The Braes of Yarrow

There were only five gentlemen left in the cabinet, Lord Patrick Lindsay (the lawyer), Arran, and three others.

'What think you, my lords,' said Lindsay in a low voice, 'of our lady's bearing toward Angus now? Was there anything of the lover think you, in aughts shedid or said?'

'Much,' replied Avian brufily. 'She likes act his forward efforts to assume authority; but, by my hand,' not one of us dared have crossed her humour so often as he has done to-day without having been dismissed on the instan.'

instani.

And note you, 'commented the wily Archbahop of Glasgow (Beaton), 'note you how withal the temper wherewith she spoke thim, his wish was carried in the end. Soothely, gentlemen, the thing is clear, she checks him bravely in our presence only to hide the favour she yields him in private.'

The countenances of the nobles were dark as they quitted the cabinet speculating upon the growing influence of the fiery grandson of Bell-the-Cat.

CHAPTER XV .- CUPID'S PERPLEXITIES CHAPTER XV.—CUPID'S PERPLEXITIES.

we's feeling is more soft and sensible
an are the tender horns of cockled snails;
we's tongue proves dainty Bacchus grossin taste
in valour is not loved Hercules,
ill climbing trees in the Hesperides?
blue as sphynx, as sweet and musical;
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did when love speaks, the voice of all the gods
kes Heaven drowsy with the harmony.

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If your hand fail you to-morrow your head will answer for it, mark you.

'My hand or sword has never failed me at a pinch yet, and if either fail me to-morrow I shall seek no better than that my head should answer for it.

These words Gilbort heard as he was passing along the principal corridor. The voices were those of Angus and Tushielaw; and to avoid them he turned into one of the private lobbies. He had done this upon impulse, and although he was uncertain as to his course, he hurried along, hoping to find some outlet to another part of the main corridor, or some staircase that might lead him to the court below.

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But he found neither, and presently he began to grow confused by lobbies and doors and recesses. He thought of retracing his steps, for he began to fear that he was trespassing upon the private chambers of Her Majesty and her ladies. As this suspicion grew upon him he became decidedly uncomfortable, and the more so when he discovered that he had paid so little head to the way he had traversed that he could as little find his route back as forward.

He was perplexed, and the situation was unpleasant enough. Suppose he had got into the sacred quarters of the retring chambers of her Majesty's ladies, and suppose he were to be discovered, what possible explanation could he make?

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A lady issued forth and tripped lightly along
the lobby.

She had not observed the intruder, and just
as Gilbert was thinking of hiding in the recess of one of the windows he recognized the

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'Mistress—my lady Douglas.'

She looked up quickly, amazed. Her expression was not bright and happy as usual, but when she perceived the look of protound perplexity and confusion which he wore she laughed merrily.

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'Why, Master Elliot, what evil spirit hath wiled you hither?'
'Two minutes ago I would have called it evil spirit of cupidity; but now if faith I call it the lucky spirit of blunder since it procures me a sight of you.'

She did not seem to take the compliment in the same humour as she had received all he said the day before; and now he began to observe that there was a degree of restraint in her manner, and that much of her gaity if not all was assumed.

'I will be sworn, though, that you would have blest the spirit with more earnest goodwill had it procured you a sight of the fair lady in whose cause you do battle to-morrow.'

Gilbert flushed slightly, but he answered

Glindry enough.

'I scarcely could have more pleasure in meeting her than I teel at present.'

'That is what you say,'
'And what I feel, albeit I honour Mistress Snens deeply.'

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'Honour her—you would say love her, would you not?'
He looked honestly into the depths of her clear searching eyes.
'I would, perhaps, if I had dared.'
Mistress Douglas tossed her pretty head proudly, and there was even a shade of cold-ness in the expression which overspread her features.

features.

She is the wife of your benefactor who lives still, perhaps.

'Pray heaven that he does,' he cried ear-

'Pray heaven that he does,' ha cried earnestly.

She was it seemed a little surprised by his
earnestness; and impulsively plucked a ribbon from her breast. Her first movement
was as if she were about to present him with
the favour, but with the same impulsiveness
that she had taken it from her breast she stayed her hand, and began slyly to twine the
ribbon round her fairy fingers. Coquettish?
Yes, if you will, but there was something
more than merecoquetry underlaying all.
'Suppose her husband did come back
would you not be sorry?"
'Sorry'--ah, madam, if you knew with
what reverence I regard him you would not
ask.'

ask.'
"Reverence deep enough and'strong enough even to yield to him the woman you love?'
'If that were necessary, even that would not mar the pleasure in knowing that he yet lived.'

if that were necessary? she repeated fix-ing her eyes upon him searchingly. He did not catch her meaning, and so he answered blindly— 'I would do it—do you think me cold in

'I would do it—do you saying so?' 'No, no,' she said slowly; 'but since Mistress Spens is not your lover you will be all the happier should your friend still live. But say, whose favours will you wear to-morrow?' The last sentence was added hastily as if she feared the former words might have reseeing that he flushed and looked

TO BE CONTINUED.

The General Assembly of the Presby-terian Church in Ireland was engaged during the eater part of a day in dis-cussing the propriety of using instru-mental music in places of worship under the control of the Assembly. The sub-ject was raised in connection with the introduction of instrumental music in the Eniskillen Presbyterian Church. A reso-lution disapproving of the innovation was adopted by a large majority.

was adopted by a large majority.

Sir Edwin Landseer has alone, perhaps of living artists, who enjoyed the satisfaction of seeing one of his own works fetch, at a public auction, the great sum of four thousand one hundred and sixty pounds sterling. This was the price given for Edwin's "Braema" at a sale in London on Saturday. In the same collection was a Stanfiled, which was knocked down for two thousand one hundred and sixty-four pounds sterling.

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They have had a dismal time of it in St. John, if the Freeman does not exaggera.e. It says: — "In St. John the weath—has been dark, dreary and dismal beyond the conception of all but those whe experience it, depressing the spirits and deepe sing the gloom which bad times have thrown over the place. In all the month of June, we have seen the sun but three or four."

The Marquis of Hastings, after winn-

three or four."

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