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MONDAY EV'NG, JAN'Y 27, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

A Tale of the Covenanters.

'Egad, but this is a rare prize we have ade, he exclaimed. 'We have stopped the object parson when he was in full 'cry, and aucht a batch of Whigs to whom he was aching treason. A good day's work, upon y soul, worth all the trouble of the long

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This youngster has not been long out of arclutches, Captain, said Jackson, with alacce and a runing at Yalkson, with alacce and a runing at Yalkson, with alacce and a runing at Yalkson and of or society tean the special content of the second of the cociety tean the special content of the second of the cociety tean the special content of the second of the cociety tean the special content of the second of the second

Fall wheat to corporal dismounted and took a coil of cord from his saddle-bow. With this he approached Walter, whose first instinctive prompting was to resist the ignominious proceeding. But he set a strong curb on this natural inclination, knowing that struggle against such odds would end only in his defeat, and give more room to Alan to gratify his valgar triumph. He therefore stood anotionless as a statuc, white 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.

misguided boys like you would not have power to graifly their groundless malice as you are now doing, observed Mr. Gordon, sorrowfully.

'Oh, indeed, you call it groundless, do you? I gotwo cause for it? I wasn't expelled from your house? I was not rejected by you and your daughter, and you did not, the other night, hast in to thwas me by marry sing your daughter as midnights to my haughty rival there, the faird of Birkencleuch? I laid the blame on your white-faced nephew, Mr Kail, but I find that you are the skulking parson who did the trick.

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

'Are, 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 you. You are both in my hand to do with as I feel inclined; and, as a witness of my power, see how I have tamed the proud utter a word. Look at him, set up there like a piece of wood; his limbs tied with cords, and his tongue with a threat.'

'Yes, continued Mr. Gordon, with a contemption of the present of the propers of the properson of the properson of the properson working.'

'Yes, continued Mr. Gordon, with a contemption of the present of the new shop, have a few pairs of imported made up Horse of the properson of the present of the present presents and of the Residuely line, a few doors South of the Resignation. The properson of the presents being too small for our large stock, we will for a your back to do your inquitous bidding. Charlie Allan, you are a despicable coward, and, like all cowards, you are boastful.'

'And you,' roared Allan, foaming with rage,' you are an oastful.'

'And you, are an old earning feels, and use your tongue to freely. I have a great mind, for your insolence, to truss you up like your henchman there, and silence your speech with a gag.'

'Do it, Charlie,' said the minister, with calm boldeness.' Use

suchman there, and silence your speech ith a gag. The control of the power you have resident of the control of

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