

work, and thanks to my old college-tutor I have secured it, and mean to use it to some purpose."

"I can guess; but pardon my interruption and go on with what you were saying."

"Things went on thus at the Hall for some time; Sauerkraut was closeted for hours with his patron, and thereafter strove to ingratiate himself with Julia. I am glad, very glad to say he did not succeed, and that when his importunities became unbearable, and Julia had to complain to her father for protection from them, he was politely dismissed by Mr. Marston. I rejoice in this."

"You rejoice in it. Oh Ned, have you no more forbearance than to exult over a fallen enemy? It is not right, it is not christian."

"Shut up your nonsense, and be sensible for one moment. When I say he dismissed him, I do not mean that he actually turned him away, but he politely hinted to him that a voyage north might benefit his health, which had somewhat suffered at the Hall; and as Sauerkraut, who had met Sir Andrew Ross in London, had contrived to get an invitation from him, he made his arrangements to visit 'vile Schottland' as he called it."

"But—"

"Permit me; you will speak after. Dick saw him to the station, and with the mischievous spirit which animates him, he got the Herr to believe that a young lady of the neighbourhood—whose name, of course, Dick could not reveal—was bent on obtaining a lock of his hair (nasty bristly mane, he has got, sandy coloured, with a tendency to drink) and that she had appointed Dick her ambassador. This greatly tickled the philosopher, who insisted on having a description of the young lady before he would consent to make the gift. Our friend's imagination, never at a loss, soon pictured to the German a glorious Marguerite, and he allowed Dick to sever, in sight of all the passengers, a huge tuft of his hair, protruding his ugly head out of the carriage window for the purpose. In short, he started overflowing with pride at the numerous conquests he was making wherever, a Teutonic Apollo, he appeared, and reached Sir Andrew's place in the most amiable dispositions.