#### The Maiden's Choice OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLEUCH

A Tale of the Covenanters. HER Berlin Wool and Fancy Goods Store to

"God o' merey!" exclaimed the petrified saronet.

"You know the rest, Sir Gilbert."

"Richard Wayland! he ejaculated.

"Is your son," cried Helen, little less agiated than himself.

"Mysterious Providence!" faltered Sir Gilbert, in a broken voice, as tears streamed lown his cheeks. "This explains the strange like." I hee for the youth, and has had a lang. I never looked at him but my heart was moved. My son, my lawful som—the heir of Brankswood, and till noe my servant.—the forestroy his ain tree! What tempted my mother the sic wickedness?"

"She confesses it was pride, Sir Gilbert, she could not brook the tho't of the child of a beasant girl being made the heir of Brankswood."

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'Then curse her for the damnable cruelty, said the Baronet, with a burst of rage.

'No, no, Sir Gilbert,' pleaded Helen, you will not curse your mother.'

'I will curse her,' he vehemently returned.

'Kennin', as she did, my great and buter sorrow that hed to shu up in my ain breast, she had the pooer tae lichten it, and she didna. The knowledge that the barinis was mine wad has been a solace tae my desolate heart, but that solace she cruelly keepit back.

Yes, I say, curse her, cur—'''

'Forbers, Sir Gilbert.' Oh, take back your awful words. In that paper she wrote she eaknowledges her gierous sin, and professes a deep and shinere repentance. She might have gone to the graw with the secret unrevessled, but sorrow and remorate prompted her to leave behind a revelation of the truth. Long ago she committed to paper the full particulars signed by the nurse, and gave it to the keeping of your breast, lake Editot of Branches and the state of the committed to paper the full barticulars signed by the nurse, and gave it to the keeping of your breast, lake Editot of Branches and the state of the committed to paper the full seek for the state of the committed to paper the full service of the state o

day, when, by her act—tardy though it be—you will embrace a son whom you already love.

'Eh, what?' exclaimed the Baronet, 'Is Ritchie back? Where is he—where is he?'

'Back!' repeated. Helen, in her turn astonished. 'Has Richard been away?'

'Deed has he, the gowk.' He hasna tell't te that, has he no? Ah, ha! But I'll lecture him weel for leavin' my service—he's just for at the world like the prodigal son. But he has returned, ye say. Where is he? Come out o'yer hidin' place, ye rascal, and let me fa' on yer neck and kiss ye.'

And with a kind of hysterical, though joyous excitement, Sir Gilbert rushed out, and ran round the summer-house, and round the bushes near, in expectation of finding theyouth lurking there.

Helen, pale and trembling, tottered after him, and at sight of her face of agony his own face clouded with apprehension.

'Richard's is not here that I know of, she faltered. 'I never heard till this moment that he had gone.'

'Guid God!' was the reply, 'he hasna been seen nor heard o' for months.'

Poor Helen! this came upon her like afteadful shock, and with a loud wailing cryshe sank upon the ground.

Sir Gilbert rushed forward to raise her up, but she was white, cold, and senseless as marble. As it is the last straw that breaks the came!'s back, so this unexpected intelligence of Richard's disappearance came upon her, strained, worn-out and exhausted by suffering, excitement, fear, and boddly fatigue, and overwhelmed her. The Barone her consciousness, but in vain. No colour returned to the pale checks and bloodless lips, and the agonizing thought came to him that she was dead.

She was not dead, but for many days and lights she lay in left old chamber at Brankswood, raving in delirium, and Nir Gilbert, almost broken hearted, watched continually by her couch.

CRAPTER XXII.—SIR GILBERT BARTON DISCOVERS A MINDER.

Sir Gilbert Barton, the Baronet of Brankswood, lad a wide circle of friends and acquantances, by whom he was universally liked for his many hearty and genial qualities. He was bluff, outspoken, and altogether a boisterous man-frank, blunt, and unreserved in the expression of his mind, jovial in his habits, of a kind and generous disposition, and one whose nature was not suspected to be deep or profound.

reserved in the expression of his mind, jovial in his habits, of a kind and generous disposition, and one whose nature was not suspected to be deep or profound.

A great mistake so far. Sir Gilbert had the capacity of feeling, to a greater extent than any one supposed. The character which he appeared to be, was not so much a natural development of his life as the confirmed result of a course adopted many vears before, to bear and get over a grief and disappointment which he had experienced in the death of one on whom his heart's strongest affections were centred.

When a young man he had loved, wooed, and secretly married a girl far beneath him in rank, but his equal in goodness and worth. Knowing the opposition such an alliance would meet with from his mother, his marriacy was carefully concealed, though he was fully determined that ere long he would proclaim it to the world, and openly take his young wife to his home. He had the latter placed in a snug and pleasant retreat at a considerable distance from Brankswood, where he visited her frequently, and where they enjoyed together the delicious communion of pure and fond affection. When the time same that she was to become a mother, Sir Gilbert could no longer preserve the secret so exclusively as he had hitherto done, but be thought he would amply secure his young wife's proper comfort and keeping, and at the same time do it without danger of exposure, by conditing in the nurse who had watched over his own infancy, and who, he deemed, would prove faithful and silent.

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