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few weeks after the occurrence of the events we have just related, sat Elizabeth Tudor, the greatest female govereign of Europe, and beside her the Countess Harrington, the most faithful and devoted of royal handmaidens. Both were sadly and ellently gazing on the pictures that covered the walls of the spariment. Neither seemed stant, disposed to speak; yet, to judge from the VIII. aisposed to speak; yet, to judge nom the stealthy glances they cast at each other, and again quickly withdrow, their thoughts must have been painful and embarrassing. EHsabeth's herd, wrap- the sight of so much mental sgony; for she of Leloester." ped in a scarf, after the fashion of a turbar, and gathered on the forehead under a diamond of the finest luster, lay back against the cushion of the chair in which she rc-cliced. The place was darkened so much by the close drawn window curtains, that, entering suddenly from out the glare of the antechamber, one could hardly distinguish the objects in the apartment. Directly above the mantel, before which the queen sat, hung a portrait of her father, by Holbein, his right hand resting on the hilt of a two-edged sword that lay across the leaves of an open Bible. Various pictures and statues, some of them of smell merit, but of religious character, lay here and there on tables and pedectals, or hung suspended from the walls. These ornaments with the single exception of the first mentioned, were calculated to impress the mind of the visitor, as he entered and looked about him, with feelings of religious respect for the place and the occupant. There was the little marble font of blessed water near the door, the crucifix upon the table, and the image of the Biessed Virgin overlooking all from the wall opposite, as if the queen of angelic purity had been chosen to guard that holy sanctusry. Elfzabeth's face was pale and cold as marole, and her form lay as still as if life had left it. Her eyes, that but a few weeks be. fore bramed and flashed with their hereditory fire, were now, languid.and expressioniess, and hor features thin and pinched, like one worn out by long suffering. Yet she had given peremptory orders that morning, despits the remonstrance of her physi-cian and Lady Harrington, her faith-ful attendant, to be carried in her chair from her bed chamber to her boudolr. Dr. Mareski, who had been watching at her bedside for three days and nights incessantly, had refired to rest by her express command,

notwithstanding his having assured her majesty that she stood in imminant danger of a fever from the least imprudent exertion, and therefore needed his most constant altertion. There was a long interval of painful silence,

during which her over-active mind had been engagement for this country for next summer | busily thinking. Her thoughts had travelled and will appear in New York, Philadelphia, back to bygone times-to Seymour, and the and Boston. Among the parts in which he Protector, and the prison, to the dreams of her will appear is that of Noel in "La Joie Fait youth and the Ead reslities of her maturer years. She had been endeavoring to realize what the world thought of her-how she steod in the estimation of her friends and enemies. She dwelt long on the possibility of losing that virgin reputation which she had been so long laboring to acquire. She had thought, tco, of God and eternity, of death and judgment. But there was one image that constantly obtruded itself upon her thoughts, and disturbed them beyond all others-it was the image of Mary Stuart, as she saw her at the court of Edward, the ob-In his judgment it could be possible to so ject of universal adoration, looking the very personification of meskness, grace, and loveliness. And she was now the enthroad Queen of Scotland and hoir presumptive to the British crown-the woman in whose presence she feared to appear, lest her superhuman beauty would rob her of those in the same pleasant humor her majesty had hearts and eyes she so long labored to affected, that she would willingly receive oaptivate, and in whom, after her own any provision of the kind her grace would refiset that your majesty's life has been in solern declaration against marriage, the condessend to offer, but hoped, hevertheless, such hands !" hopes of the nation must necessarily centre. This thought was ever upper most; if she crushed it down at all, it was but for a moment ; it rose sgain more powerful and distressing than before. Mary Stuart was the spectre that hovered round her, sleeplog and waking; the demon with the angel form and face that forever came to interpose between her and happiness. After a long indulgence in these bitter musings, hor form still reolining motionless in the chair, and her arms stretched listless at her side, she started suddenly, and screamed as if a viper had stung her, and brushed her dress quickly with her hand, as if to drive away the poisonous reptile. Lady Harrington flow to her side in an instant. "Ha !" ejaculated Elizabeth, her eyes glaring with the fright, "methought she had killed me !"

"But who hath told thee?"

"He did himselt, most gracious madam." all our political "Only he! Ab, slas! alse! then I must it but a dream ?" still be in doubt !" "He sesured me, please your mejesty, it

was dead."

"Ay, assured thee! Ab, trust him not, Hanington; he's full of deceit. Yot if he deceives us in this, he dies-ay, dies by this hand, should none else be found to avenge hand, should none elfe bo found to averge sounded somewhat equivocal to the queen's us. Interrupt us not, woman, and learn to be ear; but she effected not to notice them, silent when a queen speaks! He will not and turning her head slightly to look live to govern us by the fear of exposure. at Leicester, who now presented himself at We'll crush him as a worm under our shoe !" and as the spoke the blood rushed, for an instant, to her face. It was the blood of Henry

"O, my gracious queen, these thoughts will kill thee, if thou dost not repress them," said the counters, in accents of pity and terror, at feared that excitement, acting on a frame so weakened with sickness and coufinement, would deprive her of her reason. "I besecoh your majesty will spare thyself this

"Peace, woman! and listen to us, ' interrupted the queen. Thinkest thou the secret in thy keeping gives thee a right to be bold ; listen, and answer us; when hath he seen this Alice Weutworth ? " The Earl of ----?"

"Ay, when hath he seen her?"

"I know not, my liege."

"Oounteep, didst thou ever lie ? didst thou ? -speak !" and the queen caught her by the arm, and squeezed it with such muscular power, weak as she war, that the poor lady winced under the pain.

" Lie, your majesty ?"

"Ay, lie! wouldst tell a falsehood to relieve us from mental suffering. We are a queen-wouldet lie to please a queen ?"

"O, your majesty, thou'st not thyself, or thou would at not speak thus," said the countess. "I implore your mejesty _____" "Answer ne, mintor, answer us truly, or

we'll pluck thine eyes cut. Hath he seen her tince our progress in Worceatershire ?" " Nover, my gracious sovereign-never to my knowlege;" and Lady Harrington burst into lears.

" Paugh !' cried Elizabeth, " we care not for tears; il ey're but poor weapons to defend theo against the anger of a Plantagenet. Give us the drops."

" Counters," she resumed, having swallowed the medicine, and succentry, as usual, re-pressed the violence of her passion-" courtess, we fear we have done they wrong in sucpecting thee of deceit, though it was only for a moment. We knew thou art well tried and right faithful; but the experience of the duplicity and treachery of friends hath made us an fearful and suspicious, that we think we should mistrust every one about

" Be calm, then, my gracious mistreer, and endesvor to court some repese, after the terrible agonise thou hast endured, both of mind and body, for the few lest days. I will eit here at thy feet, and tend thes with the fond. ness of a sister, and the humility of a clave, till theu art sgain able to meet thy faithful and loyal people."

" Love," repeated the queen, with a languid and meaning smile ; "hath not thy love been less ardent and less respectfal of late?"

"Not a whit, my sovereign. O, do not think so, or thou'lt break my heart."

"We do not think sc, countess; no, we merely asked thee. If we thought this-thia late event had lessened thy respect or attach. ment, we should have taken care to provide for thee, my friend,"-and she tapped the lady's cheek playfully as she spoke,-" in such manner that thy secret would run no risk of disclosure.

Lady Harrington, not in the least upprepared for such a threat,-- for the well knew the character of the woman into whose portlous confidence she was admitted,-replied in the same pleasant humor her majesty had peated Occil; "most gracious queen, this hates for the good of the state. Love and

qualities of the heart which create and pre-

"" Trust in me, gentle mistress," coutinued

the counteer, kneeling before her, and loos-

ing up beseechingly in her face; "do not doubt me for one moment. I would gladly

lay down my life a thousand times to defend

"Nay, we know well thou wouldet make

any personal sacrifice; but what boots it if

that thing live to embitter our days. Ab, the

thought is a very hell to us. We would see

"Thou shait never see it, madam; it is

"Doubtless! paugh! And thou hast but

his word for this deed, and he but the promise

of an old Scotch recusant, maybap the cres-ture of Mary Stuart. Gads death! it's hard

much for her exhausted frame-eho fainted

Lady Harrington flew to the door, and sent

The old mediciner, thin and cadaverous,

and dressed in his sombre habiliments, ap-

peared almost instantly at the door, stagger-

ing from the weight of years and long-con-

tinned watching. Immediately behind him came Ceoil, her faithinl and intriguing minis-

ter, and Loicester, her handsome favorite, both

covered from the swoop. The carl's face was the first object the

queen saw when she awoke to conscioueness,

and instantly recognized it. Supposing there

was no other in the room but the Countese of

Harrington, she snatched her right hand from

ing so long neglected his suit with the

ere the medicine reached her lips.

a messenger for Dr. Maraski.

thes from ill.

sight.'

tress'.

and thought her worthy of her confidence.

handsome Queen of Scots, and thus undone all our political salculations. Eh! sirs, was

" My gracious sovereign," replied Occil, "hath but to command the noble earl to step from behind her grace's chair, and methinks the blood which yet tingles in his chesk will

easily remove the doubt, if any there be." The last words of the wily statesman her side, said, in a tone of bitter reproof, " Hadst thou been as solicitous to gratily our wishes in reference to the happiness of our sister of Scotland as thou seemest about our health, which is in the Lord's keeping, and who will nos fail to wetch over it without thy aid, thou hadst pleasured us more, my Lord

"Gracious madam," began the earl, in a humble, supplicatory tone.

But the queen interrupted him with a request to be alone with Sir William Oecil, and directed Lady Harrington to remain in the

antechamber. CHAPTER XV.

your gracious pardon."

"We pardon thee right willingly, Sir Wililsm; firstly, because thy vielt was prompted views by thy love for our royal person, and, secordiy, because there was no affair of so dellcate a nature as to require thy exclusion.'

"It affords me exceeding pleasure to hear your majesty speak so flatteringly of my poor devetion to your gracious and right royal person," replied Occil, knceling before her in an attitude of profound veneration, "and that your grace's health is spale restored to much as to enable your grace to leavo the royal bed chamber."

"Thou speakest like a loyal subject, Sir William, and we thank thee for thy devotion. Rise, sir, and sit thes down beside us. We have not yet forgotten the friendly relations we have formed in the days of our imprisorment, and care not to subject thee now to the

rules of court eliquetto." Cecil roto, and having made a profound obelsance, seated himself on the stool beside hor.

" Doth your majesty find the new mediciner shilful in his art?" he inquired. "Beyond expectation," feplied Einsbeil; and wo regret much his intention of sgein

returning to Florence."

"Your majesty's regret for such a stop," observed Cecil, "should be equal to a command, were he even so blind as not to see to be the young hope of England." the honor it conferred. I had not beard of his intention to Isavo your majasiy's service."

"We would fain detain him here as our special physician, had he been our own subject; but we cannot "-and Elizabeth heattated, as if doubtful what to say-"we cannot detain the subject of another." · If it be your grace's wish he shall remain,

observed Geell, confidently. "Nay, we shall have no service from com-pulsion," replied the queen," and least of all that of a physician, as thou must needs well know, my good secretary; but if he were loyal, and corresponded not with hap." Italian conspirators, the which, we fear, he hath done, and were disposed to serve us well, according to his knowledge, we should his eyes respectfully on the floor. sleep the scunder of his presence in our roval paisce."

"Correspond with Italian conspirators against your majesty's kingdom and life!" reyour majesty marry one whom your majes.y should have been seen to. I tremble when I policy may be combined."

recipient and the agent of its power on earth," subjoined Occil.

' Perhaps-perhaps it may be so," observed the queen, whilst a faint smile gave a peou-liar expression to her countenance. "But to be supreme, we should be infallible, Sir William; and thou, who so stoutly depiest the infallibility of the pope, canst not easily find a solid reason for according it to us." "Your majesty's words betoken doubts which---

"Are our own affairs," Interrupted the queer, "and for which none shall hold us accountable."

"I humbly crave your gracious pardon, apologized the cantious statesman, unwilling to irritate the queer, and yet anxious to press the matter to a final settlement; "but the doubts your majesty hath expressed would ill servo the cause of Protestantiam, were they known to your majesty's subjects, and therefore I sincerely grieve to hear your ma-

jesty so speak." "" Erongh, elr, enough; thou hast known our sentiments on this same subject of religion for many years, and more intimately than any other member of our council; and it surpriseth us not a little to hear thes now express regret at doubts which thou knowest

well to have long occupied our mind. Let us, then, once for all, be understood. We "I had just come to inquire alter your US, then, once for all, be understood. We grace's health," said the secretary, when the shall endeavor all our might to defend shall endeavor all our might to defend and support the orown we wear; and as the ton, "and was about to leave the palace, IC- suppression of Oatholicity, the extinction joiced at your majesiy's recovery, when of Popish influence, and the establishment I was told of your enden indisposition, of an antagonistic religion (for the people and made bold to enter your majesty's must have some one) are the surest means and made fold to enter your majary a mate more that crown, we will de-apartment, for the which I humbly crave of securing that crown, we will de-your grachous pardon." these objects; but as to our private views of religion, we shall suffer no dictation, and receive no instruction from sny man, he he peer or pessent."

"I am but your gracs's humble servant," responded Geoll, in a tone of resignation to her suprems will. "Yet I feel as if the withdrawal of this bill was the removal of the etcongest pillar from under your majesty's throns."

"The pillars of our throne are exposed to more imminent danger, Mr. Secretary: Mary Stuart and her allies may yet concentrate their strength, and pluck the crown from our bistard brow. Ab, what thickest thou, sir, of that prozpect?'

"She is but the heir presumptive, my liege."

"Ay, marry is she, and the heir apparent. since we have resolved to live and dis a wirgin," replied the queen. "What, man I teli us not of penal statutes against the fautors of the Pope. Thinkest thou men who look forward to a Oatholle queen, or to her iscue, will not scon tirs of the reigning Protestant sovereign ? Mary Stuart wields a power that may coon weaken the allegiance of cur subjects, and eventually demolia our throne. Look to her, sir; we must not suffer her isene

"And yet your majosty hath but to concent to the wishue of your faithful liegos, and thus preclude all possibility of a Catholic succesalon."

" By marriage, meanest thou?"

"Even so, your grace; thus will your majesty's throne be made secure, and your power in a little time irresistible in Europe." "And whom wouldst thou have us marry Sir William Oscil ?"

" My liege, there are at this moment no leas than fourteen suitors for your majesty's band.

"Ay, fourteen suitors for our throne, may-

" Sovereign princes always many for issue not always for love," responded Occli, casting

"Paugh 1" ejsculated the queen;" the idea is disgusting." "It's not necessary either, maiam, that

"Bir, our destiny is fixed, and we must endeavor to fulfil it. If God willeth we should " Nay, we did not cay that either," quickly have issue, he will provide us with a huzresponded Elizabeth; "we cannot and do not | band, and no doubt impart us the grace to honor and love him as becometh a wife. But for the present we know nothing of what men call love, and we think, judging from the past, we never shall experience the feeling. From our girlhood we ever felt an abhorrence of marriage. Doubtloss this antipathy was constitutional, and, mayhap, an ordination of Providence ; but, be it as it may, we shall always regard our vows of perpotual virginity as obligatory on our poor conscience till

if I be included among the false friends to whom you have just alluded ?"

Elizabeth, whom direct questions always

tioned beyond our pleasure. If we had rea. son to believe thee unfaithful, we should crush tee as quickly as we do this piece of paper on the floor. But tell us, Sir Minister," she added, with an irony for which there was no apparent cause, "fell us how thou'st fared at Baxton. Hath its waters oured theo of the gont, or hath the lovely Queen of Scots furnished thee an antidote from her French physics ?"

I have not seen the lady your majesty speaks of," humbly replied Geoil.

"No, nor hast fistered her, as whilom thou'st flattered us," pursued Elizabeth, in one of her inexplicable fits of jesteusy.

"I do not understand your majesty.

"Ab, marry thou don't? humph! Thinkest thou, Sir William, thy visits to the neighborhood of Buxton have been so secret as to escape the vigilance of those who long have envied thy elevation ? Tut, tut, sir !shame, that a married manshould ever make such shifts as thou hast made to catch a glance of a pretty face."

"Your majesty cannot credit the calumpy," rejained Geoil.

"Ha ha! mayhap thou thinkest us jeal ous! " said the queen, endeavoring to laugh.

"Nay, nay, my honored sovereign. I know full well my poor preferonces have long slace become matters of indifference to your grace. But after the evidences your majesty bath seen of my hostillay to the Queen of Scote, if your majesty still suppose me capable of being seduced by her preity face, methinks it high time I was dismissed your majesty's councile."

" Thou shalt remain, Sir Minister, whilst it suits cur pleasure. And when thou leavest. take ye good heed thou leavest not the court for the Tower. We would now be alone, sir."

But the statesman would not be dismissed in such a humor. " May it please your majesty," said he, rising and bending low before the vain and angry woman, "I am ready to leave thy presence, and to die, the moment I shall be so unfortunate as to lose the confidence of my gracious and royal mistress. Life can afford me no sujoyment when I have lost the regards of so great and virtuous a princess."

"He, by my faith, well said, sir," replied Elizabeth, softened down in an instant, and for the thousandth time, by the despondent tone and well-directed flattery of her trusty counselior. "Thou hast well learnt how to deprecate our displeasure by thy honeyed words and false flatteries. But though we are not vain enough to believe in half what then averget, yet we do not mean to disponse with thy services so readily, either. The fortures we have endured for the last ceven weeks from this frail leg of curs bath almost driven us mad. So sit thee down, Sir William, and tell us of this Sir Geoffrey Wentworth, of Brockton Hell 19

"He hath not been heard of, madam, since his escape from Sir Thomas Plimpton, but probably is under cover somewhere in the city among the recusants."

"And his daughter; what of her?"

"Bhe bath been seen last at the Pescock Tavers, in the villago; but no one knows whither she went."

"What !" said Elizabeth, her eye again firlog up as she spoke, "within arrow shot of the court !"

" So report hath it, my liege." "God's death !" she screamed aloud, carried away by the madness of jealousy, and dashing the footstool from under her suffering limb. "Bhe may be within the very walls of our palace. How's this? Shall my Lord of Leicester presume on our indulgence so far as to make our royal residence a sanctuary for bawds and traitors. Bring hither the gartered mipion"---- But the passion wis too powerin) for her weakened frazes. She agai back in her chair, and fainted.

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BAEID BEFORMERS BEFUSED BEOTI-FIGATION.

The rabid reformers of morals are constantly urging the authorities to attempt to Invade the well secured privileges enjoyed by the Louisiana State Lottery under special arrangemenie by direct legislation; but they current of Nisgara Falls. The public befu." know that all its distributions are fair and its "G promises fulfilled. M. A. Dsuphin, New Or-leane, La., will give all information relative to the matter on application before the 162nd Grand Monthly Drawing, which takes place

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"Who, most gracious madam ?" inquired it dead, countess." the countees. doubtless long ago removed from human

"That-that-O, nothing ! I thought an sidder had stung me; nothing more." "Your Majesty's thoughts are still troub-

ling thee," said the counters, knoeling and kissing the Queen's hand affectionately. "I cannot help thinking," replied Eliza-

beth, smiling faintly. "O, be not dispirited, my dear and gracious

to bear this terrible uncertainty. Hand us the drope." But the intense dread of expcsure, caused by the latter reflection, was too madam; be not dispirited," said the counters; "all will yet be well. Thy faithful people and right loyal and loving clergy are offering their orisons without ceasing in the churches n your majesty's behalf, and they will surely be heard. Be comforted, my queen; this might as well attempt to swim against the despondency ill becometh the great Eliza-

> "Great 1" repeated the Queer, emphasizing the syllable, and looking languidly in the face of her attendant.

"Ay," reiterated the counters, "great, and good, and noble, and kind. What though-" "Stop1" ejsculated Elizabeth, closing the

lips of the too candid countess with her open paim, and pressing them eignificantly; "not now; some other time we shall speak more at our leisure of that misfortune. Give us the drops,"

When she had tasted the mcdiolne, and folt comewhat invigorated, she asked if he had been to inquire lately.

"May it please your majesty," replied her cozfident, "he is here always; he never leaves the ante chamber."

"How looks he ?"

"Pale and sleepless, madam, yet full of his

learn something that troubled her mind, and traitor, thou hast undone me." which lent her countenance, even whilst questioning her irlend, a look of distraction. Whisper," the repeated, stealing a glance at the door, and bending down her head till her lips elmost touched the cheek of the countsss ; " tell me, hath that been removed ?"

and meekly retired bohind her chair. Cecil approached and kneeling down, took the The countess bowed, and pressed the Queen's hand, which she still held in hers. queen's hand reverently and hissed it. "Thinkest thou-that is-hast reason to believe, it will live?" pursued the Queen,

heaitatingly. "It's dead," responded the countess.

"Ha, dead! Who told thee? Hast seen it dead?

"I have not seen with mine eyer, my liege; but-

the time was far off when her majesty would doem such a measure nesessary for her hap. aver that he hath in verify corresponded piness. And the counters was sincere with such men; but a report savoring strongin every word she utlered; for she loved ly of it hath come to our care, and given us Elizabeth more truly and devotedly than all much unessives," the rest of her numerous attendants ; not for her virtues, nor for the possession of those

"The matter shall be thoroughly investigated, gracious madam, and with all the despotch the mightiners of the case demands. serve friendship, but because she was a queen, "We would not have thee precipitate,

neliher, Sir William; but if you discover treason, it is needless to say it must be punished. Bight gladly would we see the old man acquitted of the charge, for we trust much to his knowledge of the healing art

mercy of disloyal servants." Whether Cecll himself had reason to suspect the doctor maintained a secret correspondence with the agents of the Italian cor-

spirary, so called, whose object was to sup-port the claims of Mary Stuart as heir prosumptive, or that he imagined Elizabeth was willing to implicate him in it for her own private reasone, certain it is he at once yes solved not to suffer the doctor to leave te

hingdom. Having, in accordance with a resolution, rgain assured the queen of Immediate attention to a case of such weight importance, he ventured to allude to some state affairs of grout and pressing moment. but feared it would fatigue her majesty to. much to prolong the conference.

"Fear not, sir," replied Elizabeth; "we shall listen to thee without inconvenience. Give us the drops,"

The queen, fearing in the convolousness of her guis that Cecil might form dark suspihesitating on the threshold, as if they falt view, and go through it with all the onergy doubtful of the propriety of the visit. Occil, and self-possession she could summon to her

however, confident of his soversign's high rc- aid. "But first Mr. Socrotary," she resumed, gard and his own deserts, took courage and after swallowing a few drops of the invigorapproached. Leicester, whose countenance ating medicine, "what of the recueants ?".: "They still refute the cath, my liege, betrayed some scoret spyrehenslov, following the secretary, knelt beside the Queen, and trusting, no doubt, to your majesty's wonted throwing back the scarf from her forohead, olemenoy. just began to chate her temples when she rc-

"And thou still persistent in the opinion that to severe a measure is necessary for Even when she had concluded, and the well being of religion and safety of the etate? "Most certainly, madam, under your gra-

clous favor, I do still think so." "Tut, tut, Sir William, say not so ; the en-

his, in which it was clasped, and struck him a of half our subjects. We can never approve, sir, of so bloody a statule."

> dulgence, when I say that, in my poor opinion, your majesty's salety, and that of religion. nay, even of the state, depends on the rigorous enforcement of the oath of supromsoy."

perpetual imprisonment a sufficient enforce. ment?" demanded the queen. Caoil dissented.

"What, Sir, will nothing satisfy thee but

"Why, what's this !--- ah, my good secrethe gallows for all who refuse to acknowledge tary, thou here! and looking as if thine us supreme in matters of faith?" eyes had just beheld the extinction of all "And is not your majasty head of the earthly royalty. We imagined (perhaps it was a dream) that we had just buffeted the church?" ears of the noble Earl of Leicester, for hav. "And y •

"And yet a woman."

Heaven shall ordsin the contrary." "O my sovereign queen and royal mistress l' said the pecrelary, falling upon his but it ill suiteth a crowned head to be at the | Ences, "retract these terrible words, and deztroy not thus forevor the hopes of thy loving Subjects !"

"Rise, good secretary," said the queen putling her handkerchlef to her eyes, " rise and when thou meetest my people, tell them that the queen loves them well, nay, would williegly shed her blood to secure their happluess, but that she loves her virginity more. Elizabeth had voyed her heart to Elim she over best,' and the queen refaed her eyes toands heaven as she utlered the words.

"con art more than woman," said Ocel! g at the quees, and speaking as if to

abolf, "Reaven hath made thee so, in order that thy greatness might be in keeping with thy destiny."

"And what an awful destiny it is, Sir William Ceoll! We are surrounded by diffionities on all quarters; Scotland on one side, Spain on the other, and cur own rebelliqua subjects everywhere ready to sacrifice us at the bidding of the pope; and, what closs of her recent retirement, and attribute is harder to bear than all these together, clong of new recent fourients, and minimum is induct to bear than all show to be the induction of an exhaustion so unusual to other causes the treachery and duplicity of our pro-than that of her well-known rheumatism of fersed friends. Yet," she added, bending the leg, determined to grant him an inter-view, and go through it with all the ourry with resignation, like Him whose image is over here beside us, and whose pure life we would make the model of our own."

During this speech, in the enunciation of which the queen labored painfully, her voice faltering more and more as she proceeded, Occli, who could read her immost thoughts botter than any other living man, gazed in her face, and doubted if he were not still in ignorance of her true obserscier. let her bead fall back against the ohair, he sat stupefied at the language and the tone she assumed in his presence. He was in reality ashamed of himself-ashamed to think Elizabeth could estimate his penetraforcement of that law would shed the blood tion so lowly as to imagine she was able to deceive him. He had often fistiered her himself on the excellence of her mind and heart ; nay, even extelled her for virtues which she did not possess. But it was in order to control her fitful temper, to mould hor to his wishes, and bond her to his will. Yet he did not imagine for a moment she thought he had really formod so high an estimate of her perfections as he professed. Sovereigns expect to be flattered and praised beyond their deserte, and in this sense he supposed his language to be understood. But he now found he was mistaken-mistaken in the woman whom he had been indoctrinating in the mysteries and intrigues of state polloy almost from her very ohildhood.

" My sovereign liege,' said he at lengeh, "A woman, selected by Heaven to be the "" will your majesty condescend to inform me

OHAPTEB XVI.

A few nights after the meeting of the courtier and Nell Gower, at Whinstone Holiow, the landlord of the Whitehorse of Wimbleton was aroused from his sleep, and finally from his arm chair, by a loud knocking at his front door. And we mention the fact, not because Goodman Goodniff himself regarded a knock at his door at midnight as at all naueual in those stirring times, much loss suspect it would yet form an important incident in the history of his life, but because it was the first time in fifteen years he was known to anewer a summons in person. And because Dick Curry, the hostler, who was peremptorily ordered to bed again when half way down the stelrs, swore, next morning, that olther his master was bewitched, or something serious or extraordinary was about to harpen. Thus the event, trifling as it was, gave cause for goesip and surmise for a whole month after, and Dick, whose measurement of time was by no means procise, regarded the night as an era to date from, as historians and stateemen now regard the battle of Waterloo, or the treaty of Vienna.

"What ho, within there I' orled a voice at the door. "Oliver Goodbiffi up, I say, and admit thy customers."

The lankseper, who had been expecting a call,-for he had not retired to bed, but sat dozing in his arm chair before the kitchen fire, -heard the second blow of the traveller's horsewhip, and started to his feet.

"Goodniff ho, Goodniff1' again should the travellor, impatient for admittance. "Am I to stand here all night on the threshold of a taveru, and almost in sight, too, of our good queen's castle. Open, or by the rood I'll be tempted to break thy door and thy cranium to boos."

"Who knocks?" demanded the cautious innkooper, selecting the proper key from a bunch at his girdle. "Who art thou, friend, coming at this late hour to disturb her masaty's peaceful and liege subjects?'

Again the knock was repeated.

"Good faith," grt fiy muttered Goodniff, as he turned the key in the lock, "then makest as much to do as if thou hadst been a queen's messenger."

"Confound thee for a sleepy dolt !" shouled the stranger. "Hast got drunk last night on thy ale barrels ?"

" Grace and patience, Master Southron ; be not so wrathful, or folks will say thou forget'at thyself."

" How so, varlet ?"

" Ay, good sooth, varlet ! marry come up with thee, Master Southron. I say again, if thou makest such a pother at the hostelries of Middlesex as thou makest here, where aibeit thy coming was to be a secret, people will say---

"I wear a sword to slice the cars of lary. innkeepers."

"Not so isst, friend ; rather that thou art pretentious, and forgettest thou wert thyself once a tapster at an inn."

" Peace, knave, peace I" said Southron, placing a chair before the fire; " and now get thee to the tap, and draw me a pint o', sack,

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blow upon the check, faintly hissing out the words between her clenchod teeth, "Begone, "I most humbly crave your maissiv's in-Oeccil, who overheard the words, glanced at the countess an inquisitive look; but that lady, conscious his eye was turned upon her, expressed nothing but concern for her mis-"Aud is not the forfeiture of property and Leicester rose, without a word of roply