Jeannie Sinclair.

As Doctor Mapp and Mrs. Carrick looked upon the course things had taken, and promised to take, their consedences troubled them very little in consequence of the fraud they had committed. Sir Fergus had punctually paid over the promised five hundred pounds to the Dector, and he, with equal alacrity, had handed one hundred to the nurse, and the two pocketed the profit of their crime with great complacency—congratulating themselves with the thought that no harm had been done—yea, rather that the deception they had practised had been productive of good. The girl—the true child of Sir Fergus—was as well cared for at the Holme as she could have been at the child of the word of the profit of the rich farmer, she lost nothing, either in the way of happiness or worldy prosperity, by being deprived of her birth-right. As to the boy, there could be no doubt about the good deed done to him. As the child of the unknown wanderer, he wold have been doomed to a life of poverty and obscavity. Their clever plot had saved him from that, and given him wealth and station. Where, then, was the harm? Did not the ond abundantly justify the means? No one was wronged or defrauded, except Lynedoch Smelatir, and for him no one need be sorry. It was a blessing rather than otherwise to free the people of Sinclairtown and the tenants of Baigley Castle from the "possible domination of a man of his stamp. It was in this easy and spacious way that the two accomplices, but now occurred another event of unparalleled singularity in the Strath, and one THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

But now occurred another event of un-paralleled singularity in the Strath, and one that produced more consternation and amazement than anything that had yet hapinat produced more consternation and amazement than anything that had yet happened. One October morning, a man-servant flew through the lodge-gate of the Castle and rushed into the handlet with the astounding intelligence that the young heir was missing—had been carried off, kidnapped, stolen away.—People held their breath at the news; but it proved true enough. That morning, when the nurse, who slept in the same room with the child, awoke the little cot was empty, and the window open. An examination of the try outside showed that some one had clambered up there, and no doubt was entertained that by this necturnal visitant the child had been abducted. The immates of the Castle were thrown into-confusion and despair. Sir Fergus was again absent at the races, and no one knew what to do. Lady Sinclair ran shricking through the park wildly calling on every one to fly and search for her child. The butter, who preserved greater presence of mind than the rest, strove to infuse something like organization into the procedure, and under his instructions one man was sent off to carry the enews through the Strath, and get the people to begin a vigorous search. Next, he despatched a groom on horseheck to where the races were held, to carry the ill-fated news to the Baronet. And lastly, he sent all the rest of the servants off in various directions to seek for the missing one, and make in quires which might lead to tidings being wad of him.

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The whole Strath was roused, and the district soured. Woods were explored, morsher traversed, gleen and valleys searched hrough all their recesses. But all without avail. The child was not found, nor could anything be discovered, to throw light on its abduction. Public suspicion at once pointed to the gipsies, for tales had been told of them stealing away children, but the gipsies were not in the neighbourhood, and had not been so for many mostles. In the midst of the consternation Sir Fergus returned, his horse covered with foam, and rage and despair in his heart. With heaving breast he listened to all they could tell him, then hereely accused his cousts Lynedech as being the author of the deed. He called tor a fresh horse, and, ordering some to follow him, galloped towards the Tower.

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With much show of indiginition Lynedoch denied the charge, and brought John Cross and his wife to declare that he had not stirred from home on the night when the child was stolen. Sir Fergus was scornfully incredulous, and insisted on searching the Tower from basement to attics. To this Lynedoch made no opposition, though he sullenly sat in a room by himself while the search proceeded.

The result was fruitless as ever; but this did not shake the Baronet's coviction that Lynedoch had made away with the child. Mone but he had a motive, and a powerful one, was obvious enough to all. Lynedoch again haughtily ropelled the charge, which Sir Fergus with rage and fury repeated, and the cousins separated mortal foes.

For weeks and weeks the search was not abandoned, the Baronet offering a large reward for the recovery of his boy, and himself scouring the country every day, like a man demented.

In vain, all in vain. The child had vanished as utterly from view as if the carth had opened and swallowed him.

The shock to Lady Sinclair's nervous system was so great that her reason was partially impaired, and she japsed into a kind of second childhood.

For a long, long time the Baronet wander-ed about like a man heartbrokeu; but his grief was esser-alternated with bursts of rage against Lynedoch, for he cherished he hira.

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