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THE RETURN OF CLANEBOY. (From Blackwood's Masazine.)
'Alas, alas!' creed Lads Gyle as the harpe raised bis bands froun the stall vilurating chorper - it was by listening to the lays of such tempters
that all the unfortunates of my house bave been that all the unfortunates of my house bave been
beguiled; and yet I cannot bear the complant of oppression, or the longing for liberty, withou merry-men at call; of regal and state authority merry-Men at callant huntug and festirals, of embasstes and ligh councils, and sylvan couris and camps, and
ail tite pomp of arms and royalty.' Her looks lsindled as she spoke, avd while her eyes sparikled
with the fire of ambition, and her brow expanded a smile of conscious dignity spread triumphantly over. her features. Although the motber of Honora, whose age might lyare been elghteen,
Lady Gple was still a farr and noble-lookit woman, and as she sat between the dun-seen
ligures of the Knight and Erenach, Lhere was ligures of the Knight and Erenach, there was
something starllingly bright in the suden fiashnog of her eges, and reveal ment of her neck and out her hand as if to grasp an imaginary sceptre. But wo is me!' she exclaimed, relapsing into a deeper dejection from lher temporary excitement,
-why do I talk of freedom or bonor while chatus are on the limbs of Richard and Hubert, and the
clay of the church-sard upon Walter's breast? clay of the church-gard upon Walter's breast?
She Surst into tears, and Honora went over to her, and takiug her hand sat down by her side heartily sympothising in her sorrow, yet glad to ejes of ONe:ll; tor while the harper had been
jinging, she could not help trice owning their anging, she coma not het those passages of the sowning which ap
plied so closely to their own siluation, that etther could restrain a glance at the other.Neill a listher and hunter, wore bis lony and
bright har plaited in a band, or coolun, whule on bis upper lip the cromneal, or insustache, had a
ready gathered its browner defiance of th tatute, allhough he seemed a little older than be fair being by his side; the cloak which he die langugge he used was every syllable prescrib song perlectiy appropitite to him and to honoraid
but that liby slould be lorers; and how long ats apphcation might be marred by that defictencs, Thow wilc learn to-night 10 sleep unon a bed tural patileness, when he satw the gser of her
monter, 'anal to pllow hy head upou a soldier' cloak.
'Ah!' she rephed, ' what would we nor hare
given for such a bed on the night when OMoore
buroed Dumase, and drore us forth with our conins of Morthener to seela a sheher in, the forest Sur in such a pasilian as this, she added, looking ster in ther castle of stone.'
She looked dowa blushing, for OMell's eso in subli a home:-
But Mandevill and the Eremach were alread withurawing, and without renturng to meet he where, wrappiug themselses in their manles, hive all three lay dowte side by side mith their
men. With the return of day comparatisely fe w campment on Sleaish. The torrenss had slrumk to the moundian, scarce seen in the botoms of their
deep; clamels. Even the hate river was clearme ns dumished waters belween its hanks; and sare jacent, zul here and there a real sear where the
 noting heavier than the dews of sumber. Ea
acress the lower coustry, tuat was partaily re-
 rounting lalls huel centasard diemsentes. The

 down the muntam bhow, hey couhd hardily be-
here it the same setene they had beheld under And in the eyes of eich onther, as great an mrparted to the Lady Honora and her young
host, althoush the eronimy imape hat sone had host, athntigh the er many image hat snine had O'Nenll and Erenach stod ready to give the

Mandeville, who bad already prepared the for proceeding on thir journey. With the gal
lantry of the times, the Prince advanced an issed the cheek of each, but as he withdrew ins from the scarcely impressed down
Honora's, a burning blush suffused ber brow an seck, and ivas answered by as deep a crimson a
his own. Again the Lady Gyle and the Erenack fixed their eyes upon the pair, and exchanged
looks of intelligence; but the churchman did not loks of intelligence ; but the churchman did no
seem to conteriplate the chances of their muual admiration being matured into a serious at mother, who already in imagination beheld her
daughter's brow encircled with the asion of a rish princess; for, whatever power of negotia ion might have been deputed to the legate of
the exited government, the disposal of the Prnce' he exited government, the disposal of the Prince' osal of it, had not been instructed. He had riman, so that they were only withbeld from the casting of ther allegiance by the almost hopeless
anace of oblaiaing a pardon for their relatives, chance of obtaining a pardon for their relatives, unerous and powerful famalies of which the orsav not that the accession of even such ; strength isapproved of by the haughty house of $O^{\prime}$ Neill. Tevertheless he could nol refuse the invitation pressed on kim and the Prince, to accompany the ion; add accordingly unwilling as lie was, be Cound himelf, aiter the morning meal by the side the elder lady, while the Prince and Fonon sation. They had twice sunk out of sight o
Slemish, white crossing the broad rallegs that lay pon their route, and lad risen again into reev it when the blue hills of down became risible he coast. The sun was still far from the mid ria of the sea that lay beseath. A frest breeze
had curled the ofliug into a dark rough blue, had curled the ofliug into a dark rough blue ay itripes of pale greeta and purple, shifting
as the sladove of the clouds swept rapidy ererything in the fresh clearness of the nornung and sails at sea, and enstes and houses on shore
thite their magnificent amplitheatre of tills and voods, corntields aad pasitures, burst ali at once
 criug belt of the sunlight on the water.
'Batpn of 'Eara, what a tower!' he cxclaume
cia gnssip, is it all of stone?"
'Elone to the foot of the liz-staf, sir Tanist, aplied Honora; 'and all these lesser toowers belore the gate, with their red-tiled roofs and hare not been fethin these walls since I was
hidd, but I well remember their solid strength, and the gitedy terror to look down from their - And these shps, truly ther we hoatug was Faters? ? he said half uncorscicusly: and the y again questioning 'And reli me, lads, whes great caste where [ sue snine of the soon brigh
'Thiat,' sadu Henora, ' is the Prary of Holy Cross, where we win logge bee to-nggh in a
$\qquad$ ng all the nnellies of the scene until they ar
tred at due F'tiory. Here they found a fpactoun ange of aphriments prepared for their resepption部 religous honse in the north. Lidy Gyle ings to the Priow, era she ladd before hun a cith
ugue of her griewnetes, and uarolied the nume
 orthy hichard,' she said, ' take thy staff an Villa Come, for I see his grooms parading ths horses I Lhe gate, as in he intended a journey. Come
dhau also, good father,' she added to the Ere 'Alas!'s saù he, 'my adrocacy would but in crease their galc in his eyes; yet I will wrat
one of the brothe hood's cloiks around me, an his fouthful goveruor, of whose wisdom farn been so loudt for $I$ also will soon hare difficull manter to deal in with min.
LTe drew on a friar's govnn abo his dress,
and having pulled the cowl orer his face so as to

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complete his disguise, Followed the lady and her
companion to the Castle. Thes passed the port companion to the Castle. They passed the port
cutis and barbican, and in the middle of the quare met Eari William, armed at all point and equipped for a journey, descending trom the
keep, Lady Gyle advanced-he started in amaze meat, but heid out bis hand to welcome her

- No, William-na,' she suid; 'I wwll not louct he hand that cast chains upon a dear brother - Noble Linswoman,' said William, 'thour a ny Countess, who will see to 'Oh, Willian, William!' she exctaimed,' can bardly look at the walls you ask me to en hat Walter lay in your fetters, winter wind percing him through the open gates above, and he chill damps turung his bed to rottenness be And do you ask me to share your bospitalit withn them? No !-Under your roof 1 cana oo, Eari; but here, in the open light of day, fore you, and call the hearen and earth to witness, that my bothers hare beell belledi by aitors, betrayed and foully wronged by you, names,' she cried, unrolling a voluminous plarch ment, ' pious charchmen or noble gentlemen all
look at this enrolled fiower of your Pale, an read their declaration. She put the writing int is hands, and stood pointing to every clause a rNou Geter ? There is both truth and ceason tead cousins bave done muach good service in trying imes; but, alas! so dd Fizz-'Lioinas and the ance; and so do many now, who, if not deterred by constant example, would also turn their arms
from honorable service to tratorous rebellion.or, dap and night, the subtle Irshumans cease
ot to instigate us all to the kingdon's ruio and or own disgrace; and nothing save the ster exercise of the law by inen rigorous to inllict, otal disaffection. Our nobles have beer so long eft to there own wild wills, using the authorty cantry and j'eonarry have, by their feuds, been hey lare long since began to hold our English
laws to be intolcrable, and would rather take the antle of the kern, and, like the sarages, comthan retain the decent habits, names, and rasponhe kington has, by these means, been reduced to the extremity of misery-how no man's life,
these ten years back, hass been safe oulside tio alls of has castle-how burning and pillage hare he arteans them hanuman from hats helds, and the artisans trom bis factory, white many or
those were sometimes honest men, seeing oining for them but to be driven up and down desperately joned their perseculors. And ov when at lengtb bf the enforcement of the aws, and the exertions of the Council, peace is and just goverument is once mare extenting it
ny unhappy knasnen, forgetful of their birth, reer duyp, heir bond of past serrices, ungraten
or bounties numberless, and mad in impotea mbition, have given anolher iriumph to the bar
arian, and, I fear me nuch, must soon give anher example to purselres. Nevertheless, before the Counct; fo: 1 ann but a sermant-: as they conmand, so manh l, at peril of life, if
need be, execute. Dear lady, 'he contmued, for
cyle wis now in tears, and it was a strange sight
to sec lier spirit so subudued hefore the poutho everity of her kineman, for William, thoug and
twenty, 6 Dear lady, feel for nee nlso. Turs
on-day wilh my Countess ; or if thou canst no nter our dooss, let mae commend thee to th care of the goed Prior till my retura, and I an and Sarage, in alie Arells. Anll, Priar, there
 could wait to treat with them, for I hare heari
of scme designs whereof I woald fan show them Se fanity; but thou knowest that a risug
He sprang upon his horse, and with the long way, then struck wheted out of the arched gate distant fords at the mouth of the Lagall. Lad Gyle stood for a monute atter be was gone, wit
her eges fiaed on the ground, anō her han pressed upan her forehead, then took the arm of
to the Priorg. Of all the standers-by during the Earl's spert, lione, howerer, had departed
with more confused and disapponted feclings
than Loughlin Phelim. His desisens on Willian hat Loughlin Pberm. His desprss on Willian Whaterer they might bave been, were apparentiy
rendered quite abortive, for he thenceforth seemed to dread a conference; and so far did therr disarrangement operate on his future conduct in
other resplects, that he did not afterwards evinc other resplects, that be did not aftervards erine
any wish to clieck the attachment of O'Nell and ny wish to clieck the altachment of been before, in
Honora. Thoughtful as be latd bey in prager, and seemed like a man that bad staked or was about to stake, erery, hing on the issue of
some desperate chance. That day, and thet ext, and the next, passed in constant explectamessenger brought dally ; but messenger unexpected after messenger brought daly news of unexpected dith-
culties and farther delags; and day alter day the Erenach regretted not laving sent on jesterday for instrucuons from Tyrone, till at leng th, by
Sunday, a messenger arrised with tho posithe assurance that the Eari would of at Carrickfer
gus in time for next mrning's matins. The Bre ch no sooner recerved this intelligence, thar Slemish, and by noon the green tents had dsap-
peared; and St. Patrek's well lowed in a sol:tude as unbrokea as or the eve of therr erection
But on the hill-top, and on all the eminences of But on the hill-top, and on all the eminences or
western aspect from thence to Devis, here hat arisen piles of turf and figots beffore sunset : and ever cover the Joug gross or lieather might aflow had couched down a kern, with a slow hire of pual by his side. Meanwhite, at the f'roory,
though Lady Gyle still kept her chamber io cessire grief, Sir liobert Manderille had Tell. There had been huntings and hawkings
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trept Honora almost constantly with her nother.
But on the Saturday But on the Saturday morning there issued fich
the Prtory gates a caracade, at the bead

Norburgh. He caine by Armagh and Kilutaia,
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of a hairt nom were uot more refrestuing to my
'Alas Prtace,' rephed Honora, 'canst thouAid, swet ladf,' sald he, 'the locelier thehat the hare we mourn its loss, and long for therecorery, The tovelier the daughters of thestranger, he added, the more we long to wis
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tull getlop ana horseman was seen comingWeen and the town. Mandeville roce cutnd the King ; he deltreered a breathed to where the relatition
cembliug from excitement, flusbed and adrnant ; white the irritated legate biting his hifl
ond breathing hard, played with his reins andbreathing haru, played with his reils and
and (for be was now armed) and .scowledagger, (or he was now armed),' Ill news-ill news, sister,' cried Sir Rober A messenger is at the Castle wriell writs for the

