Again and again had Jeannie striven to speak and interrupt the passionate words whose meaning was so plain, ere the speaker had proceeded to the end of this declamation; but it seemed as if some powerful spell was on her, making her dumb and motionless. Not though worlds had been given her had she power to utter a word, though never had she felt speech to be so necessary. The truth was—though the poor girl could not reason so—that the words he spake were so delicious to the true feelings of her heart that they enchained her being by filling it with a rapture beyond description. But withat here was the agonsing knowledge that a fatal gulf was between them, and that she had neither the right to love him as he did, nor to the avowal of love from him. It was not till he had ceased to speak, and bent his ardent gaze on her downcast face, that she had the strength to break the spell that bound her. Deliverance came in a wild, suddien, vehemen burst of tears.

"Good Heaven! what is this?" he exclaimed, in astonished consternation. Have I pained—have I grieved you? or why is this violent emotion? Oh! I fear I have been too abrupt, too inconsiderate. My dear Jeannie, calm yourself. Oh! wretch that I am, to do this to one whom with my life I would save from a single pang."

'Oh! it is I—I—that have done wrong,'

TO TAILORS,

'Another's?' echoed Willam. 'Another's?' Your love is already bestowed?'

'On! spare me. Ask me nothing. I ambetrothed to Sir Fergus Sinclair.'

The youth started to his feet, and stood pale and ghastly, like a man who had received a mortal wound, and whom the shock had stunned for the moment into the loss of feeling, e White and rigid as marble, he stood gazing down upon her crouching form, si, in very horror of misery, she lay upon the slope, with her hands covering her face, and hands and face buried among the gowans.

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'Oh, William,' moaned Joannie, 'I deserve your scorn, rour reproach, your bitterest upbradding. This is a terrible return for the life you saved almost on this very spot. You must think me guilty not only of the blackest ingratitude, but of the most fiendish cruelty, to deceive and wrong such a noble heart as yours. Having saved me from death, you had a right to claim the whole service und devotion of my life. And yet miserable creature that I am, I have requited your generous deed by wounding the heart that prompted it. Oh, that I could die and escape the anguish and remores which now I feel!'

escape the anguish and remorse which now I feel?

'This is utterly incomprehensible, bewildering, overwhelming,' gasped William. Then seeing the vehenence of her wild despairing grief, a rash of alarmed tenderness filled.ber heart, and bending down he gently raised her head and supported it with his arm.

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'Jeannie,' he whispered, 'tell me more of
this. I cannot realize the import of what
you said. It is so astounding, so completely
beyond even imagination to conceive, I fancy
the words came to me in some hideous

the words came to me in some hideous dream."

'Oh, leave me, William, leave me to the bitter punishment I have so amply incurred. I deserve nothing from you but indignation and contempt.'

''My dear girl, cease these wild accusing words. There is a mystery which needs explanation, and, if not asking too much, I would pray yeu to unveil it. This—this—bethrothal—when—how—did it take piace?

'Months ago,'she andswered. 'The dazzling offer I was urged by all who loved me to accept. I was free of heart then, nor hoped to be otherwise, and in my mad ignorance I gave my consent. Oh! that I had been permitted a glimpse into the future. Alas: 'alas! it was all concealed, and now, — For me there should be no pity, but for you—oh! William, I would joynally die 40 spare you!'

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'Itissh' speak not thus,' he murmured.
'Would to God I had known of this in time, but, my poor guileless one, I acquit you of all blame. It was, indeed, a terrible mistake, and the happiness of both our heats will be the cost of it. I will not ask you what are your feelings towards Sir Fergus. Still less will I seek to know what they are towards me. Mine I have already revealed, and the consequences I dare not predict. But we must part now—part for ever.

'Oh, Heaven,' she wailed, in anguished tones.

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'It is better so. Nay, it is necessary, it is imperative. Honour and safety alike demand it. I could not be in your society, and feel as I should towards one who is the bethrothed wife of another. To see you in these circumstances, Jeannie, would drive me mad. Part, ten, we must. I will leave the Strath immediately, and far from hence I will seek to bear this blow as best I may. 'William—dear William—forgive me,' burst out Jeannie. It will be some mitigation of my misery to hear you say you forgive me,'

tion of my misery to hear you say you forgive me.'

'My darling—yes, for the first and last
time I will call you so—I have nothing to
forgive. I understand all, and see how
blameless you have been.'

'Oh, I have not been blameless,' she cried.
I should have remembered the tie that
bound me, and seen and prevented this catastrophe. But I never, never saw the danger;
and oh, William, we were so happy.'

'Yes,' he groamed, 'happy. God knows
how happy, and on that happiness: I built
hopes which have crumbled into dust.'

'And I the cause of the terrible calamity,'
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'The innocent and blaineless cause, and, it I mistake not, a sharer in the suffering. But of that I will not seek further to know. Respect, for you and a feeing of homour towards Sir Fergus Sinclair forbids the inquiry. Let us now return to the house. It cannot be wrong for me to conduct you thither at this hour, and for the last time.'

She rose, and tottered rather than walked with him up the slope. Tenderly as before, he drew her arm within his, and afforded her trembling limbs the support she so much needed.

dark and cold it has grown,' sh murmured.

'The darkners and chill are is our own sools, he answered. 'Heaven only know what the future has in store for us. We are young, and this is probably the first sort trial to both of us. Afpresent it is crushing and I feel as if all hope and jey were gone from my life.'

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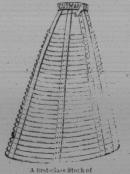
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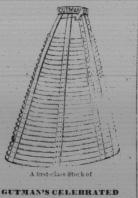
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