

Jeannie Sinclair,

OR, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER XXV.

THE MYSTERY EXPLAINED. On he went, panting and breathless over hill and dale, till the light of morning stole over the snowy landscape, and the features of the locality became discernible enough to be recognized.

At length, to his joy, he saw a figure crossing one of the heights to the left, and as it came over the crest and stood between him and the dull, leaden sky, Sir Fergus saw that it was Wandering Ned. Here was a friend now on whom he could fully rely, and with an exclamation of joy the Baronet pushed forward to meet him.

At a bend of the path they came face to face, and Ned's eye no sooner lighted on the Baronet's countenance than the blood forsook his own, and he staggered back in horror. Of course Ned could not doubt that what he saw was the ghost of the murdered Sir Fergus, and, bold and fearless though he was in most circumstances, he was by no means prepared to encounter a visitant from the other world.

And then, did Wandering Ned in his turn electrify the Baronet by telling him of Lynedoch's trial and conviction, and that he was to be executed that very day. Full of resentment as Sir Fergus was against Lynedoch, who indeed designed to murder him, and who must have believed he had murdered, he could not think of him suffering death for a deed which had not been accomplished in fact.

Ned was no less moved with excitement and anxiety to stay the execution, away they went like madmen in the direction of Shawhead.

It was a long road, and as they pressed forward Sir Fergus had abundant time to learn all the strange, perplexing particulars. Perplexing enough the matter was to him, and to both of them. It was clear enough that the gipsies had organised the plan, and arranged the circumstances by which Lynedoch was condemned.

Sir Fergus could not doubt that the youth who was the chief witness at the trial was the same who descended into the well to his rescue. The conviction of Lynedoch was therefore purposed amongst them, and hence the close captivity to which the Baronet had been subjected.

It was in truth a subtle plot, and ingeniously executed, though one part of it was puzzling in the extreme. What body was it which had been found in the well, dressed in the Baronet's clothes, and holding in his hands the tablets—that which had been taken by every one for the body of the murdered Baronet, and as such buried in the family vault?

That was the strangest part of the whole affair, but in truth it admitted of a simple explanation, and we may as well give it here.

Many months before this time, as the gipsies' encampment was being removed from one place to another, darkness overtook it on the way, and in the darkness one of the carts went over a beggar man who lay asleep on the road.

He was sorely injured, and taken up by the gipsies, and they, where he lingered till the very day on which the Baronet had been cast into the well. The idea of putting the dead body there and dressing it so that it should be identified as the body of Sir Fergus Sinclair was due to Will Sanderson, on whose mind had by this time flashed his fiendish scheme of vengeance.

The body and face of the corpse were violently dealt with, in order that they might be disguised by bruises, and the plan was carried out with such results as we have seen.

With a skill which could only be the product of a brain quickened in fertility by the absorbing passion of vengeance, Will contrived to dispose of the accumulated evidence against Lynedoch so that his guilt might be fully manifested. He it was who put the piece of cloth in the one hand of the substituted body, and the Baronet's tablets in the other; and, in order to make the testimony still more conclusive and indubitable, he added several sentences to what Sir Fergus had managed to scrawl on the tablets, making the denunciation of Lynedoch still more plain and detailed.

We already know how his ingenuity was rewarded with complete success. As Sir Fergus and Wandering Ned were on their way to Shawhead, they were overtaken by the hangman rushing towards the same goal. But the result we know. Their arrival too late to save the life of Lynedoch Sinclair.

The authorities affected to make search for the gipsies, to call them to account for the share they had in Lynedoch's conviction and execution, but the search was neither thorough nor ardent. The encampment and all belonging to it had vanished, and it was supposed that Will Sanderson and the youth had fled far from the district.

The body which had been buried with such pomp as that of Sir Fergus was withdrawn from the vault and interred in an obscure place in the churchyard.

Sir Fergus resumed his position at Baileys, and resolved to hasten his marriage with Jeannie Sinclair.

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