Guelph Evening Mercury

FRIDAY EV'NG, MARCH 19, 1869.

# Jeannie Sinclair,

OR

## THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

'Rainin'!' echoed Watty. 'It's as bonny a simmer's nicht as ever glinted on the Strath. Hoo could you think o' rain, whan ye ken we ha'e had nae rain for three weeks binna the shooer on the funeral day?'

'Weel,' she argued, 'that shooer cam' oot o' the lift a' in a sudden, and hoo sud I ken bat there was anither the nicht?'

Oh the gipsy? As if she had not been sitting at her attic window for full half-an-hour, gazing on the mellow glory of the cloudless evening, and longing for just such a walk as Watty had proposed. Having gained her purpose, and still given her lover the impression that it was solely at his entreaty that she went, she closed the milk-house door, and they wandered forth together—Watty labouring under a heavy weight of mingled hope and fear. The hour—the minute almost—had now come, big with his earthly fate, and the ordeal had to be gone through which was to land him in bliss or despair.

They went on side by side in almost utter silence—Watty not daring to put her arm in his, or—what he still more longed to do—to steal his own arm round her waist. He was casting about in his troubled mind for some way in which to lead the conversation in the desired direction, and Maggie wisely left him to himself, refraining from the course she was wont to take in like circumstance, and not indulging in the banter which always discomfitted her sensitive lover.

But the silence remained so long, and by an occasional sidelong glance she perceived that Watty's distress was so great that she was touched, and resolved at length to help him.

'Ye seem dull and low-spirited the nicht, Watty,' she observed, and the tone was unusually encouraging. 'Has onything happened doon by at the Holme tae pit ye aboot?'

'No—naething ava', at least at the Holme,' added Watty, with a sudden rush of desperation and an accession of perturbation which made the sweat break upon his face.

'But I am puttin' aboot,' he added, 'and can ye no guess the reason, Maggie?'

'Me! Hoo can I guess the reason, Watty?'

'Because it concerns ye. Dash it, I've sworn by an aith tae tell ye the nicht, an' I will dae it, Maggie. I lo'e ye—I lo'e ye wi' a' my heart, an' sowl, an' strength, an' mind, as the Carritch says. I wanted tae tell ye this lang syne, an' twenty times owre, but I ne'er could find courage tae speak afore. But noo that the ice is broken, I tell ye again that I lo'e ye, an' never lo'ed anither but you. Oh, Maggie, woman, dinna lauch at me. Dinna look cauld or angry. If ye kenned hoo a smile frae yer bonny lips or a kind blink frae yer lovely e'e gi'es me joy, an' hoo an angry look or a careless word gangs tae my heart like a knife, ye couldna be cruel eneuch tae refuse the ane or inflict the ither. I dinna say I'm guid eneuch for ye, Maggie—far frae that; but if an honest, true heart is worth anything, a heart mair true tae you canna beat in human breast. Are ye listenin' tae me, Maggie? Are ye hearin' what I'm sayin?'

'Atweel I'm listenin', Watty; and what's tae keep me frae hearin' ye? I'm no deaf.'

'But ye dinna say onything.'

'Twa canna speak at ance, and maybe I'm waitin' till ye are dune.'

'Dune,' echoed Watty, spasmodically.—'Lord, noo that I hae begun, I could gang aboot my love for ye till the morn's mornin'. Ye are in my waukin' thochts by day, and my dreams by nicht. Ye think maybe that I've come gey aften tae Cloverlea; but I've been there dizzens o' times withoot you or onybody else kennin', watchin' and waitin' in the cairt shed or at the plantain end, just tae get a sicht o' ye. What was rain, or snaw, or the cauld frost wund tae me—ae sicht o' your bonny face sent me hame dancin' wi' gladness, and a glow in my breist that a' the snell blasts o' wunter couldna cool. Wull ye hae me, Maggie? Oh! say that ye like me weel eneuch tae be my bride, and I'se promise tae dae everything in my pooer tae mak' ye happy.'

'What am I tae say, Watty?' responded Maggie, with an unusual tenderness in her voice, and a soft, bashful glance directed towards him.

'Say? he repeated, with vehement eagerness. 'Say 'I loe you, Watty,' and I'll gang wi' ye afore the minister in a month's time.

'I'll say nae sich thing,' answered Maggie, with a merry laugh.

'God help me, is it tae be no,' groaned Watty, with a look of agony.

'No in a month at onyrate.'

'By-and-bye, then?'

'Maybe, if ye are a guid laddie, and dae what I bid ye.'

A cry of joy burst from Watty, and in a transport of happiness he threw his arms around her, drew her blushing face into his bosom, and rained a shower of ardent kisses on her warm lips.

'Heaven bless ye, Maggie, heaven for ever bless ye. Eh, wummin, ye've made me a happy man the nicht. Daursay I was daft no tae speak oot lang syne. But ye lauched and jeered and banthered sae that I aye lost courage. And ye dae loe me, Maggie? The heart that I find beatin' against mine has love in it for me?'

'Hoo could ye doot that, Watty?' answered Maggie, with charming frankness.

'Oh, I was a cuddy, a dunderhead, ever tae doot it. Gie's anither kiss, my darlin,' Lord, I dinna ken whether my head or my heels is uppermost.'

'Take care, Watty,' she cried, struggling to escape from his smothering caresses. 'Losh, man, be decent. Ye'll crumple my cap tae bits.'

'Ne'er mind the cap. I'll gie ye anither and a far grander yin, for it will be the waddin' yin.'

'Wait a bit, though,' said Maggie, who had now freed herself, so far, though his arms still fondly encircled her. 'Ye hinna heard my condition, and when ye dae maybe ye'll change yer mind.'

'That's impossible, Maggie. Yon hill is na mair settled on its foundation than is my love fixed on you.'

'Ah, but ye dinna ken what I want ye tae dae.'

'Dae? Bless yer bonny face, I'll dae whatee'er ye ask.'

'Wull ye?'

'I swear it.'

'Then wull ye gang tae Caleforney, wi' Maister Robert?'

'Caleforney?' echoed Watty. 'Maggie, ye are jokin'.'

'I'm no jokin', I'm in doonricht earnest.

'What in a' the warld wad I dae at Caleforney.'

'Twa things—tak' care o' Maister Robert, and help him tae seek for goold. He'll sair need somebody like you, Watty, for they tell me it is a rough and sair job bowkin' in the grund, and puir Maister Robert hasna been used workin' like that. Forbye, there's a hantle o' waff folk an the diggin's, that steal what they can get, and rub ilk ither, and Maister Robert could never stand his grund himsel'.'

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F. PREST.
Guelph, 11th March, dwtf

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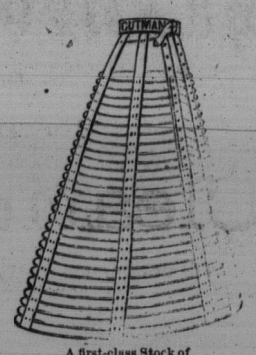


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