

Guelph Evening Mercury
WEDNESDAY EV'G. MARCH 31, 1869.
Jeannie Sinclair,
OR,
THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

So far as he had observed—and his power of observation had been keenly exercised—his movements had been observed by no one. The solitude that day appeared to be profound and broken. On the wide, almost boundless stretch of moor, no human form was visible, while within the circle of the hills the solitude was more intense still, and ever increased, as progress was made further and further into the mountain wilderness.

Now that he was secure from observation, Lynedoch considerably increased his pace, and after traversing many valleys, and winding along the slopes of numerous heights, keeping as straight and direct a course as was practicable, he suddenly assumed a more cautious and stealthy motion, and crept on hands and knees to the pinnacle of a rounded crest, where he knew he would obtain a view of the gorge or narrow glen which formed the entrance to the Falcon's Cleuch, and hoped to get a glimpse of the Baronet making his way up the steep ascent.

Very carefully he crept to the brow of the knoll, and at some distance below, the dark ravine was discernible in its gloomy ruggedness. The summit of the height had been splintered into several rocky fragments by the lightning of a past thunderstorm, and Lynedoch, taking up his position in one of the riven clefts, drew forth his glass and began deliberately to inspect the sides of the gorge. These were covered in many places with sloe and alder bushes, which softened the stern ruggedness of the place and gave it a romantic aspect. But they served also greatly to conceal the person of any one who might be passing up the ravine, and it required patient and careful scanning to light upon a form which might be moving in their dark shadows.

Presently Lynedoch started, his compressed lips parted, and a satisfied exclamation escaped him. This manifestation was produced by the sight of Sir Fergus emerging on a bare portion of the path, where for some moments he stood in clear outline, then he passed on, still going up the glen towards the lofty crag at the end of it, where, in an inaccessible shelf, the falcon had for generations built its eyrie and reared its young.

Lynedoch waited no longer, but, crawling back to that side of the slope where he had come up, he quickly descended to the valley, and in less than a quarter of an hour found himself by the side of the stream which foamed and tumbled down the gorge, with the gorge itself directly in front, and its dark, rugged, and partially wooded sides full in view.

The glen was narrow, dark, and wild, but it could be ascended with comparative ease by a broken bridge path, which in some far past age had been constructed on the right side of the stream. It was strange to find an artificial road of any kind in such a savage and almost inaccessible place, but the stranger had the mystery explained when a long way up he came to a break or opening in the gorge, and found there a plateau, surrounded on all sides by rocky cliffs, and at the top of the plateau the decaying fragment of a square building of rude but solid masonry, with small, narrow window holes, stuck here and there at far distances in its side.

This had been a place of strength in feudal times, and had doubtless been the mountain fortress of warlike chiefs, who, with their retainers, had taken up their abode there, retreating to it from their forays, and from its impregnable security bidding successful defiance to their foes. It had been deserted for many generations, but so strong had been its masonry that its massive walls still stood in wonderful entireness, and the thick knotted ivy adorned them with romantic grace.

Like the wolf or the panther, who prowls for its prey in the jungles of its native forest, the murderer—for murderer he now was in heart and design—came noiselessly gliding up the ravine, peering forward at every step to catch a sight of his unsuspecting kinsman. Suddenly the report of a gun awoke the echoes of the gorge, and the sound informed him that he whom he sought was not far off. It told him also that if he could come upon him now, before he reached the well found him unarmed, and, with bated breath, he crept noiselessly forward.

On the edge of the plateau he stood still, within the shelter of a fringe of sloe bushes, and, looking across the open space, he saw Sir Fergus seated near the ruin on the brink of an old, deep well, which had supplied the dwellers in the fortress with water, but which, like the fortress itself, had fallen in to decay—its mouth being overgrown with brambles, and the large stones which had formed its low parapet being strewn here and there, moss-grown, and imbedded in the turf. It was on one of the largest of these, which still retained its place, that the Baronet sat. His newly-discharged gun lay on the grass some paces from him, and, with folded arms, he was gazing up the face of the Cleuch towards the falcon's eyrie, which could be distinctly seen suspended over the dizzy height.

Lynedoch's dark face grew darker as for some moments he stood watching him, and a thrill of satisfaction entered his heart as he saw how easily and safely the deed he meditated could be accomplished. The well was known to be of fearful depth. All he had to do was to steal treacherously behind him, and one push would send him to destruction.

TO BE CONTINUED.

It is a source of gratification to us to know that Dr. Briggs, the chiropodist, has met with the patronage in this city that his skill merits. Crowds have gathered daily to be relieved from every conceivable form of dis-ease of the feet, which was accomplished without the slightest pain. If any of our readers, who are suffering from corns, bunions, inverted nails, or any disease of the feet, have put off seeing the doctor, we would say, go at once, and take our word for it, you will thank us for our advice. Hamilton Town, Dr. Briggs Modern Curative for Corns, Bunions and bad Nails, is sold by E. Harvey & Co. Guelph, and by all druggists and country merchants in general.

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No. 2, CLOVER & TIMOTHY SEED No. 2.

At E. CARROLL & CO'S,

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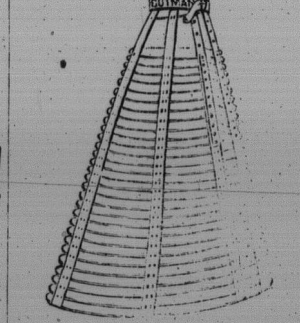
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