

cause you to be taken in yet by some scheming adventuress, or my name is not Nimbleton. By the by, do not forget to mention my adventures in that silly tour of yours; it will make your readers laugh when your own attempts at wit must be sure to fail."

The insolent observations of Nimbleton were only drowned in distance; and the *chaine* having now passed the hotel, the remainder of our party joined us, fully accoutred for the journey. It had been arranged that Mr. Welmore, the baronet, and the widow (for such I will still call her) were to travel in her carriage, and Manvers, Emily, and myself in Sir Brien's, and we were now only waiting for my beloved wife, who had not been seen since breakfast.

"Run up, my love," said the impatient baronet to Emily, "and see what can detain Mrs. M'Lofty; I dare say you will find her in her room."

Emily instantly set off, as desired, but she had scarcely passed the threshold of the door, when she met the object of her search, weeping bitterly, and escorted by two suspicious looking men.

"Good Heaven!" exclaimed the baronet, what is the matter? Are you unwell, my dear madam? Pray let me assist," and he advanced to offer his arm.

"Is that your husband, madam?" asked one of the men sternly.

"Husband! what does the fellow mean?" cried O'Flaherty. "That lady has no husband, sir. What do you want with her?"

"But the lady says she has a husband, and surely she ought to know best. Come, madam, we have no time to lose; our orders are peremptory in regard to you; but if you have a husband, that indeed alters the case."

"Oh, indeed! that does alter the case then, does it?" I exclaimed, now advancing with every feature glowing with indignation at the insult thus offered to me. "Know then, sir, that I am that lady's husband."

"Ha, ha, ha! excellent!" roared the baronet. "Why, Morris, that is an excellent device of yours to get our friend out of the scrape, whatever it may be, and she and I are

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