

TUESDAY EVEN'G. JUNE 23, 1868.

The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the
Sixteenth Century.

Beside these two walked a lady, whose height was a little above the average, whose form was graceful, whose step was firm, and whose handsome head with rather masculine features was carried laughingly. In her Gilbert fancied he recognized the lady to whom he had delivered the secret mission in the chapel on the previous night. In the three figures he recognized the child King James, Douglas of Angus, and the Queen.

He was so much occupied in watching the group in the garden that he did not observe the door open, or know that a lady had entered.

Bright large dark eyes, with a twinkle of humour in them that might have changed to a glow of hate; small, clearly defined and regular features; a profusion of glossy black hair; a figure below the average in height, slim, but light and graceful as that of a fairy, robed in a dress of dark silk.

This was the lady who stood watching Gilbert with a merry glimmer in her bright eyes.

'Master Elliot,' she repeated for the third time softly.

Gilbert started, wheeled round, and with an exclamation of surprise doffed his hat and bowed low.

'Have you forgotten me?' she said extending a little white hand.

'It is impossible to forget Lady Mary Douglas,' he said, taking the hand respectfully.

A slight flush covered her somewhat pale cheeks, but it passed away instantly.

'Yet you did not recognize me through my veil last night,' she returned, laughing a subdued silver peal.

'Pardon me, I was confused, I think, by the business in which I was engaged,' he said with a degree of awkwardness.

'Important business, I am aware, but by a gallant and courteous woman never before forgotten even the voice of a lady for whom he had once risked his life.'

'Possibly a gallant and courteous woman never have been in a position to forget such an event.'

'Ah, I am hit. I see you parry words with as much adroitness as you parry sword thrusts. We shall talk as friends, and so I will cheat you of a victory.'

'I suspect the game will be on my side.' 'I shall not be sorry either way. You received your commission to the Queen's Guard this morning?'

'I did, and now I understand to what good spirit I am indebted for the favour.'

'It is to the Queen, not to me, you are indebted,' interrupted Lady Mary hastily.

'She was amused and struck by your firmness last night, and has taken the first opportunity of showing her good will.'

'It was to the Queen, then, to whom I delivered the despatch?'

'Yes. Did you not divine?'

'Not till a few minutes since; you will forgive me if I continue to think that I had an intercessor with her Majesty.'

'Lady Mary laughed gaily.

'Be seated, then, and I will tell you.'

Gilbert placed a chair by accident beside the harp—for the lively little lady, and obeying a dainty motion of her hand, seated himself within a couple of paces of her seat.

Then she rested one hand upon the harp, and as she spoke her fingers passed mechanically over the strings. She gossiped easily, merrily, but there was an undercurrent in her mirth, an undercurrent of passion—perhaps of love.

'Well, when you left us in the chapel, her Majesty, who was in a pretty rage, I promise you, with the missive you brought from her brother—'

'From her brother?'

'Yes, Henry of England—did you not know whose despatch you carried?'

'I knew nothing.'

'That is strange; but it matters nothing to us, and so we will let it pass. As I was saying, she was in a pretty rage till she remembered your resolute countenance and the timid face of the page; then she laughed and asked me if I had seen such a terribly fierce gentleman. I answered that I had never seen one so fierce or—'

'She stopped, flushed faintly, and the fairy fingers flew over the harp strings nervously, producing a discordant sound which attracted her own attention.'

'What am I doing?' she cried laughing, 'you see, Master Elliot, how forgetful Court life and a sojourn in France makes me. I was telling you about the Queen was I not?'

'I think so.'

'Think—are you not sure?'

'It was Gilbert's turn to laugh now.

'There are other causes of forgetfulness besides Court life and a sojourn in France, my lady.'

'Flatterer—but I see you were born to be a courtier, although you have hitherto preferred the wild life of the borders. I was telling you about the Queen, and I was saying that I had informed her of my former acquaintance with you. Upon this she would not be satisfied till I had told her all I knew of you. Then I related to her how about two years ago there was a lady in a barque beset by a storm off the coast of Dunbar, how there was only one man who would risk his life to save the lady's, how bravely he did risk it and saved her, and how that man was Gilbert Elliot and that lady her devoted attendant, Mary Douglas.'

Gilbert was blushing like a girl at the reference to his own noble action, and the lady's pale face was suffused with crimson.

'I see you do not like the stage,' brusquely, 'so we will hurry forward. When I had told my story she said that she had need of such men as you—men of your kind, and his truth she could depend for good or ill, in life or death, and I answered that such truth was yours. Did I do wrong?'

'There was more earnestness in the question than Gilbert perceived or understood. He was confused and silent.'

'You do not answer,' she said quickly; 'have I done wrong?—you are pained—forgive me?'

TO BE CONTINUED.

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The sidewheel steamer "Morning Star," of 1,000 tons burthen, commanded by Captain Edward Viger, left Cleveland for Detroit, at eight o'clock on Saturday evening, having on board forty passengers, a crew of thirty, and 200 tons of pig iron and bar iron, with light freight additional. At about 11 o'clock on Sunday night, when about thirty miles from port, and some sixteen miles from shore, she collided with the barque Cortland bound for Cleveland, with iron ore, and having on board a crew of thirteen persons. The night was dark and the weather thick, a northeast wind blowing and a heavy sea rolling. The "Morning Star" was struck about 40 feet from the stern, with such force that both vessels sunk in five minutes.

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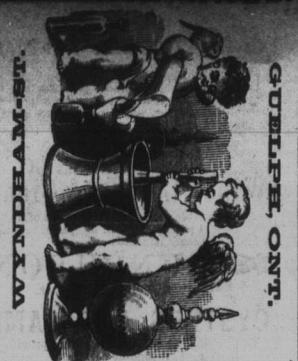
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