you the benefit of any services, would you be giving me anything for my trouble ?"

Ian grasped the landlord's hand eagerity, as he exclaimed—

"Now you are speaking sensibly as a man ought, Gregor. Help me, I say, and Fill give you almost anything that you choose to ask which is within my power. I thank you for the advice you have already given me to use cunning rather than force against the M'Leods, and will not forget it, nor you for giving it. I hail it all the more warmly as it goes with my own inclinations. In op: non-flict the M'Leods have ever been successful; and it was only by adopting stratagem that my father was able to carry out his threat so far as he was sucsucessfully before he died; and since the remainder of the work depends upon me I shall use the means which he used. Again, Gregor, I thank you for the hint."

At this stage the landlord pushed the bottle, which had been rather noglected for the past few minutes, towards Ian, remarking that it was time he was taking another glass to steady his nerves after what he had learnt.

Ian was now very anxious to learn how Gregor came to know of his being one of the Caterans of Bon-a-Chrui, but upon this point the landlord refused to enlighten him in the slightest degree—always replying vaque and evasive terms, but stating nevertheless that he was not one of their enemies. He said he knew many of them personally to be good customers of his, and it would not be well for him to do aught against them.

Finding that he could not learn anythmig more from him, Ian turned to the subject nearest his heart.

"It is very unfortunste that despite our utmost efforts to prevent them, He-tor M'Leod and Flora Mangregor were able to reach Castle M'Leod. It will cost mo small trouble to recover the girl before it is too late. I believe it is that which brings Donald Comeron to day, He had come to make to some arrangements by which the girl may be regained possession of And more Gregor, mark ye, must be accumplished; Hector M'Leod must feel the veargance of the two men

he asked—
"And will you have thought of any way by which these things will be safely

way by which these things will be safely done?"

"I have thought of a dozen ways at least; but none of them please me. If Hector M.Leod would but venture alone a hundred yards beyond his Castle wall, and a suitable hiding place there for me, I would wait and watch for a month for him, if I could be assured that at the end of that time I would have the satisfaction of driving my blade through his black heart. Heavens! what moment of satisfaction would that be! The thought makes me tingle with excitement."

The landlord was silent for some time, and appeared to be reflecting deeply. At length he looked across the table at Ian, and said—

"You spoke of Donald Cameron's purpose here being to arrange how to regain possession of the girl, and work venceance against young M'Leod?"

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"Then we need not be troubling ourselves arranging till he return. He'll not be very long now, and when he does comes. he may have a scheme better than any we will be falling upon."

"He, may, Gregor—I hope he may, for I am all impatience to have the tide of success turned; and, by Heaven, Donald Cameron is not the man I understand him to be if he do not exact a terrible retribution from the house of M'Leod for the insult offered to him."

"Gameron will be a terrible man when he'll get in a rage. But what I was going to say was to ask whether you will have heard of the difference between Gregor M' Donald and old Malcolm M'Leod."

"A difference between you and Malcolm M'Leod!" echoed Ian, in wonder. "No I have not heard of it."

"A difference there was, though; and though few remember of it and though all may think I have forgotten it, it is ever freeh in my mind, and my spirit calls for revenge still; and revenge I will have—ay, even yet will I have it. Does not that seem strange?"

"It does indeed sound strange to me," replied lan, gloating over the fact that he had now found one who would he believed be eager to co-operate with him in his werk.

"But it will be true," replied the other a savage gleam for a moment appearing in his eyes. "The recollection of it al-

in his eyes. "The recollection of it almost maddens me et. Should you perhaps like to hear to story told?"
"Nothing would give me greater pleasure," replied his companion. "It will serve to raise up a fellow-feeling between us which will enable us to work more in harmony with each other. If we be true to each other and as tin harmony together the race of the Mt-feeds is nearly run. Young Heetor cannot but have realised that the has succeeded his father in troubled times, but as yet he dreams not of the troubles which will rise against him, nor e en of the nature of nem. But of these things we can speak fer. Let me hear your story, Gregor."

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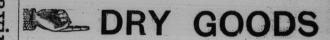
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