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The Maiden's Choice

R. THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

'Egad, but this is a rare prize we have made, he exclaimed. 'We have stopped the rebeb parson when he was in full city, and caught a batch of Whigs to whom he was eaching treason. A good day's work, upon a part of the long man and the stopped the long man and the stopped the long man are stopped to the long m

my soil, worth all the trouble of the long out of our clutches, Capitain, said Jackson, with a glance and a smile at Walter.

No, 'chuckled Charlie. 'He has got quite fond of our society; can't keep clear of us.—Well, we shall see that he does not leave us so soon this time. Well, old square toes, what are you looking at?' he added, being restlessly uneasy under Mr. Gordon's steadfast gaze. 'Did you nover see a Capitain in His Majesty's service before?'

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What a familiar old cock the fellow is, returned Allan with a lond laugh. He does not scruple to call me Charlie. Quite fatherly, upon my soul. And so you are sorry forme, ch, old troason-sponter? Perhaps you want to have the pleasure of telling me that I am on the broad road to damnation. You used to be good at giving a lecture, but times are changed, my reverend buck. I am not obliged to sit before you now, twiddling my thumbs and looking glun, while you have seen the day when I had that to do, and sore was my suffering in the flesh. But the tables are turned, and there you are a criminal in my hands. How do you like the change, ch? Villatin' said Wulter Elliot through his set teeth.

'Corporal Ingles', shouted Allan.

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"Bind that prisoner."

The corporal dismounted and took a coil of cord from his saddle-bow. With this happroached Walter, whose first instinctive prompting was to resist the ignominious proceeding. But he set a strong curb on this natural inclination, knowing that struggles against such odds would end only in his defeat, and give more room to Allan to gratify his vulgar triumph. He therefore stood motionless as a statue, while the trooper drew back his arms till they nearly met at the elbows behind, and tied them firmly there with the cord, so as to render him utterly powerless.

The time may come when I shall be able THE attention of young men locking forward Christmas & New Year

rn.
Jackson, get the prisoner mounted, and his feet below the horse's belly,' was the kt order given by the ruffian. 'And hark if he utters another word gag him; you

d the other two proceeded at once to exute the—order given. One of the troopers'
rses was brought forward and Walter
reed to mount it. Then a rope was tied to
the ankle, and pulled till the legs came
se under the belly of the horse.
Tighter!' bawled Allan, seeing that Jacks
n was about to fasten the knot.
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The pain was terrible, but no sign of his saffering did the youth permit himself to give. He would have died rather than give Allan the gratification of hearing him uter a groun, or ask that the cords might be slackened. His flushed face and knitted brow tild, however, what he was too proud to allow his lips to utter, and Charlie read those signs, and rejoiced in the thought that he was giving him torture.

The sight of the cruel proceeding was more than Mr. Gordon could stand, and, in a voice slaking with anger, he exclaimed—

For shame, Allan. Be content with your power to carry off as prisoners those who formerly treated you with every kindness. Do not gratify a bratal passion by such an act of wanton crueity.

Ho! You don't like to see your amiable son-in-law trussed up by the man he cut out of your daughter's affections. I must both shear the blow and kiss the rod. That's your style of preaching I know, but it don't suit me. The wheel has gone round and brought me uppermost, and those who injured me cry out because I remember it.

'If tyranny was not rampant in the land misguided boys like you would not have power to gratify their groundless malice asyou are now doing, observed Mr. Gordon, sorrowfully.

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chman there, and silence your speech is a gag.

Do it, Charlie, 'said the minister, with nobidness. 'See the power you have reced to its utmost limit, but in your concervour knowledge refuses to justify ir deeds. You did not spend all those yours can the your own without knowing that I do deserve the treatment. I have received, that I have committed no crime in coming to the your science tells you, and sooner or later it.

I trouble you, for the part you are now ming in this imposlly persecution. I pray I that you may obtain mercy when in the graph of the properties of the your of terrible conviction your guilty soul saferile.

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'Yes, Charlie,' returned the minister, 'I was I who married them, and I here avow it I performed that act of my sacred office to save my child from being made the victim of your unscruvulous passion.

'Ave, and for this and other treasonous practices you are now caught, and the best of the joke lies in the fact that it is I who have caught at I feel that it is I who have caught as I feel in think but I have tained the proof upstart who used to crow over me so crosses by. At my bidding he is daunb, and dare not after a word. Look at him, set up there like a piece of wood; its limbs tied with cords, and his tongue with a threat.

'Yes,' continued Mr. Gordon, with a contemptations sneer.' It was different the other moor. You found your level then, when his strong arm laid you prostrate on the heather You are safe to bully now, with these men at your back to do your inquisitous bidding. Charlie Allan, you are a classicable coward, and, like all cowards, you are boastful.' And you,' roared Allan, foaming with tage.' You are an old canting rebel, and use your tongue too freely. I have a great mind, dry your continued for common the work to do you are boastful.' And you,' roared Allan, foaming with tage.' You are an old canting rebel, and use your tongue too freely. I have a great mind, for your insolence, to trusty you have results of the prost of the pressive to the content and the proof of the prost of the pressive to the content and the proof of the prost of the pressive to the prost to make the proof of the prost of the pressive to the content in the saddlery line, a few doors south of the Resign Office.

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