FRIDAY EV'G, JAN. 22, 1869

Jeannie Sinclair.

THE LILY OF THE STRATH

THE UNSEEN WITNESS

THE UNSER WITEES.

He had just entered the wood for the purpose of traversing it on his way back to the moor, when he heard a footstep in the path outside, and at the same moment the cry of an infant. He stood still, and gazing between the trees, saw Mrs. Carrick go past with a bundle in her arms. He watched her enter the keeper's house, and, returning to his position at the window, saw her lift the infant from Nell's side and put another in its place. He had hardly time to move into the shadow when the nurse issued forth again in the hurried manner we have described, and Will stood gazing after her in considerable astonishment, wondering what might be the meaning of her procedure. 'I'm blest if I understand what that woman has been up to,' he muttered. 'She had a child with her when she came, and it strikes me she has left it, and made off with Nell's. T'll just step in and see.

He did step in, and instead of the large, dark-complexioned infant he had seen by the side of the dead girl a few minutes before, he beheld a tiny, fair-skinned little thing, which, even as he gazed on it, began to strike and cry.

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'That's a move beyond my comprehen-sion,' he muttered. 'But I'll not forget what I have seen at any rate.'

And muttering thus, he turned on his neel again, and went his way.

Within half an hour of the time when Mrs.
Carrick quitted the keeper's house, the in-mates of Baigley Castle were roused with the joyous tidings that her Ladyship had given birth to a son, and the auspicious event was hailed with great and universal delight.

CHAPTER VI.

SENSATION IN THE STRATH—THE BEAUTIFUL CHILD—ITS ADOPTION—RE-APPEARANCE OF WANDERING NED.

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Great was the sensation produced in the Strath by the singular event which had occurred over-night at the keeper's house. Not that the whole of these events were made public. The deep laid and cleverly-executed plot of Doctor Mapp and his accomplice, Mrs. Carrick, was not suffered to transpire, and not a soul near Sinclairtown had the remotest suspicion of the fraud that had been committed by the changing of the infants. Will Sanderson—the solitary, unseen witness of the deed—did not suderstand its meaning and import. He had no clue to its interpretation, being at the moment ignorant of the fact that Lady Sinclair had borne a child at the same hour. He was puzzled, however, mystified, and made suspicious. Something there was in it, he was convinced, and he resolved to learn what that something was, but for the present he would keep silent and watch.

This was his resolution as for a little time he just a wake after his return to his strawing. He even decided not to mention his midnight ramble to his two gipsy companions. He had previously told them who the girl was who had come to the tent, his relation to her, the interview he had with her on the Moor, and the discovery he had made of the man who had wronged her and destroyed his own hopes. But of what he had heard and seen at the keeper's house he resolved to say nothing.

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On the following day, when the intelligence went over all the Strath that, at a very early hour that morning—at an hour before dawn—Lady Sinclair had given birth to a son, the acute mind of Will Sandersou leapt to an understanding of the thing at once.

'Whew!' he whistled to himself, 'an heir was wanted to the Baronet, and to the grand estate of Baigley. The child turned out to be a girl, and they have changed it for Nell's boy. The doctor and the nurse have done it, and they think nobody knows it, but themselves. Aha! I spied them; but little do they know who is the father of the brat they have palmed on the Baronet and his lady. And just as little-will he—Lynedoch. Sinclair, cur's ohim—know that he is out of the title and estate by his own som—the son of the girl he ruined and deserted. Will I keep dark, and allow the thing to go on? If I speak out the truth, the bastard brat of those I so bitterly hate will be kicked out of the Castle; but this would only be to help its blasted father to the property, and I'd rather cut off my right hand than do that. I mean to crush him, to ruin him, to have a full and ample revenge on him; and I shall. As to when or how, that ain't settled. But curse me if either he or his bastard enjoy the estate. For the present I'll wait and watch, ready to strike in when anything important turns up.

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Will Sanderson was the only one then in he Strath who muttered a soliloquy of a nature anything approaching to this. Had Wandering Ned been on the spot he, too, would have had something to wonder and peculiate about. But Ned was already far way, wandering as was his wont, and knew nothing about either the death of Nell or the changing of the infants.

All beside were full only of wonder, pity, furitless conjecture, and great excitement. Such an extraordinary thing had not in uman memory occurred in the Strath. The question went from lip to lip—'Who was this girl? to where or to whom did she belong? To we she to be travelling through the country in such a plight? and where could she be going when she was taken ill on the Moor?

People often wonder at most natural things in the world. 'I say, Digby,' said Quilp, to an acquaintance, 'you look soberthis morning.' 'And for a very obvious reason,' said Digby; 'I am sober.'

A lady asked little girl, on returning from church, if she remembered the text. 'Oh'yes,' said she; 'it was this: 'The ladies' sewing society will meet at Mrs. M'Cracken's house on Monday evening next.'

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