

POETRY.
AN ACROSTIC.

THE POWER OF A POET.
He's a power who can't be
made the least, with rap and
r caused it off to throw with
elected from the human
ow name to use the poet's
hat rules the monarch of the
yes, I can, for on this page,
we will see with dust and
sweet memories rise 'o out the
book.
I laid with tears - eye falling fast,
n every word the written now,
e sentence too, there breathes a vow,
e sacred shall this account.
Guelph, March 2, 1869. (Adv.)

Jeannie Sinclair,
OR
THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

'By all the powers in earth, by all the
ends in hell, I swear it shall hold,' said
Lyndoch, with hoarse passion.
'I might be induced to advance the
hundred you seek, added the other, 'but I
swear to you, Mr. Lyndoch, this is the last
sum I shall advance. On your chance of
coming in for the estate I have risked far
more than was prudent, and have resolved
to be persuaded to not a farthing more. You
will please remember this.'

'I won't forget it,' rejoined Lyndoch,
gloriously. 'But you are safe, M'Quirk, per-
fectly safe. Your principal, with its exorbi-
tant interest, will all be paid, and none of the
conditions will I fulfil more gladly than that
which binds me to Helen; I hope the girl
won't prove obstreperous - her preference
for that young fellow threatens to stand in
the way.'

'It shall be my care to remove that diffi-
culty,' answered M'Quirk. 'I am not with-
out the means of doing so, and this very day
I intend springing a mine under his feet
which must make him, with his proud spirit,
desist from the pursuit. But see, the rain
is gone, let us go up to the house, and I will
see what money I can produce.'

They left the chamber together, and Wil-
liam Denman came slowly out from the ob-
scurity. He had heard every word that had
been uttered, and felt no scruple at having
listened to the conversation.

'There go two as consummate scoundrels
as breathes,' he muttered, as he advanced to
the mouth of the chamber and watched the
pair proceeding side by side to the mansion.
'I understand little or nothing of the mean-
ing of what they are talking about, but I
clearly made out that it was something sin-
ister and diabolic. The tall dark man has
passions in his soul which make him fit to
commit any crime, and the older one - my
friend M'Quirk, as it turns out - is the sub-
tle, wily tempter to lead him on. How my
checks burn at the thought that the manage-
ment of such an unscrupulous and selfish
rascal.'

Emerging from the dark noisy chamber,
he examined more leisurely the fragments of
ruin, as in picturesque beauty they stood
gaping and yawning around him. Then he
strode down to the side of the stream and
with indescribable emotion stood upon the
wooden bridge, from the side of which he
had, when little more than an infant, fallen
into the water.

'How that stream connects itself with my
destiny,' he murmured. 'Twice have I been
saved from drowning in its current, and on
each occasion the event has had a powerful
influence on the course of my life. The first
mishap led to my long separation from the
Strath; the second promises to lead to a per-
manent re-union with it. What creatures
of circumstances mortal man are! We
seem to control them, yet how completely
do they dispose of us.'

'Hilloa, you fellow, what are you doing
there?' exclaimed an angry voice near by,
the sound of which roused the youth from
his reverie, and caused him to look round,
when he found M'Quirk standing at the end
of the bridge, within a few yards of him,
and scowling wrathfully.

'Did you address me, sir?' asked Denman,
with great nonchalance.
'Did I address you, sir? Who have I to
address but you?' Do you see any other in-
truder within reach of my voice?' The
youth looked round with leisurely and
provoking coolness.

'I have to admit, sir,' he observed, 'that I
see no one here but you and me.'
'Of course not, and now, sir, since your
impudence confesses that you must be the
person I addressed, perhaps you will see the
necessity of giving me an answer.'
'Oh, surely, the good enough to repeat
your primary observation.'

'My demand, sir - not my observation. I
demand to know what you are doing there.'
'Looking at the water,' was the curt and
literal reply.

'And what business have you to be stand-
ing there looking at the water?'
'Suppose I do see my fancy, and suppose
I ask in return what business you have to
question me so impudently?'
'Business, sir,' repeated M'Quirk, 'in
amusement. Do you know who I am?'
'Well, that is hardly to be expected, see-
ing that we never met before to day.'
'Then, I'll enlighten you, young sir. I
am Mr. M'Quirk, the factor and manager of
this estate. May I perhaps, you will admit,
my right to question you as to your presence
here.'

'Your right to question me? Certainly -
in a polite and gentlemanly way, but not
with the domineering manner you have as-
sumed.'

'How slow an impudent trespasser ex-
pect politeness - a fellow who, if I served
him right, would be put into the hands of
the constable? And I warn you that if I find
you here again that is the course I will take.
Be off with you, sir.'

'Mr. M'Quirk,' said the youth, gravely,
'this is an exceedingly high-handed mode of
procedure. Pray, what have I done, or what
am I doing, to merit such outrageous treat-
ment?'
'Confound you, sir, are you not standing
on that bridge?'
'Granted. What then?'
'That bridge, sir, is private property. It
stands near the middle of a gentleman's
estate, of which I am the manager. Are
you idiot enough not to know that you are
trespassing?'
'I know this, at least, that I am doing no
harm. But since you object to it, I will leave
the bridge.'

'Leave the bridge and the property too,
if you don't want to find yourself laid fast by
the heels in a prison. The other way, sir,
cross the bridge, and follow the track till you
reach the highway.'

'Oh, dear no. I don't intend to go over
the bridge, but to return the way I came.'
'You shan't, sir. If you had impudence
enough to come by the avenue, you will find
that you must go by the fields.'

'I shouldn't object at all, if the distance
was the same, and the south side of the
Strath would lengthen the way consider-
ably, and I have business which requires my
presence by a certain hour. Pray, stand
aside, sir.'

'Confound me, but you are the most inso-
lent fellow ever I came across,' roared M'
Quirk. 'You speak and act as if the place
were your own.'

TO BE CONTINUED.
CURLING - A match was played at
Aberfoyle on Saturday, 20th ult., between
the Aberfoyle and Dufferin clubs, when
the latter came off the victors by
8 shots. The following is the score -
Rick No. 1, Aberfoyle - C. G. Cockburn,
C. Ellis, B. Johnston, J. Weir, skip 22.
Dufferin Point - John Black, J. McRobbie,
J. Watt, C. McIntosh, skip 20. Rick No.
2, Aberfoyle - J. Scott, Wm. Todd, A.
Weir, R. McFarlane, skip 16. Dufferin
Point - D. Grant, Jess. Black, Thos. Black,
Wm. Black, skip 25.

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R. RUTHERFORD.
Feb. 4, 1869.

GLADSTONE AND TIMOTHY SEED.

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, Feb. 12. dw

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

The subscriber begs to inform his patrons and
the public that during his absence in Scotland his
business will be carried on as usual. Parties re-
quiring work will please call at his shop, Market
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attention.
JAS. BURLAY.
Guelph, Feb. 12. dw

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