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The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

CHAPTER XXI.—MERLIN'S CAIRN.

"The flower hangs his head, waving at times to the gale. Way dost thou awake me, O gale! it seems to say. I am covered with the drops of heaven. The time of my fading is near, the blast that shall scatter my leaves. To-morrow shall the traveller come—he that saw me in my beauty shall come. His eyes shall search the field.— They will not find me. So shall they search in vain for the voice of Cons after it has fallen in the field."—OSIAN.

As from a long hideous nightmare, Gilbert Elliot awoke slowly. Little by little consciousness returned to him. First he perceived light, and for a time he could not bear it, his sight had become so enfeebled by the long darkness through which he had passed. His eyelids closed again, and he began, without any effort of will, to listen.— Once or twice he heard a rustling sound as of a woman's dress, so that led him to an attempt to explain his position by recalling the past.

One by one the incidents recurred to his memory up till the moment when he had been in the undercroft to escape from the cell in the White Tower by lifting one of the stones of the floor. After that he could recollect nothing; and yet he was dimly aware that many days had elapsed.

All the dreary self-questioning of returning health followed, and by and by he reopened his eyes to discover if possible in what place his fortune had disposed him.

He was lying upon a species of settle-bed in a rude chamber of which the walls were plastered and bare. The furniture was of the most primitive and poorest character; and the window, which was nearly opposite the foot of his bed, was small, square, and filled with greenish knobby glass.

But everything was clean, and, in spite of the cold foggy winter day which looked in upon him at the window, the place had a comfortable kindly atmosphere most grateful to the retreating senses of the invalid.

He at once concluded that, under some circumstances which at present he was unable to recall, he had become the guest of one of the mountain shepherds who had tended him through his illness—whatever that had been caused by—and had healed him.

Satisfied with this explanation, he turned his eyes dreamily to the blackened cross beams of the roof, and that moment again heard the rustle of a woman's gown.

This was his good fairy, no doubt, he dreamily speculated; the shepherd's good wife or daughter. He cast his eyes backward and became aware of a dark gipsy face bending over him with an expression of earnest questioning.

It was a woman's face, and a bonnie one. Bright big dark eyes, rich glossy black hair, snooded up in a silken fillet; soft ripe lips upon which the words of the eager questioner's eyes asked seemed to tremble.

This was no shepherd's wife or daughter. Dreamily he owned the fact; and dreamily he thought that it was a face he knew. "Are you better, Master Elliot?" queried a soft voice that fell upon his ears sweetly, as the sound of the distant music of home falls upon the ears of a wanderer.

He recognized the speaker, and although everything around him presented too much of a visionary aspect to his newly awakened senses to permit him to be much surprised at anything, he was still dreamily desirous of finding some clue whereby he might reconcile with that place the presence of pretty Mary Douglas, the Queen's lady.

She read his thought, and smiled. But it was not the old bright coquetish smile; there was a shade of melancholy in it; and the invalid perceived that her face was paler than he had formerly known it.

"You are surprised to find me here," she said. "Well, I too am surprised.

"You are here only by chance, then?"

"Yes, I came here by accident, and accident has caused me to remain."

"Will you tell me, then the nature of the accident?"

He spoke in a feeble voice, but without difficulty. Mistress Douglas bent over him, peering gravely into his face.

"Do you think your leech would permit me to gossip with you in your present state?" "I am well now, I have no pain."

She shook her head, still doubting the propriety of conversing with him. "My leech would not bid you be silent if he knew how pleasing your voice is to my ear."

She turned away her face carelessly. "Your leech is a singular being, and might object to any interference."

"Who is he?"

"No he at all, I' faith," she answered, laughing; "but an old woman."

"An old woman—whom?"

"Kirsty Hyslop."

"The which wife?"

"Hush—exactly."

"Then we are at Merlin's Cairn?"

"That is precisely where we are—and now I see you are not only much better, but almost well."

He passed his hand across his brow, his eyes fixed bewilderedly upon the wall. Presently he looked into the face of his friend.

TO BE CONTINUED.

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, July 24, 1868.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, Wheat, Oats, Beans, Potatoes, Apples, etc.

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, Guelph, July 24, 1868.

Gold, 143; Greenbacks, 60 at 60 to 60; Sold at 70 to 70; Large Silver bought at 6 dis.; sold at 4.5; Small silver bought at 9 dis.; sold at 5 to 7; Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 60c. to 60c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by Special Telegram to Evening Mercury, Montreal, July 24, 1868.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, Wheat, Oats, Beans, Potatoes, Apples, etc.

HAMILTON, July 23, 1868.

Fall wheat, \$1.40 @ \$1.47; spring do—\$1.38 @ \$1.40 per bushel; Barley—\$1.10 @ \$1.20; Oats—\$0.75 @ \$0.80; Peas—\$0.70 @ \$0.75.

TORONTO, July 23, 1868.

Flour—Market is very dull; No. 1 at \$2.75 @ \$2.75; Fall Wheat—\$1.50; Spring Wheat—\$1.48 @ \$1.50; Oats—\$0.75; Barley—\$0.75 @ \$0.75; Peas—\$0.75 @ \$0.80.

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WM. STEWART, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph June 10. daw tf

Silver Question.

IN CONSIDERATION

Of the mutual agreement herein contained,

WE, the undersigned, Merchants and Traders in the Town of Guelph, do severally agree, the one with the others, but not the one for the others, that we respectively will not from and after the first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, accept, or permit our agents to accept, in payment of any debt due, or to become due to us, or of any goods sold, or to be sold by us or our agents, any silver coin of the coinage of the United States of America, (when offered in amounts over five cents,) unless there be at the same time paid therewith to us discount at the rate of TEN PER CENT. on each of said coins, under denomination or nominal value of a quarter of a dollar, and at the rate of FOUR PER CENT. on each of said coins of the denomination nominal value of a quarter of a dollar and upwards; the British shilling to be received at the rate of twenty-four cents, and the British sixpence at the rate of twelve cents.

AND, in consideration of the premises, we further severally agree, the one with the others, but not the one for the others, that in the event of default being made by us respectively in the due performance of the above agreement, we will forthwith pay to John Hogg, of the Town of Guelph, Merchant, (party hereto,) his executors and administrators as trustee or trustees for himself and the others, the sum of fifty dollars of lawful money of Canada, which is hereby expressed to be a penalty, but as liquidated damages for our breach of the said agreement, which said sum, may be recovered by him or his executors, Administrators from any one or more of us who shall make default in the due performance of the said agreement in any court having competent jurisdiction in that behalf.

AND, it is hereby expressly declared and agreed that in the event of two-thirds in number of the undersigned at any time desiring to withdraw from this arrangement, it shall be competent for them at any time to give notice in writing to the said John Hogg of such their intention, and at the expiration of one month from delivery of the said notice to the said John Hogg, these presents shall ipso facto, cease and become of no effect, provided, nevertheless, it shall be competent for the said John Hogg to commence or continue any proceeding for the recovery of any damages, in virtue thereof, for any breach of the agreement herein contained, prior to the expiration of said month.

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