

The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

She followed the woman to the woman to the receiving room of the Priory. It was a large chamber, and was at present illumined by two lamps. It was divided in the centre by an iron grating, which was hung with curtains of black serge, whilst alongside ranged a species of low form covered with velvet, apparently intended for sitting or kneeling. The thick wall was pierced by three small windows, which could be only reached by the four steps built in the recess of each with that object. On the wall opposite the window hung a large and fine painting, representing the Virgin visited by the angel; and this with a beautiful image in ivory of the crucifixion, were the only ornaments of the palace.

The Prioress was seated on a raised chair, and Barra was standing humbly before her, bonnet in hand. Mary fancied that there was a gleam of triumph in the man's cunning eyes as she entered. But, without deigning to notice his presence, she made a dignified bow to the Lady Superior, who acknowledged the salutation by a slow stiff bend of the head.

An incomprehensible shudder as of cold passed over Mary as she halted before the chair of the Prioress on the place she was beckoned to by a long bony hand. With haughty mien, she waited to learn the purpose for which she had been brought there. She had not long to wait.

"This is the lady, madam, said Barra, addressing the Prioress. The epistle of my Lord Angus informs you that I am charged to see his instructions regarding her carried out, does it not?"

The Superior of the Priory referred to a letter which she held open in her hand. "It is as you say, my Lord."

"His Lordship desires that she shall take the veil of your order in two or three months unless before that time she has submitted herself entirely to his wishes."

"It is even so."

"It is a headstrong spirit she possesses, I grieve to say, and, unhappily, nourishing an attachment to the things of the world, and a guilty passion for one who, besides being far below her in station, has been degraded from the ranks of the royal guard. He desires her to be cured of the passion at any sacrifice."

"She shall be cured," commented the Prioress in her cold methodic voice.

"I know, madam, that you cannot be otherwise than good with her, for it is in your pure and gentle character to be always so. But I must pray you temper this extreme goodness with a little firmness. Believe me, she will else soon find the way to render your control of little avail by taking advantage of your kindness."

"I will remember."

"Miss Douglas," he continued with hypocritical humility, and a side-long glance at the fretful victim of his aspirations, "has made a bad return for all the kindness of her brother. She has deceived him, and in a person so young that indicated a heart strangely corrupt. Surround her then with the keenest surveillance, and by your example and your good counsels endeavour to win her back to honest sentiments."

"Acquaint Lord Angus that I am deeply sensible of his favours, and will obey his wishes faithfully."

Barra bowed low and retired.

During this conversation, Mary stood gazing with haughty indignation from one to the other of the speakers. Several times she had been upon the point of interrupting the discourse; but respect for the place and the knowledge that any unseemly display of temper would not further but retard her liberation, restrained her.

One contemptuous glance at the man as he retired, and she turned to the Prioress. She had raised her veil, and the two women regarded each other fixedly, as if measuring strength for the contest which was about to begin.

The Prioress of St. Margaret was a woman of about fifty years, and had once been very handsome; but the austerities of her religion and the bitter workings of a jealous spirit had deprived her of that grace which is in age a second beauty. Her complexion was as yellow as wax, her eyes black and piercing, her lips thin and discoloured. The expression of the visage was that of one habituated to exercise authority, but it was authority of a dry icy sort. There was something in her whole appearance strangely hard and unsympathetic; and this destroyed the natural advantages of her person.

Court of Chancery.

NOVEMBER 4th. TELFER vs. DICKSON—Suit for special performance of an agreement to convey a party wall by defendant to plaintiff in Fergus. Decree granted for plaintiff. Mr. Cross for plaintiff, Mr. Freeman for defendant.

WALLIS vs. SIMMONS—Suit against defendant, now a lunatic, for special performance. Decree directing enquiry as to whether consideration had been paid. Mr. Evans for plaintiff, Mr. Hoskin for defendant.

NOVEMBER 5th. HENDRY vs. ENGLISH—Bill filed to restrain an action at law. The plaintiff is owner of a mill property near Drayton, and the dam backs the water upon several of the neighbouring lots. Defendant is the owner of the lot farthest up the stream which is affected by this dam, and he recently brought an action at law against the present plaintiff to recover damages for the alleged wrongful flooding of defendant's land. Plaintiff thereupon brought the present suit in Equity to restrain the action, alleging that when the dam was constructed and mill erected by a former owner of the property, one John Clarke, defendant had expressly encouraged him to do so, had verbally granted him the permission to flood his land, and had refused to accept any compensation. Plaintiff also alleged that only a small and comparatively valueless portion of defendant's land was flooded. The examination of witnesses commenced on Thursday morning at nine a. m., and lasted till the rising of the Court at six p. m. The case was resumed with the arguments of Counsel on both sides at nine a. m. to-day. At the conclusion of the argument his Lordship immediately gave judgment, and after remarking that the case had been exceedingly well argued on both sides, decided in favour of the plaintiff and granted an injunction against the defendant with costs. Mr. Ross, Q. C. and Mr. Palmer for plaintiff; Mr. Strong, Q. C., and Mr. Drew for defendant.

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