

Jeannie Sinclair, OR, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

Considering the circumstances in which these lines were traced—in darkness, in mortal agony, the writer stunned, bleeding, and sorely bruised—it was not wonderful that they should be scrawled, irregular, and almost illegible. Yet the Fiscal was able to decipher the words one by one, slowly but not doubtfully. Some of them were faint where the lead of the pencil had not come fairly in contact with the ivory. Others, again, were dimmed by the blood which was all the while trickling from the gashes in the head and face. The characters, too, in their inequality, betrayed the suffering state of the writer. But in spite of all these things, the writing could be read, and what was singular, it could be recognised as the Baron's handwriting, particularly the signature which was bold and firm.

All doubt of the gipsy's story, and of Lyne-doch Sinclair's guilt was now impossible. The victim had left his own solemn dying testimony against the doer of this foul and unnatural murder. Every one felt that the evidence against Lyne-doch was of the strongest and completest kind—evidence from the living, evidence from the dead, evidence from inanimate objects, and the latter not the least trustworthy of the three. Convinced of his atrocious guilt, there burst forth from the sorrowful and indignant hearts of the people bitter curses and anathemas against him.

The officers of the law, the Sheriff, Fiscal, and constables, took no part in the violent denunciation. In their sphere every man is innocent till he is proved guilty; and whatever convictions may have been forced upon their minds by the accumulated proof that had come into their hands and before their eyes, they kept silent in the matter, as became their conviction with the judicial administration of justice.

The Fiscal next proceeded, gently and reverently, to extract the piece of cloth from the rigid blood-stained fingers which held it. In size it was about a foot square, and an examination of it showed that it had been violently wrenched from a garment. One button was attached to it, a bright brass button, the counterpart of the one which had been picked up from among the grass. The color of the cloth was peculiar, and the texture nothing like the coarse hoddan gray which was worn in the Strath.

The officials having possessed themselves of this additional piece of important evidence, it was expected by the awe-stricken group that they would now descend the gorge with the Baron's body, but the Sheriff was now seen in whispering consultation with the Fiscal, and the latter appeared to coincide with the opinion of his superior, whereupon the Fiscal spoke aloud—
"It is desirable," he observed, "that we obtain the pencil with which the lines in the pocket-book were written. In all probability it is at the bottom of the well. We will give five shillings to the man who goes down to search the well for it."

The gipsy had again proffered his services. A new torch was prepared, and he was let down in the same manner as before. For some minutes his search was futile, but at length he intimated that he had found what he was in search of, and when he had clambered up the side of the well with the same cat-like rapidity he put into the Fiscal's hand a solid, blood-stained pencil, which had been embedded in the soft moist clay.

There was now nothing more which it seemed requisite to do in the dread sense of the murder, and the next and last task to be performed was the conveying of the body to the Castle. Two shepherds proffered their plaid in which to wrap it, and a litter of branches and moss was hastily constructed, on which the body was laid with that gentleness with which the dead is ever handled. Then four men lifted the motionless burden on their shoulders, and the mournful procession began the descent of the ravine.

"Now, my lad," said the Fiscal, to the gipsy who, with his companions, walked a little apart with the group, "What security have we that you are to be found when wanted? Your evidence, both for the examinations and the trial, is all important, and people of your wandering habits, who have no fixed domicile, may give no heed to a legal summons."

"The lad will be at hand when wanted, depend upon it," replied the older man in a tone of emphatic decision. "Though we have to wait here for months, he and I will not leave the district."

"How long you may have to wait I cannot say. Perhaps only a week or two—perhaps till the spring circuit; but, be the time long or short, the lad must keep within reach, and I may tell you that if there should be any appearance of him leaving the neighborhood, it will be necessary to me to take him into custody."

"Long or short we will remain, never fear," replied the gipsy, with a sharp nod, and a strange gleam in his eye, which he turned to hide, but which, with the peculiar expression of his features, gave token of a fierce triumph and inward satisfaction.

Believing each other by turns, the procession at length reached the foot of the gorge, and wended through the hollows and along the slopes of the uplands towards the wide wide expanse of moor which stretched between the hills and Baigley Castle, whither they were going with their melancholy burden, the murdered body of the titled owner. How quickly the startling news ran through the Strath! The sensation had been great before, but the discovery of the murder, and the circumstances attending it, had increased that sensation tenfold. In that simple rural community such a tragic deed of crime and blood froze the hearts and blanched the cheeks of young and old. They could think and remember of nothing else. It absorbed their conversation by day, it disturbed and terrified them with horrid dreams by night, and from henceforth the Falcon's Cleuch and the well of the Beiver's Peat, would be invested and associated in their minds with all that was mysteriously awful, and in the mind of succeeding generations it would be full of traditional dread.

TO BE CONTINUED.

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