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FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 29, 1869.

Jeannie Sinclair,

OR

THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

This conversation glued Ned to his seat, and made the very blood stand at his heart. It flashed a terrible suspicion into his mind. The description given of the new-born heir of the Sinclairs resembled so closely the appearance of the child he had seen in his interview with Nell, that this, following the bewilderment experienced by beholding a child so different in the child said to be Nell's caused him to leap at once to the conclusion which Will Sanderson had come to—that the children had been changed. This was a startling belief, but he saw at a glance what temptation there was to commit the fraud, and how easily it could be accomplished. The doctor and the nurse, for the sake of the bounty they would be sure to receive from Sir Fergus, finding that the child to which Lady Sinclair had given birth was a girl, had substituted for it the boy which Nell had born. They doubtless knew by this time that Nell was dead, and could make no opposition to the fraudulent transaction. They supposed, likewise, that it could be done with all safety, not dreaming that any one had visited the keeper's house in the interval and seen Nell's child. Ned's shrewd mind guessed at all this most readily, but the more he understood it the greater was his perturbation. If his supposition was true—and of this he had little doubt—he was in possession of an astounding secret; he had obtained the knowledge of a concealed crime of the most important character—a deed affecting the most important interests of the highest family in the Strath.

To a soul so simple and honest as Ned's was, the conviction which had seized him was not a comfortable one, and the consequence was that for that night his vivacity and hilarious spirits were gone. The inmates of the Holme had never seen him, as Thomas termed it, so "douff and dowie," and no sooner had he supped the cog of porridge set before him for his supper than he betook himself to the straw-barn, where he was to have his couch for the night.

Many were the cogitations which, during several sleeping hours, he indulged, but at length he dismissed the matter from his mind by resolving to think no more about it till he was made perfectly certain of the truth of his suspicions. He would call at the Castle on the following day and obtain a sight of the child, when he would know at a glance if it was Nell's or no.

Obtaining a wonderful amount of present relief from this resolution, Ned turned himself among the straw and disposed his huge frame to sleep. The beneficent goddess was not long in visiting him with that refreshing slumber which health and physical exercise so liberally enjoy, and till the morning of a new day called forth the farm-labourers to their wonted toil, the wanderer continued to sleep on undisturbed.

He was not of course allowed to leave the hospitable Holme till he had consumed a hearty breakfast, and had his wallet filled with scones, 'whangs' of cheese, and slices of meat. It was therefore near the hour of mid-day when he went swinging up the avenue towards Baigley Castle.

Ned was free of all places in the wide district of his wanderings—free of the mansion as of the cottage, and could go with as much confidence through the rich man's gates as within the lintel of the labourer's dwelling. He was known everywhere, liked by every one, and never had to direct his steps to hut or hall with hesitation.

Having reached the front of the Castle, he was making his way to the region of the kitchen, when he was hailed by a loud, clear voice from the opposite direction. Turning round he beheld the baronet going towards the hall door, with his gun in his hand, and a well-filled game-bag over his shoulder. He beckoned, and Ned at once went forward and joined him.

Beside the huge form of Ned, Sir Fergus looked short and slim, but in reality he was a stout made man, above the average height. He had a round, jovial, good-humoured face; bright, happy eyes; a florid complexion; and a profusion of light, sandy hair. To look at him you could see he was a man who intensely enjoyed life in his own way.

'Well, Ned, my man, what news agoing?' he exclaimed, in his loud, hearty manner.

'I'm blythe, Sir Fergus, tae hear the news o' what's happened at the Castle,' returned Ned, who was in the habit of speaking as freely to the baronets as to those in a lower station.

'Oh, the birth of an heir you mean? Congratulate me, Ned; congratulate me. I've had my wish at last. Baigley will go after me to my own offspring. Gad, Ned, had the child been a girl I would have been out of humour all the rest of my days, and snarled at every one who came near me—even you, Ned; even you. But now I'm in a good humour with everybody—excepting poachers and gipsies. These are vermin that I can't give harbour to, and when Hector grows up I'll teach him to hate them too.'

'I canna say I ha'e a very friendly feelin' tae them mysel',' returned Ned.

'That's right. Gipsies are the pest of the country, and the landlords should unite to drive them out of it. I've done it on my land, at anyrate, and I hope no future owner of Baigley will ever give them shelter.'

'I hope her leddyship is haein' a guid recovery, Sir Fergus?'

'Thank ye, Ned. She progresses favourably. Perhaps you would like to see the young laird?'

'Thank you, Sir Fergus, I wad like extremely weel tae see the heir o' Baigley.'

'You shall see him, man. Come into the hall and the nurse will bring him down.'

Nothing loth Ned followed the Baronet into the hall, and in obedience to the message sent up stairs the nurse came down with the infant in her arms. The child had no covering on its head, and few wrappings on its body—Sir Fergus believing that this was the best way to make it hearty and robust.

Ned could not repress the start which the first sight of it occasioned, for he recognised in a moment the infant he had seen at the keeper's house, ahe his suspicion was verified beyond all doubt.

'Well, Ned,' cried the delighted Baronet, 'what think ye of the little fellow—strong and lively, aint he?'

'He's a burdly bairn,' slowly answered Ned, and he added not without meaning, 'wonderfu' dark for a Sinclair!'

'Faith, you are right there,' laughed the Baronet. 'In that matter he doesn't take after either her ladyship or me. It look as if the stock was working back in its course, for several generations ago the Sinclairs were dark. But observe how strong he is; look at that fat arm.'

Ned did look, and started again when he saw the dark pear-mark near the elbow. He began to feel so queer that he was afraid Sir Fergus would notice his confusion. Luckily the child itself made at the moment a diversion in his favour by crying lustily, thus showing both his temper and lungs. The nurse caught it up, kissed it, and "darlinged" it, and rushed away with it up the stair.

The Baronet, his eyes dancing with pride and happiness, dismissed Ned with a guerdon of a crown piece, and sent him round to the kitchen to get his dinner. As may be imagined the wanderer did not linger long there, nor was he able to eat much. As soon as he could possibly manage it he quitted the Castle and made at once for the solitude of the Moor, where he could reflect without interruption on the singular discovery he had made, and think on what he should do regarding it.

At a rapid, swinging pace he ascended the heathery slopes, and stopped not till he had gained a knoll, which commanded a wide view on all sides, and where he was assured of being free from observation by human eye or ear.

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Rich Fancy Dresses,	$1 50	$2 50
do do do	2 00	3 00
do do do	2 50	4 00
French Merinoes,	40	62
do do	50	75
do do	62	87
Coloured Winceys at 10 Cents per yard.		
do o	15	22
do o	18	25
do do	2	30
do do	25	35
Balmoral Skirtings, at	18	30
do do	25	40
do do	30	50
Double Long Shawls	2 00	3 50
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do do do	3 00	4 50
do do do	4 00	5 50
do do do	5 00	7 00

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Guelph, December 12. dwly

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