Guelph Evening Mercury

FRIDAY EV'G, JAN. 15TH, 1869.

Jeannie Sinclair,

OR

THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER IV.

Ned pushed open the door far enough to allow his gigantic frame to pass through, and came on tiptoe towards the bed. He lifted the light which stood near, and saw nestling in its soft couch the plump face of the unconscious sleeper, with the tiny locks of black silken hair lying over its marble brow.

Ned's great heart was stirred within him at the sight, and his kindly eyes glistened like dewdrops. Memory was stirred, too, and thoughts and emotions too keen to be repressed rushed up in his bosom till they made it heave and sob.

Hastily he set down the light, leant his face against the wall, and burst into tears.

The girl gazed at him in silent surprise, and became greatly moved at sight of his grief. And in truth it was a wondrous spectacle to behold that huge, uncouth man, rugged in appearance as a granite rock, giving way to an emotion so vehement.

It lasted only for a minute, for, with a sudden gesture, he dashed the tears from his eyes, and turned towards her.

'Ye maun forgi'e me for this,' he said. 'It was wrang in me tae be sae overcome, but the sicht o' you wnd the bonny wean broucht tae my mind the last sicht I had o' my ain wife and bairn. Ye maunna think I was aye the rough tyke I am now. I hae been a wanderer for mony a year; but ance, my lassie, I was as settled and industrious a lad as ever had love and hope tae mak' him sing blythely at his daily toil. Then, oh! then, I had nae thouchts but o' hame and the happy joys I had then in the young wife that made it a' sunshine wi' her guidness and her love for me. Alack! alack! the happiness vanished like a snowflake in the Mae, and left me desolate and broken-hearted. Ae mornin' I gaed oot tae my wark as usual, leaving her lying in the bed, and oor bit bairnie sleepin' in her bosom, just as yours is at this moment. Waes me, I never never saw them mair. We lived away east, no far frae the sea. The French war was at the hettest then, and the pressgang was oot in search o' men tae fill the King's ships. I fell into their hands. They wadna aloo me even tae gang and bid farewell tae my wife, but carried me on board their ship, and in twa days I was in the forecastle o' a man o' war, bound for the fleet. For twa years I sailed here and there, never within sight o' the shores o' Scotland, and never able tae send word to my puir Peggy, or hear a scrap o' news about her. But the war cam' tae an end, and I was free tae return. As fast as possible I went hame fu' o' happiness and anticipated joy, expecting 'tae clasp my Peggy in my airms, and find wee Jamie toddlin' tae meet me. Oh, God, strangers lived in the hoose I had left, and Peggy was lyin' in the auld kirkyard, wi' the bonny bairn aside her.'

'Alas, alas! that was a heavy shock for you,' murmured the girl.

'Frae that day I became a restless wanderer,' he continued, in a broken voice, 'and a wanderer I'll remain till the end o' my days.'

'Poor unhappy Ned, how I feel for you.'

'Na, lassie, I'm no unhappy. In fact nae-body is happier than me. I like my wanderin life, and wadna exchange its freedom for a' the luxuries o' the king's palace. Everybody is kind tae me. I get a blythe welcome and a bite and a sup wherever I gang, and a barn or a hayloft tae lay me doon in at nicht. Believe me, my lassie, naebody is mair canty or crouse than wanderin' Ned. The times are rare when the memory o' the past comes owre me like this, and the greet I hae had will dae me guid. But I'm wrang again tae claver here, anc you in sic a weak state. I couldna rest till I kenned that the warst was passed wi' ye; and as I'll be wanderin' far frae here the morn, I thocht I would ca' on my way past tae Maister Ronaldson's strae barn, where I am tae get a sleep. When I come tae Sinclairtown again I hope tae find you strong and weel.'

'Alas, Ned, I feel that you will never see me again,' said the girl, her voice becoming lower and lower.

'Ye'll be gane, wull ye?' rejoined Ned, supposing she meant to indicate her departure to another part of the country.

'I will; and what, oh, what is to become of my child?'

'Hoots, it's no that ye mean?' said Ned hopefully. 'Dinna tak' sip a fancy into yer heid. The wakeness ye feel is only for a time. In a day or twa strength will begin tae come, and hope and joy wi' it.'

'No, my friend, no,' she mildly persisted 'I will not live to get over this, and but for my boy I do not wish to live. But, oh, who will care for him, who will care for him, who will protect him?'

'Dinna coont me impident, but may I venture tae ask if ye hae nae friends?' returned Ned, inquiringly.

'Not one friend in the wide world,' she wailingly answered. 'You have been kinder to me to than any one. I am a poor, lost, abandoned creature, an orphan without relatives and without a home.'

'Dinna speak ony mair o' this at present,' said Ned, in a tone of kind commiseration. 'Ye maun lie quiet and composed, and nae doot Mrs. Carrick will sune come hersel' or send some wummin body tae nurse ye. Guid nicht, my puir lassie, and——'

TO BE CONTINUED.

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Guelph, Nov. 20. daw tf

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do do do	2 00	3 00
do do do	2 50	4 00
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do do	50	75
do do	62	87
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do o	15	22
do o	18	25
do do	22	30
do do	25	35
Balmoral Skirtings, at	18	30
do do	25	40
do do	30	50
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