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THE OLD BARON;
OR—
THE CHAMPION OF VIRTUE.

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you not to stir another step, your servant holds my horse.
"Thank you, sir," said Master William, "I hope we shall have the pleasure of meeting you at dinner. The youths returned to their sports, and Sir Philip mounted his horse and proceeded to the castle; he entered it with a deep sigh and melancholy recollections. The Baron received him with the utmost respect and courtesy. He gave a brief account of the principal events that had happened in the family of Lovelace, and spoke of the late Lord Lovelace with respect, of the present with the affection of a brother.

During this speech, the tears made themselves channels down Edmund's cheeks; and his two noble auditors, catching the tender infection, wiped their eyes at the conclusion.
"Your dear child," said the Baron, "you overcome me with your tenderness and gratitude. I know of no faults you have committed, that I should wish to be rid of you; I thought to do you the best service by promoting you to that of Sir Philip Harley, who is both able and willing to provide for you; but if you prefer my service to his, I will not part with you."

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lord, I owe everything, even this gentleman's good opinion; you distinguished me when nobody else did; and, next to you, your sons are my best and dearest benefactors; they introduced me to your notice. My heart is naturally attached to this house and family, and my utmost ambition is to spend my life in your service. But if you have perceived any great and grievous faults in me, that make you wish to put me out of your family, and if you have recommended me to this gentleman in order to be rid of me, in that case I will submit to your pleasure, as I would if you should sentence me to death.

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