#### Harold the Outlaw

The Gauger of Skene.

CHAPTER L.

outld only return, that the worst might be known!

On the morrow this wish was gratified. Two hours before noon Gilmour and Allan MPherson were descried riding up the avenue on horses much jaded and flecked with foam—not the fresh, high-spirited animals on which they departed ten days before, but a couple of roans brought from the stables of Benachray. The state both of horses and riders showed that they had journeyed fast and far.

They leaped off at the hall door, threw the reins to a groom who came forth at their appearance, and bounded up the steps into the hall, where stood a footman to receive them.

"Who's in the house, Walter?" asked

steps into the nail, where stoods a roccinear to receive them.

"Who's in the house, Walter?" asked Gilmour, eagerly and anxiously.

"No one, sir, but Mr. M'Garray."

"Only M'Garray! not my—br—I mean has no one been here since I left?"

"No Sir Gilmour."

"Nor siny message come?"

"Not to my knowledge, sir."

Gilmour turned to M'Pherson and drew a long breath, while both men gazed at each other and seemed immensely relieved.

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The time occupied in this interrogation, short though it was, was too long for Lady Logan's impatience, and her voice was heard at the top of the staircase calling on

Gilmour.
The latter bounded up, waving on Allan to follow him.
Mother and son met at the door of the library. Gilmour spoke not a word there, but led his mother to the far end, where he had obtained a glimpse of McGarray, while Allan carefully closed the door and

came after.
"We bring bad news—cursed bad news, said Gilmour, with bent and lowering

brows.
"No, you don't," spoke up M'Garray.
"The news you bring has come before you.
"Before me!" echoed Gilmour, "how
that? Walter told me no one had be

here."
"But Walter could not tell you that I had a visit from Adamson at my office a weel

"Ha! is it so? And he told yo

how cursedly our enterprise had miscarried."

"Oh, Gilmour!" burst forth his mother with passionate vehemence, "what tempted you for engage in a scheme so desperate and dangerous? All is lost."

"Nay, things are not so bad as that. Harold has recovered his wife and child—that is the woman he pretends is his wife; but I look to you, M'Garray, to prevent him from proving it."

"Do you?" returned M'Garray, Jrily.

"Then you look for what I shan't do."

"Shan't do!" shouted Gilmour, in wrathful athazement. S'death, man, are you mad? I fo our only chance, and you say you shan't do it."

"No, I shan't do it."

"Why?"

"Because it doesn't matter a fig to us the mid and the mid

"Why?"

"Because it doesn't matter a fig to us whether she is his wife or not. Harold will soon be no longer an outlaw. Black Dick is dead, and his dying declaration of Harold's innocence and his own guilt is in the Sheriff's office."

"Damnation." hoarsely uttered Gilmour, transfixed with much horror, and gazing first at M'Garray, then at his own mother.

"You see now it is as I said," remarked

mother.

"You see now it is as I said," remarked her ladyship. "All is lost."

Gilmour stamped on the floor till the room shook, and his heel sank into the hard wood: then he traversed the chamber with hasty strides, bellowing forth fleree oaths and imprecations, cursing every one, his mother, M.Garray, and himself.

"We are both of us equally undone," remarked Allan M.Pherson, speaking for the first time and then addressing M.-Garray.

Garray.

"We are all equally undone," responded the lawyer, snappishly.

"I know about the other business too. Adamson has got Myra's case in hand. Your quarral. Allan M'Pherson, with Dixon, has me the factor.

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"Stop it, M'Garray," said Allan, wrathfully, "I am not in a mood to stand nonsense from you—naming your paltry factorship with my prospect of succession. You can make it up by poking your cunning, pettifogging nose elsowhere. But what can I do?"

"Work," suggested M'Garray, in a spiteful manner, for the other's contemptuous words galled 'tim.

"This was adding fuel to flame. The disappointed, daffled plotters, finding themselves discomfled, threw the blame on each other, and vented their chagrin in mutual recriminations, till the sound of their quarreling within drowned quieter sounds without, else they would have heard carriage wheels on the gravel of the terrace, succeeded by footsteps traversing the hall and ascending the skairs. Of these things they were unconscious, and were only subdued by the opening of the library door, and the appearance of Harold and Walter Adamson.

Then followed silence and consternation, flushed faces grew pale, rage gave place to fear, and the aspect of conscious convicted wrong-doors was manifested by one and all.

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Harold stood within the room, silently and sternly surveying them. His glance passed from one to another with withering intensity. But his expression was that of calm and lofty indignation. It showed nothing of vulgar rage or triumph, still less of vengful resolve. Notwithstanding the deep, the terrible wrongs which he had suffered at their hands, his generous nature prompted him to forbearance, though not to reconciliation.

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At length he opened his lips, "Words," he said, "are equally useless and unnecessary. I disdain to repreach or revile, but I am here to take those rights of which I have been go iniquitously deprived. But while I forbear to exact retribution for the past, there can be no future intercourse between us. I shall respect the legal rights of my father's widow and his younger son. They shall receive all that they are by law entitled to, but there can be no intercourse between us. Lady Logan, I give you seven days to quit, with all that belongs to you, the mansion-house of Mount Cairn. This day week I and my family come to take up our abode here. Meanwhile Mr. Adamson remains as my representative, and I

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and October.
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August and November.
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May, July, September and November.
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EDEX GRAVE—the month.

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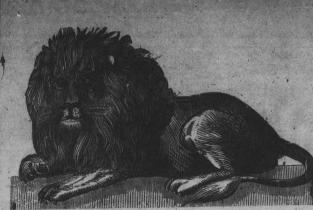
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