will tell Tushielaw.'

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