

Guelph Evening Mercury
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Jeannie Sinclair,
 OR,
THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER XVIII.
THE MURDER IN THE FALCON'S CLEUCH.
 After the departure of the gold-seekers, matters in the Strath went on for a time with their usual quiet and undisturbed procedure. The simple rural life was maintained, with its round of primitive enjoyments. The only event which caused anything like excitement or sensation was the marriage of Miss Wilson with George Munro, of the well-to-do and highly-respected Banker of Shelhead. There was no fuss and no show on the occasion. George and Mary wished to get it over with as much quietness as possible, though there was an unavoidable accompaniment of notice which they would have gladly escaped if they could. It was not through at length, however, and they setled down to the enjoyment of their great happiness—quiet and unobtrusive, but very deep and very genuine—in a substantial and commodious house above the bank offices, in the principal street of the town. As a proof of the esteem in which he was held by the inhabitants and in the Town Council, the newly-married Banker was made a Bailie of the burgh.

This event being over, the only thing the people of the Strath had to talk about was the coming marriage between Jeannie Sinclair and the Baronet of Baigley—an occurrence which it was considered would certainly happen. It was no secret that William Denman had fallen in love with Jeannie, and the unanimous opinion was that she would willingly have listened to his suit, had she not been previously engaged to Sir Fergus. This being so, however, there was nothing for it but to reject him, and embrace the splendor which her betrothment secured. So poor William Denman, disappointed and heart-stricken, went away to hide his sorrow in a foreign land. In the spring of the following year it was said the marriage was to take place, and all looked forward to it as a season of mirth and rejoicing.

Certainly Jeannie had little the look of an expectant bride. Everybody saw how changed she was—how dull and sad-looking, how drooping and low-spirited. Her brightness was gone, her light-heartedness subdued—care seemed to have settled on her mind, and heaviness on her heart. It was not difficult to divine the cause of this. Clearly enough, Jeannie had not forgotten, could not forget, William Denman. It was a pity, every one said. The youth was no doubt brave, generous, free-hearted, and worthy of being loved, but then he was obscure and unknown, and not for a moment to be compared to the noble and titled owner of Baigley Castle. So if Jeannie was pitted for her evident grief, she was not blamed for sacrificing her heart to the splendid position to which fate had destined her.

Now, however, the dwellers of the Strath and of the whole district were to be electrified by a tragic deed—a terrible crime—which would fill them with an expressive horror and dismay, and cause every heart to tremble with dread. The drama which had begun twenty years before, and which had been slowly developing itself all along, was now to burst out in its most intense action and horrid phase. The time had come for its darkest and most thrilling scenes to be enacted—scenes whose direct character would leave an impress in the Strath which through many generations will not be effaced.

One there was who listened with hardest lips and a scowling countenance to the gossip respecting the forth-coming marriage of Sir Fergus Sinclair. This was Lynedoch, whose life he hoped it would be sure to blast. The title and estate were to be snatched from him just when he counted them securely his. His cousin, whose long-cherished desire to disinherit him had not been abandoned thro' all the intervening years, would triumph at last, and he would be consigned to hopeless poverty, and the endurance of disappointed ambition.

Was this to be submitted to? Was the deed of abducting the infant heir, long years ago, to fall of its purpose? Was the settled desire of his heart, formed in youth, and cherished with unabated determination till now, to be baffled and defeated. Lynedoch Sinclair resolved with bitter, passionate determination, that it should not.

And as he resolved the demon which possessed him—tempting and luring him on through thoughts, desires and crimes, to the consummation of his long abandoned project—made a visible advance in the development of his evil nature. For the resolution involved the possibility—nay, the probability—aye, almost the certainty of the worst crime to be found in the catalogue of human guilt—murder. Lynedoch Sinclair was quite conscious of this, and in the full consciousness of this the resolution was made. The removal of Sir Fergus would alone obviate the danger which threatened, and he could be effectually removed only in one way—by depriving him of life.

Yes, it had at length come to that, Lynedoch Sinclair deliberately contemplated his cousin's murder. The title and estate, in his eyes, were worth the commission of such a terrible crime; and as the only way of securing them, he came to this decision of taking that away.

He did not overlook the risk and danger of doing such a deed. He was aware it required to be done stealthily, and so as no proof of the crime could be brought against him. He looked for being naturally suspected, but if no evidence was to be had, he was prepared to bear the suspicion. It could not injure him. It could not bar his way to the possession of the estate, and gaining that, what cared he for local gossip? What he had to provide against was the danger of discovery—the consequences of which were to appalling to contemplate. He would not contemplate them. He would make it unnecessary to do so by taking good heed to do the murder in secret, and to have the opportunity for this. Of late, Sir Fergus had resumed his sporting habits, and in that same brown month of October, Lynedoch had noticed him often wandering over the hills, gun in hand, and almost always alone, sometimes unaccompanied even by a dog. What more easy than to waylay him in the solitude, when no human being was near, and there, taking him unawares, despatch him by shooting or stabbing him, leaving him to lie there, to be found either by accident or search.

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