

Office, Macdonnell Street.  
SATURDAY EVEN'G, JUNE 20, 1868.

#### OUR BABY.

To day we cut the fragrant sod,  
With trembling hands, asunder;  
And lay this well-beloved God,  
Our dear, dear baby, under.  
O! hearts that ache and ache afresh!  
O! tears too blindly raining!  
Our hearts are weak, yet, being flesh,  
Too strong for our restraining.

Sleep, darling, sleep! Cold rains shall sleep  
Thy little turf-made dwelling;  
Thou wilt not know—so far below—  
What winds or storms are swelling,  
And birds shall sing, in the warm spring,  
And pet flowers bloom above thee;  
And wilt not heed them, love; but oh,  
The loneliness without thee?

Father, we will be comforted;  
Thou wast the gracious giver,  
We yield her up—not dead, not dead—  
To dwell with thee forever.  
Take thou our child! ours for a day,  
Thine while the ages blossom;  
This little shining head we lay  
In the Redeemer's bosom.

### The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the  
Sixteenth Century.

There was an interruption here by the appearance of Mrs. Nicol in an enormous night cap with any amount of frill, a high gown and a flannel petticoat thrown hastily over her, and her feet thrust into a pair of shoes which were much too big for her, and which, consequently, made considerable noise as she shuffled along the passage. There was a look of alarm upon her aged face, and the light she carried shook nervously in her hand.

"Gude preserve us all, what gate are ye ganging in my house at this hour?"

"Whist ye, auld woman, whist ye," said Andrew persuasively. "I'll tell ye all about it enow."

"I'll no whist me," cried the ancient lady irately, "and I'll no be called auld woman in my ain house."

"Weel, weel, young woman then," said Andrew, "attempting to remedy her error."

"And I'll no be called young woman either," interrupted Mrs. Nicol, placing her disengaged hand to her side with an air of resolution.

"Then what the devil will ye be called?" cried Andrew in bewilderment.

Gilbert interferred, and speedily succeeded in changing the old lady's wrath into good humor by acquainting her that he had just succeeded in restoring her lodger's lost child whom they had come to Edinburgh to seek.

Whilst Mrs. Nicol was conducting Lady Spens to her chamber and expressing her wonder and pleasure on the way, Gilbert turned to speak to the Chevalier, but he had disappeared.

The recovery of her child was to the unfortunate Lady Spens as a reprieve to the condemned at the foot of the scaffold. At first her heart was filled with too much joy to permit her to think of the innumerable dangers which surrounded her—dangers which required her concealment, and which were not, therefore, in any way relieved by the presence of Alice, but rather increased.

When she did become calm enough to think of these matters the appalling speculation which presented itself was as to the means of obtaining audience with the Queen.

Upon this speculation came trooping all the black horrors of her position. She, the wife of a condemned traitor, dared not present herself at the palace gates, make known her name and request admission. If she were to do this would she not be turned away with scorn—perhaps seized and cast into a loathsome prison? Who would then listen to her protestations of innocence? Clearly as she could only hope for clemency from her Majesty, she must be in her presence before she declared her name and purpose. But there was the difficulty, and with all her long-aching reflections she could find no means of overcoming it. Then she hugged her child to her breast, sobbing bitterly, and little Alice looked up into her face marveling at her sorrow.

"Mamma," said the little one folding her tiny arms round the mother's neck and looking wistfully into the tearful eyes, "why do you greet so?"

"I am troubled, Aly, that is why."

"Then let us go to papa."

"Ah, my darling, if that were possible."

And she hid her face upon the child's shoulder.

"I saw him," said Aly, nodding her head with an air of profound wisdom.

"You saw him?" said Lady Margaret starting, and for an instant forgetting the improbability of what her child stated.

"Yes, I saw him," continued Aly, "last night and the night before that."

"Where, Aly, where?"

"When the man with the black thing on his face took me away there was an old woman washed me and dressed me and gave me everything that I could eat. Then she put me to bed, and when I wakened through the night, wondering where you were, mamma, there was somebody bending over me, and I was frightened. Don't be frightened, Aly," he said, and I looked up and saw it was papa."

"Did you hold out your hands—did you catch him in your arms?"

Aly shook her head.

"No, I was going to do that, mamma, but I was frightened again when I saw his face—it was so white and strange. While I was looking at him he stooped down and kissed me, and, oh, he was so very cold mamma."

The child's eyes filled with tears, and she shivered as if she felt the ice-like kisses upon her lips again.

"Well, Aly, well, what happened after that," queried the lady, eagerly.

Then, after that, he seemed to go away, and I couldn't see where he went to, but he didn't go out by the door."

The wife, trembling between hope and doubt, passed her hands across her eyes as if to clear her vision.

"But you saw him again, Aly—what did he say the next time?"

"The second night I wakened, and there was somebody sobbing beside me, just as you were, mamma, and when I turned my head I saw a man sitting on a chair with his head bowed upon his hands. He heard me stirring, and I looked up and I saw it was papa, and although his face was white, white and cold, I held out my hands to him, and he took me in his bosom and kept me there till I fell asleep. When I wakened in the morning he was away, and the old woman Kirsty would tell me anything about him; and when I asked the man with the black thing on his face he only shook his head this way and said nothing."

Whilst shook her head in imitation of the man in the mask, Margaret covered her face with her hands.

"It was a foolish thought," she moaned, "that he could live and fail to seek me. My bonny bairn, papa will never come to us any more except in dreams as you have seen him."

"Oh, but I was not dreaming. I am quite sure I saw him."

"You have not spoken of this to anyone else, Aly?" said Margaret, as she thought of the new danger these visions of the child might bring upon them.

"No, mamma."

"Then you will not speak of it to anyone except to me—not even to Andrew."

Aly promised obedience, and at that moment there was an authoritative knock upon the outer door, which caused the lady to start and listen in dread lest her retreat had been discovered.

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