

The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the
Sixteenth Century.

So Sir Walter gave him his hand frankly,
and awaited the revelation which appeared
to be of so much import.

The pilgrim held the hand between his
own, as if it were his last hope, with an
eager suspense upon his haggard counte-
nance, but without possessing in his manner
and look a species of undercurrent which
raised suspicion in the mind of the observer
despite himself. Holding the hand tightly,
and partly raising himself upon his elbow,
he peered at the masked face as if vainly en-
deavouring to pierce the disguise.

At length—
"Give me one promise," he gasped.

"Of what nature?" demanded Sir Walter
with that sense of suspicion strong upon him.

"That you will not betray me whatever I
may reveal."

"I promise," was the hasty response; for
as the man appeared to be dying it did not
seem to matter anything whether he were
betrayed or not.

"Enough," I can speak freely now."

"It is not easy even after your promise to
make known my guilt. The cord should
have been round my neck long ago, and folk
would have been the better for it. But I have
escaped it, as you see, and am like to escape
it altogether."

Sir Walter made a slight attempt to with-
draw his hand, but the man held it with all
his strength.

"Don't draw away from me—I have repen-
ted, and I have suffered bitterly for my crimes.
I am called Ritchie, and have spent most of
my time on the borders. I was one of the
band of traitors who at Flodden turned
upon Sir Walter Spens—what made you
start?"

"Nothing, nothing, go on."

"I was one of them, and was commanded
to aim at the life of Spens—"

"By whom?" demanded Sir Walter, the some-
what excited interruption.

"By Heron Barras."

"The villain! what motive can he have
had?"

"You are a friend to Spens, I see," said
Ritchie with a strange quietness of manner,
and he now slowly released the hand he had
been holding.

Sir Walter was startled by the query into a
consciousness that he was betraying himself.

"Yes—yes," he answered quickly; "I know
Spens, and will swear he has given Barras no
cause for enmity."

"You are right no doubt; but enmity
springs from odd sources sometimes. Bar-
ras and Spens have not met for years—I do
not think they would recognize each other
were they to meet now. But Spens holds in
his possession the proofs which would give
to an unknown lad the title and wealth to
which Barras aspires."

"Say you?"

"The good knight of Halstane must sus-
pect as much, but of course you do not
know the circumstance. But do you not
think there might be cause enough for en-
mity in that?"

"Mayhap there is; but to your own mat-
ter."

"I come to that. I was to aim at the
knight's life, and in my effort to obey the
command I would have fallen had not the
generous Spens, even in the heat of battle,
listened to my prayer for mercy, and spared
me."

"Yet you turned against him."

"Not after that. I was grateful, and re-
solved that when the fight was done I would
seek him out and warn him of the treachery
which surrounded him."

"Were you faithful to the resolve?"

"So far that I sought him, but failed to
find him. He had fallen, some said; he was
prisoner, others said. At all events I did
not find him and I returned to my old mas-
ter."

"That was a sorry end to your gratitude."

"You shall see. I had my purpose now;
and that purpose was to learn the plans of
Barras and give Lady Spens timely tidings
of any evil he might threaten to her. But he
is wary, and trusts no more to his tools than
is enough to enable them to execute his in-
fernal work. I learned very little of his in-
tentions, and that little was not learned ear-
ly enough to be of service to the lady, else
much of the evil that has befallen her might
have been guarded against."

"Well?"

Ritchie had paused as if his exertions
were fast overcoming him. He passed his
hand slowly over his brow, and resumed.

"I watched him narrowly, and tried hard
to find some means of showing my gratitude
to Spens, but failed. At last I discovered
this—that Gilbert Elliot loved Mistress Spens,
and that she regarded him with some fa-
vor."

"It is false!" cried Sir Walter Spens pas-
sionately and forgetting himself.

Ritchie seemed startled by his companion's
vehemence, and that suspicious expression
before alluded to, glimmered for an instant
in his eyes.

"And wherefore so?" he asked, with every
appearance of simple amazement, and the de-
nial given to his words by the masked
knight.

The latter responded somewhat vexedly,
as was apparent in manner and voice.

"I mean—that is, I should have said, that
it seems false to me."

"How to you?"

"I know the folk. Elliot is a mere strip-
pling, and has learned to regard Lady Spens
too much as a mother ever to fix on her the
eyes of a lover."

Ritchie shook his head doubtfully.

"He is a man in years, in action, and in
thought. She is very fair, I am told, and
still young."

"True, true," muttered Sir Walter medi-
tatively.

Ritchie went on in a slow tone, pausing of-
ten between his words as if for lack of pith,
but in reality to note the effect of the poison
upon his hearer.

"He is a comely youth as you would say,
had you ever seen him. He is brave, and
when Flodden fight was lost he fled to her
with the tidings of her husband's death."

"Not so. He endeavored to give her
hope."

"Ay, but in such a way that he filled her
with despair."

Sir Walter clenched his hands behind him
and closed his lips tightly, trying with all
his might to repress the indignation which
the man aroused. He kept singing to him-
self that the man lied; nonetheless his blood
grew hot and his brain feverish.

"When she was driven from Halstane, he
came to her aid; he watched over her day
and night with an ardour which nothing but
love could inspire. She could not fail to ob-
serve the nature of his regard—she could not
fail to like him for his devotion. Soothly,
they were not human if they could be so
much together, and not learn to feel some-
thing more than mere respect for each other."

"Well, well, but what has this to do with
the service you seek from me?" said Sir Wal-
ter sharply, and unable to conceal his im-
pudence.

"You will understand presently. Would
you know the writing of Mistress Spens?"

"Perhaps."

"Then read this. Barras took it by force
from the messenger who was despatched to
Elliot with it, and I stole it from Barras."

His pilgrim's gown was lying upon the
couch beside him, and from a pocket in the
breast of it he drew a scrap of paper.

TO BE CONTINUED.

The Emperor of Russia, through the
Russian Minister at Washington, con-
gratulates Andrew Johnson on his escape
from removal by impeachment. Who
knows but the Czar may appoint the Pres-
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