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POETRY.

MAY EVENING.

The breath of Spring-time, at this twilight hour
Comes through the gathering glooms,
And bears the stolen sweets of many a flower
Into my silent rooms.

Where hast thou wandered, gentle gale, to find
The perfumes thou dost bring?
By brooks, that through the wakening meadows
wind,
Or brink of rusky spring.

Or woodside, where, in little companies,
The early wild flowers stand
Or sheltering lawn, where, 'mid encircling trees
May's warmest sunshine lies?

Now sleeps the humming bird, that, in the sun,
Wandered from bloom to bloom;
Now, too, the weary bee, his day's work done,
Rests in his waxen room.

Now every hovering insect to his place
Beneath the leaves hath flown;
And, through the long night-hours, the flowery
face
Are left to these alone.

O'er the pale blossoms of the saxifrage
And o'er the spice-bush spray,
Among the opening buds, thy breathings pass,
And come embalm'd away.

Yet there is sadness in thy soft caress,
Wind of the bloom that's past;
The gentle presence that was wont to bless
Thy coming, is not here.

Go, then; and yet I bid thee not repair,
Thy gathered sweets to shed,
Where pine and willow, in the evening air,
Sigh o'er the buried dead.

Pass on to homes where cheerful voices shout,
And cheerful looks are cast,
And where thou wakest, in thine airy round,
No sorrow of the past.

And whisper, everywhere, that Earth renews
Her beautiful array,
Amid the darkness and the gathering dews,
For the return of day.

Jeannie Sinclair,

OR, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER XXIII.

GEORGE MUNRO IN A HORRIBLE DILEMMA—THE VOLUNTEER HEROES AND HIS ASSISTANTS—INTERVIEW IN THE CONDEMNED CELL BETWEEN THE PRISONER AND HIS EXECUTIONER.

'You told me she was dead,' said Lynedoch, writing under the theology which Wil was inflicting.

'And so she is dead—dead twenty years ago. She died within a quarter of a mile of Hagley Castle. She was the unknown wanderer you heard of, who bore a child and died that same night in the keeper's house. A violent start was all the notice Lynedoch took of this information.'

'Her child was yours, Lynedoch Sinclair. Do you wish to know what became of it?'

The prisoner preserved a sullen silence.

'You think you know already,' went on Wil. 'You think the child is her? You call Jeannie Sinclair. That's a mistake. You may remember that there were two children born that same night. Nell's child was a boy, her ladyship's was a girl. For the sake of the reward Sir Ferguson offered, the doctor and the nurse changed the children. They thought nobody knew it, for I saw Nell just after she died, and the boy lying by her side. Now, Lynedoch Sinclair, you shall hear, if it is you who got Mark Gideon to steal.'

'Fiend!' roared Lynedoch. 'These are all lies you are telling. I believe them not.'

'Yes, you do; but I have not done yet. When Mark got the child, it fell into my hands, and through that child I resolved to work out my revenge on you. I have succeeded. Lynedoch Sinclair, you shall hear. Pay attention to every word, for what I am going to say concerns you nearly. I trained up the boy to hate you. I taught him to seek your ruin, and, as he had luck would have it, he is it who is doing you to destruction. The gipsy youth who saw you murder Sir Ferguson was no other than he.'

Another start and groan, which Lynedoch could not suppress, gave excited joy to the heart of his tormentor.

'Ay, mark it well, Lynedoch Sinclair, and see how Nell's child began to avenge her by destroying her betrayer. But for him the murder would not have been discovered, and you would not now be within an hour of the gallows. You say nothing—you think I have done my worst against you. Wrong again, Lynedoch Sinclair. The best part of my revenge awaits me still. Listen. The hangman has not arrived, and I am to take his place.'

'You!' yelled Lynedoch, leaping from his seat as far as his bonds would permit.

'Yes, me. They are to pay me well for it. Fools, do they think I would have done the hangman's office for anything but revenge? Thousands would not have bought me to do it on a man I do not hate, but you—you—oh, I was willing to hang you without a fee. Who triumphs now, Lynedoch Sinclair—who triumphs now? Think of it. Mine is the hand that fits the noose and puts the halter round your neck that is to choke the vile soul out of you. And don't forget that it is for the murder of Nell that I do it—it is for what you did to her that you die, and by my hand.'

With a howl of execration, Lynedoch cast himself back upon his seat, bent his head upon his knees and his body writhing to and fro with fearful contortions. Will Sanderson stood for some moments gazing over his anguish with fiendish satisfaction, then he proceeded to turn still further the screw of mental torture—he turned it for the last and worst time upon his victim.

'Listen again, Lynedoch Sinclair. There is more to come still. It is I that will place the noose upon your neck, and will the cap over your face, but I shall not draw the bolt that makes these preparations take effect. I have an assistant, and he will do that. You hear, Lynedoch Sinclair, it is another hand that will do that. Wouldst know whose hand it is? It is the hand of your own son!'

The horrible shaft went home, and the miserable man, with another yell, leapt up again.

'Hell's heaviest curses light upon you,' he shouted. 'The blackest there is an angel of mercy compared with you.'

'Ha, ha, ha! You feel so, do you? Oh, this is worth all the years I have waited for it. The sight of your torment is ample recompense for my patient planning. Having planted the last thorn in your heart, I leave it to rattle there for the half-hour you have now got to live. Hear the words again. It is Nell's child, the offspring of her shame and your sin, who draws the bolt which brings the death agonies upon you, and sends you where you must answer that and all your other evil deeds. Now, Lynedoch Sinclair—now you know the meaning of the word RABBITRY.'

Like a caged wild beast, Lynedoch rushed to and fro in the chain that bound him, glaring with his eyes and gnashing with his teeth. Then, with a bellow of maddest rage and despair, he cast himself upon his pallet, and turning his face to the wall, writhed convulsively.

Will Sanderson looked on for some moments in the very ecstasy of gratification; then he pulled the handle of the bell, and the jailer opening the cell door, he departed to make the final preparations for the execution, the moment of which was now fast approaching.

TO BE CONTINUED

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