

Jeannie Sinclair, OR, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER XX.

A MURDERER'S RESTLESSNESS AND ANXIETY—LYNEDOCH SINCLAIR TAKEN PRISONER.

"Then, sir, I have to inform you that Sir Fergus has been murdered, the body lying in the garden, and that appearances are such as to warrant us in accusing you of the deed."

Lynedoch staggered back, pale and ghastly. His starry complexion took on the hue of ashes, his eyes glared and dilated with strange fixedness, and for several moments horror deprived him of motion.

"It is false—false!" he shouted. "Who dare accuse me of this? My cousin dead—murdered—and the crime laid against me! By heaven, he who brings the false and slanderous charge shall rue it! Ay, gentlemen, even your office shall not screen you from the consequences of asserting such a malicious falsehood."

"Mr. Sinclair," said the Sheriff, "none will be more gratified than myself and my friend, the Fiscal, to find you clear yourself by satisfactorily refuting the accumulated proof against you. But as circumstances stand I am bound to say the charge is not rashly brought, and it is our duty to make a full examination. That duty belongs more immediately to the Fiscal, and he will discharge it."

"Do as you list," said Lynedoch, "but I warn you that you do it at your peril. A charge so monstrous and so baseless is not to be made with impunity."

He spoke in a tone and with an air of great confidence. Ignorant as yet of the damaging proofs that had been collected, and convinced in his own mind that no proof whatever could be had to criminate him, he affected, and not unsuccessfully, an appearance of scornful innocence. Yet under the firm demeanor which his iron will enabled him to maintain, there was a violent beating of the heart, and a secret lurking misgiving, which a consciousness of guilt engendered.

"Be good enough to lead us to your sleeping apartment," said the Fiscal.

Lynedoch stared at him a moment, as one utterly at a loss to comprehend the meaning of such a request, but with an air of lofty disdain, he strode in silence to the other side of the chamber, threw open a door there, and motioned them to enter. The Sheriff and the Fiscal went in first, Lynedoch closely following them, and the constable bringing up the rear—the latter, in pursuance of their instructions, keeping a watchful eye on the Master of the Tower, whom they already counted upon as their prisoner.

The Fiscal, casting a searching eye round the apartment, lighted on a pair of soiled boots which had been carelessly tossed into one corner. He approached and lifted them.

"Have you worn these boots lately Mr. Sinclair?" he inquired.

"Am I bound to answer whatever questions you may choose to ask?" was the rejoinder.

"Certainly not," interposed the Sheriff. "You are bound to answer nothing, either now or at any more official examination which you may have to undergo; but if you adopt the course of silence, you cannot but be aware what inference will be drawn from that."

"The inference that I am guilty—I understand, and as an innocent man I need not care what I answer. Yes, sir; I did wear these boots lately—two days ago, when I was out shooting on the Moor-course hill. What then?"

"Why, then, I think I have got an exact transcript of their soles," responded the Fiscal, drily, as he took from his pocket a piece of paper, and applied it to one of the boots.

"It fitted exactly, not only in shape and size, but in the peculiar arrangement and appearance of the face of the sole, the position of the nails, and the character of the different nails at different places. Beyond all doubt, the boot which the Fiscal held in his hand was the boot which had imprinted the mark on the clay, which had been copied on the paper."

"Where did you get that paper shape?" asked Lynedoch, with an uneasiness which he could not conceal.

"Well, not on the Moor-course hills, but in the Falcon's Cleuch," repeated Lynedoch, speaking rapidly and nervously. "Ah, now I remember it, I was there two days before that."

"The Fiscal quietly handed the boots to one of the constables, returned the paper to his pocket, and thus again addressed Lynedoch: "Be good enough, Mr. Sinclair, to show us the dress you wore two days ago."

"The dress I wore? It was the same as I have on now."

"Are you sure of that? Was it not a very tight grey?"

"No, sir. This is the dress."

A square napery press of dark wood stood on one side of the room, with the door ajar. This the Fiscal opened, disclosing dresses of different kinds hanging on pegs within. His sharp eye ran quickly over them, and singling out a coat took it from its place.

An instant's examination revealed that from one side of its lower part a large piece had been torn away.

"How came this, Mr. Sinclair?" was the question of the calm and cool official.

Lynedoch looked at him with amazement not affected but real, for till that moment he had not noticed the tear.

"I don't know," he replied. "I never saw it till this moment."

Then there came upon him a sudden recollection, which, like a blinding flash of lightning, scorched his frame with horror. He remembered now that Sir Fergus had caught hold of his coat when about to sink into the well—that the garment gave way in his hand—and that a portion went with him into the abyss. The nervous terror which had seized him at the moment the deed was done banished the fact from his mind. He had returned home altogether unconscious of the torn condition of the coat, had thrown it off, and put in the press without noticing it, and the matter had never again crossed his mind till that moment. It came upon him now, however, with terrific effect, and for the first time he caught a distant glimpse of the fearful precipice on the brink of which he stood.

His self-command wisely deserted him, his lips twitched nervously, a deep flush appeared on his brow, and as quickly vanished, leaving an unnatural and ghastly paleness.

TO BE CONTINUED.

TO THOSE AFFLICTED WITH CORN.—We have heard but one expression of opinion with regard to the success of Dr. Briggs' Curative for diseases of the feet. All agree that it gives entire satisfaction and affords them immediate relief. To those suffering from imperfections on their feet, or from corns, we say, try it at once. All troubled with corns, bunions, and such like diseases, who desire to be cured, should buy and use the curative according to directions, and then pain will cease. Sold by E. Harvey, Guelph, and druggists generally. Price, 50c.

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FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE.—A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULE, Quebec-st., Guelph. Guelph, November 19, 1868. daw dt

G. A. D. C.

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On THURSDAY EV'G, 15th APRIL

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Admission 25c., reserved seats 50c. Doors open at 7.30, curtain rises at 8.

ALEX. F. PIRIE, Secretary. Guelph, 8th April. dt7

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OF NEW BOOKS

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Guelph, April 9, 1869. dw

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Of all kinds on hand, or dressed to order.

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They invite from intending purchasers an inspection of their large stock.

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Guelph, 3rd April, 1869. dtw-dw

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The subscriber hereby tenders his sincere thanks for the extensive patronage he has received during the time he has been in business, commencing in July, 1832, and ending in March, 1869. I have now sold my place, and my interest therein, to Mr. JOHN SOLE, whom I recommend as my successor, hoping he will receive the same liberal patronage which has been my privilege to experience. My sole intent is to occupy the old stand, and carry on the Baking and Grocery business, and hopes with due attention to meet with the kind support of the public.

SAMUEL WRIGHT.

Guelph, 6th April, 1869.

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With reference to the above, the subscriber begs to state that having succeeded to the above business, so long carried on by Mr. Wright, he hopes by strict attention to it, and by consulting the wants of the public, to continue to receive the patronage of all Mr. Wright's old customers, and of the community generally.

JOHN SOLE, dt2w

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Any Quantity of Stone on Hand and Cut to Order.

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Exhibition Twice a Week

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Winter Stock at FIRST COST from now till

THE 15th DAY OF APRIL

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET BARGAINS.

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Well-known \$1 Tea for 90c. per lb.

Good 80c. Tea for 65c. per lb.

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All Goods WARRANTED to give satisfaction, if not the MONEY will be returned.

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Guelph, 2nd April, 1869. dt5w2 Wyndham Street, Guelph

Guelph, Ontario.

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Yours very respectfully,

HOGG & CHANCE. dtw

Guelph, March 30.

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GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, LIQUORS,

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JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Guelph, April 1, 1869. daw dt

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Preserve Dishes, in great variety

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Guelph, Feb. 6 1869. dt7