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which followed it made the earl turn quick-

" Is her majesty ill ?" he inquired.

"Nay," replied the counters, "'ils nothing; the cold hath slightly affected her. Be not disturbed, my lord ; she will revive presently."

"It suiteth not my office," said the Gaber. lunzle, "to have aught to do with such let-Nathless, I shall keep it, lest it breed ters. mischlef in thy hands."

John Knox, who had all this time been sliting on one of the tombstones, in a deep and absorbing reverie, and totally uncon. scious of what was passing before him, now looking suddenly up, saw a man standing in front of an open grave, wearing a priest's stole about his neck.

"Who art thou, to presume thus to practise thy mummery at this solemn hour and place ?" he cried, springing off the tombstone, and confronting the Gaberlunzie.

"An, thou here?" ejaculated the latter, stepping back and gazing at the excited preacher. "I thought I had left thee in Edin. burg."

"I am where the Lord willeth, Henry Howard."

"Ever, over on my track, And what wouldst thou now ?"

"Arrest thes in the name of justice, for practising Papistry sgainst the law of God and of the state; for inasmuch as thou hast led away the children of promise from the living waters to quench their thirst at the stagnant pools, where they sicken and die; for laboring to set up again the idols we have broken in the temples of Baal; for having done these evil things, I now summon thee to the judgment. Come before the judges of the land, that they may condemn thee to death for thy abominations." And celzing the Gaberlunzie by the arm, he attempted to

drag him away. In the midst of this altercation the earl and the two ladies escaped unobserved round the corner of the wall, and were soon on their way to Hampton Court.

"What," exclaimed the Gaberlunzle, pushing back the excited preacher, "dost not sea we are five, and thou'rt alone ?"

"Five! I am stronger than five thousand Assyrians," replied Knox.

"Away with thee, madman, and trouble m not. And ye men," he added, turning to his assistants, who now seemed disposed to take part in the dispute, "touch him not, as thou fearest my displeasure."

"Nay, I will drag thee to the judgment," persisted Knox; "yes, even should I die in the effort; for thou art an emissary of the evil one, and I would be as a traitor to the Lord to let thee escape. Oome wretch, and resist not," he vociferated, lay. ing hold the priest by the breast of his gabardine; "come to the judgment. thou man of sin, thou slave of Antichrist, thou -----"

"Away, demon of hell; for thon hast not a drop of human blood in thy heart," cried the Gaberlunzis; "begone, and tempt me not further; and wrenching the preacher's hand from his breast, he flung him back with such force as to hurl him to the ground.

It happened that, in falling, he struck against a gravestone, and out his check ; but though the blood flowed freely from the wound, over his ruff and jerkin, he was nothing dounted, and instantly starting on his feet was about to rush a second time on his prey, when the earl seized him by the arms and held him back.

"Avaunt! keep thine hands off, James Siusrt," cried he, struggling to free himself. "I command thes, let me go, that I may emite the idolatrous son ci Baal, and bring him be fore the judges of the land."

"Hush, hush," said the earl, hissing the words in his car; husb, theu manise; "by our hopes of deliverance, an thou but speak that name sgain, I'll polnard thee as I would a dog."

"Unhand mo, and begone, backslider and traitor; unhand me, that I may seize this Amalekite priest, or I shall curse thee in the name of the Lord, and of his people, whom thou art betraying. Unlosse me, James-"Hold, thou spirit of hell-be silent ;" and the earl shook the word from his month. While the two Calvinists thus struggled the one like a bloodhound bounding to break the leash and pursue his victim, and the other holding him back by the wrists like a vice, the Gaberlunzie and his assistants los little time in covering up the remains of the unfortunate doctor.

THE QUEEN'S SECRET

OHAPTER XXXIX. - (Continued.) Hardly had he leaned sgainst the wall and begun to look about, when he observed a figure rising up, as if through one of the tombstores, and quickly approach him. The figure was that of the Oountress of Harring-

ton. "Whom awaitest thou here, at this hour?"

she said. "A lady, by appointment."

"Then, my lord," replied the counters, recognizing his voice, and pointing to the spot she had just quitted, " away, and delay not, for there is dauger. I shall romain here till thou has terminated the interview,"

The queen had seated herself between two low moss-covered monuments, that completely concealed her person, so that the earl had simost frod upon her dress before he perceived her. She was wrapped in a night cloak, with a mask under her hood, and was resting sgainst a headstone of one of the graves. The earl uncovered, knelt down,

and kiesed her hand reverently. "Well, my lord," she began, in a half whis-per, "we have but little time to waste in uselers words. Let us suppose that our bearing towards thee, in the council room to-day, did not find thee entirely unprepared for the surprise it seemed to give." "Please your majesty, I have had timely

instruction on that score from Bir Thomas Plimpton," he replied courteously. " Ab, good and well."

"Yet, methicks. under your grace's favor, that your majesty might have spared me runch of the humiliation I underwent before the foreign ambassadors, and, in especial, before the reverend De Fors, and the young Melville."

"Paugh," replied Elizabeth, "thou wert there but a Calvinist ; and, moreover, it suited us not, under such weighty suspicions, to accord thee a better reception."

"True," said the earl, bowing low, as if in submission to her supreme will, "but I began to fear that hereafter, throughout the intercourse with which your grace might please to boro: your poor servant, your majesty may have made too high an estimate of my future patience under suos severe trials."

The queen tit her lip, and answered that she trusted so prudent a man as the Earl of Murray would hardly sgain put her in so delicate a position, before the court, as to compel her either to rainse him an audience, or avow her hestility to the Queen of Scotland. "Nag, I had solicited a private interview.

as your majesty will please to remember and by a right secret and trusty messenger, pleaded Murray.

"Ab ! thou'rt becoming somewhat re-

"And weighty bargains demand much care

Sick Headache and Biliousness. . Verily, ay, and obtained it too; but un-Price, 25. per bottle. Sold by all Draggists. luckily thou hadst shown thyself publicly in our pelice, and thus compelled us to refuse thy request. Well, enough of this. And now, my lord, what are thy future designs touching Scotland?' "I am here to receive your majesty's commands thereon," replied the east cantionaly.

served, eh ?"

" Fair and true."

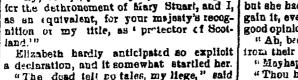
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"Nay, but important affairs require to be well thought on, and delicately managed, plaase your majesty." and caution." An Old Soldier's EXPERIENCE.

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Murray, seeing the offect his words produced ; and there is not sufficient light here by

of the great reformation, please your majesty, namely, the king's renunciation of spiritual all+giance to the See of Bome."

E iz sheth saw from' the language and tone of the earl that he had suspected her of forming some dark plot, and was well disposed to approve it, though he knew not at the moment exactly what it was.

"Your grace was about to speak of some ides." said he. " O, 'twas merely of the duke ; he is very

young, is he not ?

" The duke ?"

"Ay, Darnley, the king consort."

" Truly, yes; young, passionate, and vain." "Somewhat given to loore habits, if we remember rightly.

"A very libertine, though still a mere boy. "Rather inclined to joalousy."

" So report hath it."

"Ab, well, the thought just touched me that he might become jealous of the Italian Bizzio, whom the queen seemeth to regard with such favor."

" So, so ; ah ! and then-

"Such things oft breed troubles." "Ay, troubles for the husband and the wlfa.

"And sometimes for the state?"

"Nay, I see not how that my be." " Marry, my lord, thou must be short-sight ed; think sgain."

" Bizzio might be dismissed in disgrace." "Ab, he is the nomineo of Bome and the Cardinal of Lorraine; to dismiss him would

be difficult. " Nay, it the king have cause for jealousy, ¥e ---

"Jause for jealousy !" interrupted Elizabeth.

"Ay, didst not mean so, your majesty ?" "Well, be it so, an theu wilt; have cause, or made to have cause-or be induced or tempted to have cause-the realit would be the same ; ch ?' and as the gacen uttored the words, she sunk her voice to the lowest whisper, and again looked candously round the graveyard.

A long interval of dead silence followed this last observation of Elizabeth, during which both were busy reflecting on the new ides. The earl, however, raised his head a' last, and muttered, half to himself, " If I but my conscience." thought ----- "

"What, my lord?" quickly demanded the queen.

"That she merited such a suspicion. "Well, and then?"

"Then she ought (: suffer the conse-

aliences." "Hs, ha! think'st thou she's blameless?"

"I ever thought so."

" What pure? unsallied 1 " Ay, as a very augel "

"Bdeath ! map, thou'rt but a child ; nay, a very simpleton in such matters. Hs, ha !" she ejaculated low and stealthily; "hast lived so long about the Louvre, and know so little of woman ?"

"Ab, madam, Mary Stuart was nover unce while in France, Clip ected of a thought against honesty," replied the earl, and in such a toue as made it impossible for Elizabeth to

doubt his sincerity. "Suspected ! well, be it so. But dost think, my lord, a woman like her, young, and a widow, could so long keep up a familiarily so secret as report speaketh of boween Bizzio and the Queen of Scot?, without dan-

ger to her virtue?" "Nay, I had not yet learned to form so true an estimate of woman," he responded, tartly.

Again the queen felt humbled and rebuked. "Ay, varily; your majesty would bargain but she had a point to gain, and she would gain it, even at the risk of losing the earl'?

good opinion. "Ah, because thou bast kept thyself aloof trom their coolety," she caid jokingly.

" Mayhap so, your grace." "Thou hast seen Rendoiph at He grood ?"

" The envoy ?" "Ay; he hath observed much of her intercourse with the Italian and conurma the

the Earl of Loicester."

"Nay, nay," replied Murray, declining the favor; "I must not presume so far." "Examine it, my lord," repeated Elizabeth we command thee now that we can no

longer conceal it without prejudice to our own honor. Verily, when we saw it for the fall into a brother's hands, and a brother, too, who had so exalted an opinion of her purity but the designs of Heaven are insocutable."

recognize the features in the faint light. "Keep it then," she said, pushing it back between the portraits of the Earl of Leicester and of David Bizzio."

"Of David Bizzio | what may that mean undar your grace's favor ?"

"The portrait it elf meaneth but little," the queen's hel chamber, with a love verse on the back written by her own hand, it had a significance which may not be easily mistaken. Keep it, my lord; it belongeth not to in the battle that must be fought with me. It's thy sister's; so keep it safely, for we the powers of darkness. Woe, woe to thee,

better judge of the likeness." "Enough," said the earl; "enough, gra-clous madam; I am satisfied."

"Ah, better thou wert still increduloue." responded Elizabeth, drawing her breath long and sadly; "for we can foresee many heartburnings, mayhap murder, springing from for an instant to take breath; "hold, or by this secret, which thy rude and unguarded our hopes of deliverance 1'll poniard thee this secret, which thy rude and unguarded speech hath compelled us in our defence to

reveal." "Nay, most gracious madam, I thank thes right heartily for the disclosure; for verily

and indeed, it bath lifted a great burden from From thy conscience? and how may that

be ?"

"Your majesty shall hear. Since our late discomfiture, and during my flight from Biggar, I have often been thinkhurriedly addressing the preacher, "and trust ing how we might make use of the young the cause of God and the kirk to me. Away, sing's jealonsles to bring about the dismissal away, brother, I beseech thee, and breed no forther evil to this lady." of this Bizzio, and thus interrupt the corres. pondence, which, to the great detriment of religion and the state, he bath carried trembling tone. The earl turned, and whis on with the Oathol'c powers. But, nctpered something in her ear that startled her. withstanding the encouragement I have known him." had to regard this moans as lawful, under the untoward circumstances in which we driven him to the very verge of madnage, find ourselves placed, yet, I must confess, I had some misgivings of the same. Now, But stay, I pray your grace; hold back with however, that I'm fully satisfied of the in shadow of this wall; we cannot now quit woman's distonor; my scruples have vanishthe cemetery without meeting these people."

ed, and therefore it is that I thank your mationsly, step by step, till they reached the jesty so sincerely." wall, and then hid themselves behind the "But this jealousy, it once excited, and isstened in a heart so flery as that of the netties and fern that grew by the side of young king, may lead, I fear, to Bizzio's murthe old ruin. der, or to some crime equally terrible and scandalous." ess, "and doubtless of some one lately ext-

"We cannot always foresee or provide against consequences, gracious madam." "Nay, but that would be an unpardonable

see but four mourners-hardly enough to crime, and most likely to involve the queen carry the coffin." in disgrace and infamy." "And what then? that infamy would tend

to diminish the number of her friends and increase that of her enemies, and, mayhar, eventually lead to the total overthrow of Popery in Scotland,

remains, and laid down the body beside it, "Ab, marry, my lord," said the queen one of the coffin bearers, motioning the other laughing elightly, "thou'st recovered thy three to kneel and pray for the repose of the foresight most wondrously, and opened a long departed spirit, drew a black stole from his vista before us which hath hitherto been breast pocket, and quickly throwing it about closed. I fear me, natheless, the end may his neck, began to recite the de profundis in a

cometh your servant to repeat in your more dreadful than Holoternes. Ay, when grace's hearing what slanderous tongues thou shouldst have called around thee and say of my Lord Leloester. Therefore let taken counsel with the Chabrises and Carmises me again orave your majesiy's pardon ;" and for the deliverance of God's people. But I tending his knee, he presented the minia. prophesy unto thee that an hour will come. Elizabeth Tudor-

"Look at it," said the queen ; "there's light "Hold," interrupted the earl, "or thou'lt enough at least to see it's not the portrait of bring the whole court about us."

"Nay, James Stuart," continued the en-thusiast raising his voice still higher. "1 will speak and spare not, for the Lord hath commanded me to proclaim the judgment he hath decreed against the breakers of his eternal covenant; yes, and the more in especial against those he has raised to the first time this morning, we little thought it high places, to serve unto his people as should slip so easily from our fingers. And lamps to guide their steps to the sanctuleast of all did we suspect it would so soon | ary of his presence, but who have become stumbling blocks and rocks of scandal. And I toll thee, therefore, Elisabeth Tudor, that the eye of the Lord is upon thee, The earl examined it closely, but failed to | and upon thy heart, and upon thy thoughts and upon thy works, and upon thy secret backslidings, and that the vengeance of as he handed it over ; "keep it till the daylight He ven shall overtake thee, and wither comes and thon'lt be better able to distinguish thee up, if thou dost not repent of thy evil doings whilst the Lord may yet be apprased, and take up the sword in thy hand, and smite the Philistines, and the Amorites, and the sons of Jeroboam, who have broken the gospel covenant, and take the money from responded the queen; "but being found in out the iron box, and from the folds of the wolfskin, and give unto him who even now standeth beside thee, and whom the Lord hath called to be another Saul would grieve to have it fall into unscruppious Elizabeth Tudor, if thou holdest back in hands. When the morrow comes, thou caust this our day for need. We to thes if the children of the promise are driven, by the sword of the unrighteous, from drinking of the waters of life, whilst thy hand can wield a sceptre or thy coffers yield gold."

"Hold thy mad speech," again cried the earl, when the exhausted fanatic had paused through the windpipe."

"Avaunt1 begone, thou presumptuous man;" persisted the preacher, "and think not to bridle the tongue of the Lord's messenger. "O great God!" ejaculated the quean "look-see those people."

"Who? Where?"

"Entering the graveyard. See, they come hitherward. O, let us fly." "Away, I beg of thee," entreated the earl

"Who is he?" inquired Elizabeth, in a low

"An, John Knox! is it he? I had not

"Ay; poor man, our defeat at Biggar hath

At the earl's suggestion they retired cau-

"It's but a funeral," whispered the count-

" Most likely," replied the queen, "for I

"Hush-speak low-they're within a few

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Joe Howard says that William H. Vander. bilt would give \$10,000,000 for a new nose and \$10,000,000 more to have the curl taken out of his fat line.

which to read each other's countenance. Therefore, let us has itate not to speak our thoughts roundly. Mary Stuart is married to the most powerful Osthelie peer in Britain, and likely to have issue, which, in default of your majesty's, will be helr apparent to the two CIOWDS.4

" Doubtless."

"The child will be educated a Catholic under the eye of France, and your majesty's personal influence in the state will diminish in the exact ratio as its years increase. I need not tell your grace that mon worship the rising, not the setting sup."

"Ay, truly, and with fair reason."

"Is your majesty then prepared tangely to submit to this coming cvil, and resign thyself to the chances of time and fate to decide for or against you; or if not, hath your majasiy yet discovered a remedy ?"

" Nay, I cannot bethink me of aught, save another trisi of strength batween the Pone and the Congregation." "Ab, that battle might be fought and

won two years hence, please your majesty, if Mary had not married, and John Knox were taught to love blood.

shed less, and forbearance more, and the peopla been reasoned with by sensible and Godfearing men, rather than driven by brainless demagogues and mad onthusiasts into a reckless bostility to Rome. Then, the battle for the succession might have been easy fought and won without further aid from your majesty ; but, mishappily, Lenox is now king consort, and will exert all his influence, (the which is very great) to counteract every jurther effort of the kirk, and to orush the hopes of the Calvinist party. Moreove:, I doubt not a price is already set on the heads of Bouthe, Kirosldy, Buthven, and the rest who have taken part in this Biggar affair; and so, for the present, there's but little charce of a second rising. • Elizabeth pareed for a moment to reflect,

after the cari had done speaking, and then, cantionsly feeling her ground, ventured to make a suggestion "Is there, then, no alternative," she said, pressing her finger to her ilp, and looking thoughtini; "and must the nation look forward to a Catholic succes sion?'

"Nay," observed the carl, perceiving tha Eliza bith spoke with some hesitation, "I pray your mejesty to be less received with one whose life has been dedicated to the welfare of Scotland ; and whe, experience may have taught your mejerty, can be safely trusted with state secrets. So speak, my liege, for, an I mistake not, your grace hath

already hit on some plan for our deliverance. "Verily, no," she said, raising her head over the tombatone, and looking about, lest some one might be lurking around. I can think of nothing that promiseth success. A thought occurred to me, but-tut-hem !--." The queen besitated.

"Bpeak, please your mejesty; I am listening.'

"O, it was nothing to deserve a moment's consideration-a more idea."

"Ay, but great events cometimes grow out of mera ideas."

"True, when confided to cautions and experioresd hands."

" And, moreover, what is called crime sometimes gives bith to great blessings."

"Jalled crimil what meanest then by that?" "From the passions of Henry VIII., which

men have called oriminal, sprung the first act

eral report." "Ah!'

"Nay, he hath even known them sup alone and at late hours.' "Alcae! humph!"

"Yen, truly; and when he lay ill two months gone, she seldom left his bed chamber."

"Ab, but please your majesty, she hat done the same good office to Melville-bath tended him even like a sleter."

"Well, well," muttered Elizabeth, "she may be innocent-it's very possible; and I speak so far but from hearaay, Raw, 'olph, and the thousand other beliavers in her guilt, may be mistanan, and most heartily do I hope so; for she ic thy sister, my lord, and my very good cousin. Ab, grieved would I be to think poor Mary had lost her honor-that without which woman is nothing. And so, as to any secret proofs of her guilty intercourse with this Rizzlo, I shall say nothing; they

may also be calumpics." "Secret proofs!" repeated the earl; "come they from eye-witnesses ?"

"Nay, my lord; I dare not."

"Speak, please your majesty. I am un so bound up in the daughter of Mary of Lo. raine, albeit she is the daughter of my own father, that I shall shrink from the revelation, The more she is guilty, the less scruples as to our future course. So 1 pray your majesty to speak freely."

"Hush! my lord; not for the world would I reveal what I know of her."

"Know of her ?---and from a reliable source ?"

" No more, my lord, no more. Think as well of Mary as thou hast ever thought, for mayhap she still deserves thy good opinion. For my own part I am grieved to think I innocence ; nor, verily, would I have offered | temptuous than we appeared this morning in a syllable, hadst then not reproked me with thy toolish speeches of angelic innocence, and other such siliy prejudices.

" Then your mejesty thinketh her guilty," persisted the carl.

"Nay, my lord ; my thoughts are my own." letting his head fall, and leaning his folded arms on his knees.

for a time, the one swaiting the effect of the manded them to halt. The words seemed poison she had infused, and the other beginning to feel the new sensations it created, something was heard to fall, and ring sharply on the flags at the carl's feet.

" He stooped to plok it up.

"Give it to me," said the queen quickly ; it's but a miniature."

"Whose miniature, ch? my Lord Lei cester's?" said the earl, unconscious of the indelicacy of the question ; for the previous conversation had so excited him that he knew not well what he said.

"Nay, Sir Earl; thou art over bold to speak thus,"

"Pardon me, gracious madam. I humbly orave your grace's paidon; verily I spoke without a thought."

" Doubtless, my lord; but why should the idea of a miniature in our possession call up so suddenly the thought of the Earl of Lelcester ?"

"Public report, mayhap, hath associated these two great personages in my mind." " Report of what, sir ?'

"Nay, please your majesty, it ill be-

justify the means in the "Truly, no, if the means be unlawful; but

doth not guilt deserve punishment ?" "Ay, verily doth it; but, my good lord, thy zeal for religion and the state hath somewhat

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blinded thes to the truth of the case? Dost not understand this miniature was found before the queen's marriage, and therefore should not be taken as a proot of her oriminal attachment after it? So, therefore, thou must not be too ready to think evil of her as a wife, whatever thou mayst think of her as a widow."

"The amorous widow makes but a sorry wife, please your majesty," responded the earl," unwilling to abate a jot of the conviction he felt and desired to feel of his sister's guilt, as the only foundation left him, on which to construct a plot for her ruin.

"As thou wilt have it so, then, my lord, be thou alone responsible for the consequences," said the queen, in a tone of resignation. " As for ourself, we wash our hands clear of the ungracious and scandalous aff sir."

"I understand thee well, most gracious and right royal madam, and so I pray your maesty to let the matter rest. And now may I. in conclusion venture to remind your majesty that this late brawl hath left me without money or credit ?"

" That's a great misfortune, my lord." "Ay, truly, but one your grace can easily emedy."

"Nay, our exchequer is almost bankrupt." "The Earl of Leicester can replenish it

my liege.' "Marry, he averreth we have already exhausted his coffers : n theless we must endeavor to prevail on his lordship to lend thee help for this bout. Take thee care, however, thou implicate not ourself in thy undertakings; for an thou do, by our royal have said aught to make thes doubt of her bonor thou'lt find us more stern and conthe council obamber."

Elizabeth now rose, and took the earl's arm to support her, across the graves and tombatones, to where the Countess of Harrington impatiently awaited the termination of their long interview. As they passed the corner of "If I could but believe it," he muttered, the old ivy wall opposite to where the etting his head fall, and leaning his folded countees lay hidden in the deep shadow, a tall figure, in a loose black dress, stepped In the slience which both now maintained before them, and in a coarse voice comto come with so anthoritative a tone, that the queen half shricked out.

"Stand back !" said the earl, recognizing in a moment the voice and figure of the Puritan preacher whom he had met on the hill, after his expulsion from the palacestand back and let us pass. "Why comest thou bither at this hour ?" " To meet Elizabeth Tudor, where I may

rebuke her without fear of the gallows." " Fool, thy mad zeal will destroy all our plans."

" Nay, James Stuart, but thy sinful dallying with woman at the hour when Heaven calleth thee to its work, will bring the vengeance of the Lord upon us. Woe, woe to thee If thy sickle rusteth that should be cutting in the field of thy Master-outling down the brambles and thorns that onoke up the wheat. And thou," he added, sternly addressing the queep, " thou who shouldst be an Esther in the court, and a Judith in Bethulie, hast been wantoning with lewd courtiers at home, and

suffering many a degenerate Ozias to betray God's people into the hands of an enemy low but distinct and solemn voice. "A Popish priest," whispered the countess. "Hush," said the queen ; "listen."

The man who had taken upon bimself the office of the priest, on the occasion, was tall and erect as a statue, and habited in a long gray gabardine that descended below the calves of his legs; his feet were without shoe or sandal, and his white hair fell over his shoulders in great profusion. When he had recited the usual prayers prescribed by the ritual, and assisted the others to fay the coffin in the grave, he proceeded to cast the first shovelful of earth on the remains, accompanying the act with the usual words

slowly and solemnly pronounced. "Bemember, man, thou art but dust, and unto dust thou shalt return ;" then, sinking the shovel in the loose mould, and kneeling down himself beside the grave, said in the same solemn voice, "Brethren, let us pray for the soul of Giovanni Maraschi,

the queen's physician." As the last words fell upon the ear of the Countess of Harrington, she styrted and shuddered. "I knew not of his death," she muttered, looking round fearinity at the queen. "I heard your majesty was to order his removal from the lower dus, ma to the -----"Hush," said the latter, precing her fore finger on her lip, and furtively stancing at

the earl. The figure of a woman closely wrapped in a cloat, and who had come late for the ser-

vice, now stole noiselessly behind the little group, and touched the venerable old man on the arm as he rose up after finishing his devotion.

"Father," said the figure, "I have brought thes the letter thou wot'st of." The tall man turbed elowly round, and revealed the mild but noble countenance of the Gaberlunzle.

He had lets the cavern in Whings no Hellow shortly after the massacro, to autor the rem-ins of the unfortunate Dr. Maraschi, which, contrary to his dying request, had been buried in Potter's Field on the previous day, and now exhumed by a few of Nell Gower's trusty followers, to be deposited in consecrated ground.

"The letter," repeated the Gaberlunzie.

"Ay; dost not remember in the caverp, when I confessed to thee concerning the

"Hold, I know nothing here of thy conession, good woman. This is not a time and place to speak of such matters. Come hither, out of hearing of these men. if thou wouldst consult me as a priest," And he led her away from his comdirection of the forest." panions, and, as it happened, within four or five feet of where the queen and her party lay rambles." concealed in the fern.

"ly's a right weighty matter," isther. "Ab, well, proceed, and tell it under the seal of confession."

"It respects the child Nell Gower told thes of.'

The queen gasped for breath, and would have screamed out, had not the countess prevented her.

"The child she bath been nursing for the Earl of Leicester?" said the Gaberiunzie. "The same."

rapidly by on their way to the palace, ap within three feet of the royal watched At this moment "And what knowest thou concerning it?" "This letter, so please thee, reverend sir, is the proof of its parentage." At this moment, as fate would have

Elizabeth's head now fell sgainst the countees's bosom, and the slight groan

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As the queen and countess crossed the fields beyond the cometery wall, they saw it was now approaching day; and the former, fearing to be recognized by the guard or household of the palace; the gray light of the morning, ran with a possible speed through the sharp brambles, and long wet grass, followed by her falthin attendant. In her breathless haste, however she could not help expressing her dread (exposure.

" The letter, the letter," she ejaculated, a she ran on.

"Fear not, madam,' replied the counters we shall find means to secure it ere it can do the least injury to your grace."

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" Who? Dr. Marasuhi?"

"Ay, in revenge for his imprisonment." "Impossible."

" Nay, some Catholic about the prison 124 have supplied him with writing materials; and I fear me, moreover, he hath been all the while he resided at court corresponding will Catharine de Medicis."

"That cannot be, gracious madam; have intercepted his letters, and could fit in them naught to excite apprehension." "Ab, would to God, natholess, he had be more closely watched.

" Nay; but thinkest thou Catharine wou speak so distrustingly of your majoaty reply to those letters we wrote her in h name, if she suspected they came from us or from other than the doctor himself?' "Ah, she's a cunning woman," mutters

the queen. "Truly, yes; but-but hark-hark! I he tootsteps; some one speaks from behind th Hush-let us conceal ourselves her hedge. beside the pathway, under this old hawthom till they pass."

" Mayhap the priest and his party," whispe ed the queen. "Nay, your grace; they come from

"It may be the spacwife in her night

"Hush-here they are, and we can see the

The queen and counters now crept stealth

ly under an old hawthorn that grew by D

side of the fence, and took such a position

as to be able distinctly to see

new comers. "Keep quiet," said the quee

"listen; that's Leicester's voice-heave

The Earl of Lilcoster, accompanied

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