

PARODY.

That man hath perfect wretchedness
Who works at his trade in idleness
But spen's his time in idleness
And lies lang in his bed.

Jeannie Sinclair, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

The long summer twilight was now nearly ended, and the lovers by the side, who had lingered with tender sorrow over their parting, took their last long farewell embrace with whispered vows of constancy and devotion.

But not inharmonious were both their thoughts. William's interview with Ned had produced a wonderfully soothing effect on his mind. The sterling worth of the man, the elevation of thought and refinement of feeling which he preserved under such an unsmooth exterior and such unpropitious circumstances, the warmth and ardour of his nature, his supreme contentment with his condition, and the beautiful simplicity of his heart, were manifestations of the goodness to be found in humanity, which the youth relished exceedingly, and felt thankful for.

Robert Douglas was likewise under the influence of a sombre harmony of feeling. He had received a stern and encouraging message from the loving words spoken by Helen. She had promised to be true to him under all circumstances, to resist steadily the designs of her uncle and Lynedoch Sinclair, and to be his whether in prosperity or adversity. There had been sweetness, therefore, mingled with the bitterness of parting, and the impression of a soothing peace remained on his spirit.

They were not destined to reach their night's resting place without this harmony being jarred upon. In the avenue they met Jacob M'Quirk. He was returning from the market, and was slightly under the influence of liquor, just enough to make his tongue give free and unqualified expression to the thoughts of his coarse, selfish mind.

He stopped his horse in front of them. 'What fellows are you and what are you doing here?' he roared, the twilight having deepened so much under the shadow of the trees that he did not at first recognize them. But as he thus rudely and angrily challenged them, he bent down to scan them more closely, and then saw who they were.

'Curse me if it isn't young Douglas and that insolent fellow, he calls his friend. What brought you here? But I needn't ask. You have been to see my niece, though I forbade you to go near her again.'

'You are right, Mr. M'Quirk. I have been to see Helen. I leave the strath to-morrow, and could not go without a parting interview. Now, harkce, she has promised to be true to me, and you and Lynedoch Sinclair had better refrain from prosecuting the design I know you both entertain. When I return I shall claim Helen for my wife.'

'Will you?' said M'Quirk, with a contemptuous sneer. 'Upon my word, but your impudence is as great as your foolish expectation of finding a gold nugget at California, which will pay off my bond. I have heard of your absurd intention and laugh at it. Like enough you'd have to work ten years out there before you scouped out a bushel of gold dust, and you'll be done up before many weeks are past. I expect, then, that when you go I've seen the last of you, and in a twelvemonth I step in to Clowery there, that is my mind of it, and my opinion is as good as yours any day.'

'That will do, sir,' responded Douglas. 'Had any other man said as much I would have knocked him down—for Helen's sake I spare you, and leave you to your conscience, if it should chance to awaken.'

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