# SCOTLAND.

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### CHAPTER VII. LORD ARCHIBALD ANGUS.

The Queen Regent lived with the The Queen Regent invest with the young King, her son, in the Palace of Holyrood, Angus, her husband, also having apartments there. But, because of the aversion each now left for the other, the rooms occupied by the Queen other, the rooms occupied by the Queen were situated in one wing of the palace, while those of Angus—tar less splendid than those of Margaret—were in the opposite wing, so that the whole length of the castle divided them. The central portion of the building was assigned to the voung King and his household. The Queen and Angus met each other eally in the Council chamber, and never in the nalace, the interviews between in the palace, the interviews between Margaret and the young King always Margaret and the private apartments of the Queen. Angus, by the King's leave, had the free entree of the royal apartments, and it was there that his visite to the young Sovereign were

Let us now pass through the court-yard, crowded with soldiers, and direct our stors towards the left wing of the palace, where are situated the apart-ments of Archibald Douglas. The room we enter is large, and appears still larger from the scantiness of its appointments, for a carved table and a lew chairs are all the furniture it con tains. The sole adornment of the chamber is a profusion of weapons. They hang on the walls, lie on the They hang on shairs, in the corners of the room, and even on the floor. You might imagine yourself in an armory, and, indeed there are arms enough to furnish a regi

Angue is a man of war, fond of any that reminds him of battle, so has surrounded himself with his so has surrounded himself with his favorite objects. He is a great connois sear of weapons of all kinds, and never lets slip an opportunity of adding to his collection. At the present moment he is closely examining a little sword with an agate pommel, which an armor er has just brought in. This sword, so small that you might imagine it to be a dagger, is like a toy in the hands of such a man as Angus ; nevertheless, he is looking at it with the same serious ttention he would bestow on a service able weapon. The armourer meanwhile waits respectfully in a corner of the and two gentlemen are con versing together in a low tone in the

versing together in a low tone in the embrasure of a window. Let us seize this coportunity, whilst the chief of the Douglases is thus oc cupied, to study him to our turn. His age might be about thirty five, and his nature is one of those powerful ones that as it were, breathe forth strength. His stature is not colossal, but well above middle height, and had he not become prematurely corpulent his figure would have been elegant. His large, square shoulders are strong enough to bear with ease the heaviest enirass, and his athletic limbs seem shioned to make sport of the greates fatignes. The Earl is a typical Scot in every sense of the word, with long and broad feet, blue eyes, and that particu lar shade of hair which is peculiar to Northern peoples. His features are fine and regular, his nose is aquiline, and the teeth in his large mouth are of a glittering whiteness. At the first sight the appearance of the man might favourably impress you, but a closer inspection excites an impression that is far from a pleasing one. His features bear the stamp of an audacity which verges on insolence, and of a severity which might easily degenerate into cruelty. in truth, arrogance, pride. and cruelty were the principal traits of his character. Pursuing, without any consideration for others, his own path, he crushed without pity all that opposed him. Naturally cruel, he had become brutal by habit Such was the chief of the Douglas clan, the most powerful of Scottish peers and the rival of the Chan-cellor Beaton.

THE PAGE OF JAMES V. OF father, for he knew he was quite capable ing ! I do believe he is not coming at of such an act of tyrandy. "I fear he will do as he says,' thought the poor man to himself as hastened away from the palace. "The Douglases are a pitless lot, and would " The just as soon ruin one of their vassals as drink a glass of wine."

Meanwhile Angus had placed the sword on the table, saying as he did so : "Another present for the young spark of a King." " By my tather's soul, Archibald !

what are you thinking of,' ' said Sir George Douglas, 'occupying yourself with such frivolous matters as making presents to a King of thirteen ?" " Patience! they will be repaid by

and by." "Oh, I am not speaking of those

coldly, that he may learn not to repeat this off-nce. But I believe I hear his step. Yes, I know it is his, "he said lis tening attentively, "it is so noisy and such a tramp, tramp, tramp," he con tinued, laughing and imitating the heavy walk of his friend. "Here he is. Now I must begin to sulk." James then retired into a corner of the anartment, and by the time Angus good golden coins you spent on that toy, but I lear that you only lose your time. And, besides, is it fitting to see you occupying yourself with a sprat of a sword only fit to be a child's the spartment, and by the time Angus opened the door he had succeeded in play thing ?"

"What would you say, George, if "What would you say, George, if ou saw me playing at bones?" "I should say, Archibald, that you

"And, by the Mass !" broke in "And, by the Would be right. Would it not," he would be right. Would it not," he went on, " be better, cousin, to seize upon the King at once than to lower yourself in such a way ?' A coup de main, Park, would be dan gerous just now. I am not yet sure that I have gained the affection of the

King." "And what does his friendship mat "," said Sir George with an as long as he is in our power ?" oath, ter,'

"Am I so unfortunate as to be the cause of your vexation?" asked Angus. "Am I so unhappy as to be the cause?" repeated the boy, imitating Angus's voice. "How could you ask " Ah, but it does matter, George such a question when you have kept for if the young King comes with us of his own accord our power is assured. The nobles will side with us-I mean, me waiting more than a quarter of an hour. Ah, I see you, like all the rest hour. Ah, I see you, like all the rest are going to give me up as well. It is too bad! I shall not love you any those nobles wh, have not as yet de clared for either party; whilst, if we employ violent measures, we should range against us not only the partisan "Ah, Sire : Criet Augus, in a con-of feigned despair. "I have made him unhappy." thought James, and, going up to his visitor, he added aloud, in a most gracious tone : "I fear I have pained you; but it was your fault. Why did you not come and let me embrace you as I do every day?" of my royal consort, Margaret, Chan cellor Beaton, and the Hamiltons, but a'so all those as yet indifferent, but who would in such a case, you may be who would in such a case, you may be sure, at once ally themselves with our enemies. I know well that the trade I ply is not worthy of my name of Doug las, and that I make but a poor cour tier, and hardly know how to flatter. But what would you? One must hunt But what would you? One must hunt with the hounds, and this wretched Cardinal, with his cautions policy, must be opposed with like weapons. I know that by having recourse to arms we could soon walk over the Hamil tons, but the Cardinal would know how to make wroff one carming of the to make profit of our carrying of the King, to raise the country against us and we should in the end gain nothing. As it is, has he not already divined my plans, and tried to oppose them by placing a boy between thirteen and tourteen with the King, hoping thus to iourteen with the King, hoping thus to supplant me? Happily, I have taken good care to frustrate his design, and at this very hour Andrew Cessford should be receiving my young rival, to hand him over to my faithful Wedder-born, who will rid me of him. Ha, ha ! I have managed beautifully. If I had not thought of attacking Percy, the Cardinal's messenger, I should have been supplanted by a puppet, and have played at bones to no purpose. played at bones to no purpose. But, talking of bones, the King will be waiting for me to play at eatch bal will ball

with him. What folly !' said George, shrugthen as yours has to day given me. ging his shoulders.

Rather, what a humiliation !' added Parkhead.

moment, you would have said, really beautiful." His face, us added Parkhead. "Yes, I am mad; I humble myself very low," returned Augus, taking up the sword; "but once get the King within the walls of one of my good. castles, and by St. Andrew, he shall pay for all! Not that I intend him has the the should flush, and his whole person was ani mated by the sudden burst of grati pay for all ! any harm, but I wish that he should one day fear me more than he now

smiled in Fis turn. What have him smile I cannot say, but what I do know is that when the young King saw it his enthusiasm died away. The sudden color which the warmth of his words With this threat Angus left the room, crossed the courtyart, and mounted the stairs leading to the King's apartments, where James the Fifth was impatiently awaiting him.

sary for the young.

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to begin the game. On the day of which we are speaking

Angus was a quarter of an hour behind the usual hour for his visit to the

James was rather out of temper at

sulky.

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and ill humour.

This delay had doubtless h

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assuming an appearance of vexation

CHAPTER VIII.

THE GAME AT BONES.

"How is your Majesty this morn ing ?" asked the Earl, as he entered. "His Majesty is in a bad temper, sir," replied the King, trying to pre

serve his assumed manner. "Am I so unfortunate as to be the

Ah, Sire !" cried Angus, in a tone

as I do every day ?"

myself about you."

What, that sword for me !"

I am quite tired of waiting.

not to have these ideas," replied Angus intentionally, "and I am a tool Angus intentionally, "and I am a foo to let you see how they preoscupy me." "What is it, then ?" ould spring up in delight, and basten

"Nothing, nothing, Sire," droitly turning the conversation, h owe you another chance, as I beat you yesterday." King. This delay had doubtless been caused by the conversation with his brother and coasin related above.

"Ab, so you did! replied James, who, with all the carelessness of a child lorgot that his triend was about to explain his coubting words, and ran letch the bones."

Acgus, however, had made up his mind to carry his point, and resolved to return to the charge. The King soon came back with his playthings, saying, 'Now we shall see if you will "'I am render Size to

ceat me to day." "I am ready, Sire, to enter the lists," said Angus gaily, staing him-self as he spoke on the carpet with his legs outstrotched and wide apart. In an instant Janes was seated opposite him in a like position, and the warrior, and the spoke of the spice of the start of the spice of Douglas, the chief the dreaded tue dreaded Douglas, the chief of numerous partisans, began his game with a child of thirteen, the secret stake being nothing less than the Regency of Scotland. "Let us see who is to begin," cried

the boy; and, grasping five of the bones, he threw them into the air, catching three of them on the back of his hand as they feil. "Fhere!" he exclaimed triumphantly. "Now you try. Douglas imitated the King, but only

Douglas imitated the King, but only caught two of the bones. "Two!' said the young King, laugh-ing. "I am first; that is a good sign. I shall be your master to day, Angus." "True; but who knows? to morrow, perhaps, I may be yours, Sire," an-swered the Earl. "Just insten to him !" laughed the box. "Want ambition! Trut is yet imitating

boy. "Wnat ambition! That is yet to be seen, sir. I warn you I should defend myself. But whilst waiting for

that, and as the primacy is mine, at all events for t. day, I shall begud." "Start, Sire," said Angus. "One," said James, beginning to play, "two, three, four. I have lost."

Now for my turn," said the Baron. "One, two - Ah, failed too !" cried the Prince, clapping his hands gleetully. "The advantage is certain

"This is my excuse," said the Earl, ly on my side." "Will it always be so, Sire?" asked producing the little sword. "Oh, how pretty !" cried the boy,

Angus. ... There you are, doubting again dancing round the weapon in admira tion. "What a charming sword! And how grand one would look with it at What is the matter with you this morn ing? Just now when I said I should one day be strong and powerful you seemed as if you did not believe me, one's side !" "Yes, Sire, that is my excuse, and you show ill humor when I was busying and you did not explain why; and now

again " Ah, wel., Sire, I will telt you what "It belongs to you, Sire, if you will gratify your most faithful subject by accepting it." I think," replied Angus appearing as if only yielding to entreaty; "but," he added, with some hesitation, "what "If I will! I certainly will," said

"If I will! I certainly will," said James quickly, at the same time seizing the weapon eagerly, and proceeding to draw it from its scabbard and brandish it in the air. "Thank you, Angus: you are really very kind; you are al ways thinking of me. But be patient Some day it will be my turn. When the day comes that I shall count for somethir g in the State, instead of being a mere punnet. in whose name. indeed.

not oblige you to go on with a silly game; and," he continued graciously, "I can be serious also when there is something in the state, instead of being a mere puppet, in whose name, indeed, they act, but woom they leave alone in a conter, then you will see. I shall make you presents -- lands, castles, large domains-and I trust that my presents will give our as much closent.

> uneasiness, " what has he to tell me?' "Your health, Sire, is suffering from the dulness of your life," began the

" Do you think so, Angus ? I never felt better than I do now.

More, perhaps, than you are aware

But in what way am

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you, and you repulsed the means I "Oh. God !" cried the boy, much

troubled. "But if I consent, Argus, if J yield to your wishes, how should I manage? How shall I withdraw myself from that surveillance which, if you speak truly, extends over all my

speak trij, actions ?' is easier, Sire,' answered Angus. 'All know that I had the pleasure of presenting you with a Spanish genet and arms suited to your but age; therefore it would seem but patural to everyone, that you should wish to try your horse and your mespons."

Yes, that would be very nice,'

"Yes, that would be very nice," said the boy eagerly. "Delightful, Sire ! Once obtain permission to ride out, and you can direct your course to the Netherbow Gate, where I, with my brother George and my cousin Parkhead, two of your faithful subjects, will meet you. From there we will escort you to a certain place, whence you will ride on in ad-vance with me. It will thus be easy to lose sight of your attendants, and then lose sight of your attendants, and then liberty and long life to old Scotland !" "And my mother all the time will be and and monthing eaching in the time will

And my mother all the time will be sad and weeping, asking in vain for her son. Who knows but that in her just anger the may not punish those poor servants who had accompanied me 7 No, my friend, do not speak of this plan to me any more. I will not mer No, my triena, do not speak of this plan to me any more. I will not hear of it again. Poor people pun-ished — perhaps put to death ! Oh, that would be terrible, and I should be unworthy ever to become a King.

The canning of Angus has been foiled by the noble feelings of the Prince. Doubtless he believed himself to be in danger, as Angus, to serve his own base purpose, had succeeded in per-suading him that he was ill; but he would rather endanger his own life by remaining where he was than com promise that of his servants by adoptng the means suggested to preserv his health. Moreover, with his natural uprightness of character, the royal child instinctively felt that, as Angus made such a point of keeping the matter secret from the Queen Regent, the course the Earl proposed could not really be an honorable one. "No no," he said to himself, "I will not go without my mother's leave. I will not the matting the second sec

I will tell her what is necessary for my ealth, and she will then send me her then she will know where I am, and I then she will know where I am, and I shall not be causing her anxiety and worrow.'

Though Angus made every effort to

Though Angus made every effort to regain his advantage, his efforts were unattended with success. "Good-bye, Sire," said Angus at length, seeing that he was but wasting words. "I go leaving my fate in your hands, for if the proposal I have just made to you should become known to my enemies or to the Queen R. gent, itwould be wrongly interpreted. They will say I had secret designs against you, and poor Lord Angus, accused by all, will find himself relegated to his own domains and deprived of all digat ties as the price of his devotedness.

"Be at rest, sir," said James, with dignity. "The King of Scotland is as yet only a child, but he knows how to keep a secret that would compromise a friend. Adieu, my lord," he continued, suddenly changing his tone; "I shall expect you to morrow to finish

" Cursed child !" muttered Angus as he took his way to the Council cham ber. " If ever I get him in my power by St. Dunstan! he shall pay for this!"

Beaton, mean while, had not lost time. He had been to the Queen-mother, and had loadly complained that the roads were not safe. One of his messengers had been attacked on the way to Dunbar and his despatches stolen, and amongst the aggressors was the chieitain of a formidable clan, who

had a few days before been seen in company with the Douglas. What would become of Scotland if no one could travel in safety, and if bandita were allowed to carry their impudence spy." "A spy !" echoed James. "And a child to do tais? I do not believe one could be found who would consent to do would only increase could travel in sain were allowed to car to such a degree -would only increase could charter of the sain wore allowed to car to such a degree -would only increase could charter of the sain wore allowed to car to such a degree -could charter of the sain wore allowed to car to such a degree -could charter of the sain could charter of the sain wore allowed to car would only increase could charter of the sain could charter of impudence which were countenanced by such powerfall lords as Angus ? Sire, your indignation does The Cardinal's accusation against er husband was eagerly caught at by unhappily, found one," said Angus, sighing, as if lamenting over the de-pravity of mankind. Margaret, who promised to demand an explanation from him at the Council. Angus, already much irritated by his of success with the young King, Oh, Angus, all that you have said frightens me. It seems as if I could trust no one. Even Beaton, whom I love! A child! Whom shall I trust ook the complaint of the Queen very bad part, and, instead of explain-ing matters, launched out so furiously against the Chancellor that Margarot gainst the "Trust to me," replied his companbroke up the Council. The crisis had the doubtful peace which had ion-" to me who wish to cure and save you. Thanks to me, who, like a bitherto reigned amongst the parties was at an end, and it only needed a spark to kindle into a conflagration the taithiul triend, have long watched over you in secret, that child is no longer to mouldering embers that had for a time be teared. I have removed him from been covered over. Any chance cir your path, and you cannot sufficiently cumstance would suffice to bring the opposing parties into violent collision-George and Parkhead awaited in A he appreciate the service I have thus done you. To have had at your side a being who would tollow you everywhere like Augus's room the Earl's return. As he entered he overturned a piece of furnishadow, spying your every act-"Oh, God !" ejaculated the poor oy; "how insupportable it would entered he overturned a piece of them ture that lay in his way, and cried on passionately, (George 1 George 1 three days hence we must have secured the person of the young King and over-You need not speak of it, Sire. Happily for you, I was able to frustrate thrown the Hamiltons. I must be Re the design, for that daily obsession would have sufficed to kill you. That gent, and this cursed Beaton shall at last feel what a Douglas is worth. It That danger at least is over ; but there is must be so, I say, it must, even if to ac-complish it all Scotland be delivered another to be feared, and to overcome that also I propose this plan.' "Well, let us hear it " over to fire and sword ! For the carrying out of this audaci-ous plan he ordered his brother to assemble at Edinburgh all his vassal "I am leaving shortly for the county of Angus. Will you go with me, capable of bearing arms, and also to bring with him all his own retainers. Sire ?" "Do you mean it seriously ? And my mother ?" "I shall notify your abode to your TO BE CONTINUED.

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#### HOW ROBIN BREAS IRELAND

It was an Esstern h was full of the scent aromatic shrubs, and t humming. There were h among the anemones, and trees cast short shadows The son shone brilliantly of Olives, and the sunba the waters of the Ce streets of Jerusalem an motion reigned. Out wails thronged a great the low hoarse murmur filed the air. Angry | men's faces and distor the likeness of One Who midst and Whom they His face there was a be that of man, a holiness, a loveliness indescri pen. He bore on His heavy weight of the cro angels counted each p blood as it ell unheed His way to Calvary. S fully He toiled up in Among the multitude thearts acned for Hissof rearned to comfort Hu ng into their hearts. on then, and as they of piercing sweetness lowly and selieved, i their Lord and God. followed the Divine from Jesus by the flore face reflected the i de and beauty of His, a impress of a sorrow to the ages was like unto sorrow. At length, reached. At each ste reached. At each ste ful journey men's pas fercer, and now on C they reached their cli ies, shouts of scorn a heard on every side,

Jesus, agonized and cross, gre # in exceeding High in the air, n walls. a white-breas walls, a white-breas Some strange force d to Caivary, and he foot of the cross. The Head drooped lower the agony of Jesus w bird heart stirred w tiny beak it flew at the reind its little beat tried its little best orth. In vain! Foi ous attempts, quiver Robin fell to the gr spikes pressed heav crowned Head. Aga ards, and this time drawing one thorn s fell on Robin's woite its feathers in a cr Wnom the least o is of account, rewarde forth he and all his a on their breasts that Robin will be known

preast God's Own Bir And now the hour tion has come. The consummated, and Je hour darkness spread the sea rose ; the roc the earth opened; an The wild beasts rus their lairs. Men tre and believed, too la in this upheaval o anguish for its Creat

Robin Redbreast's and where such thin on that dread Frid He looked for the la fragrant with cons Below the vale of shadow. Bethlehem throned among the angels first sang t such variance with flew by corn swept of waving wheat : and the pomegranat promise of an abur the larks sang over land. The Dead Se land. its arid desolation. ordan were calm

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he added, with some hesitation, " what good is it to occupy ourselves with such grave matters as Court intrigues ? I did not come for that. Let us go on with our game." "No, no!" said James, rising as he spoke, and throwing away his trys. "No, sir! I do not understand to what you refer, but you seem so uneasy that I would not oblige you to go on with a silly

Very well, Sire, since you wish it,' said Angus, rising in his turn, " I will tell you all." "My God !" ejsculated the boy with

Earl.

You may believe that, Sire, but it

is not s ." "What !" asked the poor boy, much troubled. "Am I ill ?"

sive of love, joy and the other senti ments that filed his soul. The Earl smiled in his turn. What made him of," replied Angus, noticing with pleasure the fear that his words awak ened in the mind of the young Prince.

" That is true," replied the King, feeling more reassured. " These old palace walls and the somble bangings of your apartments," said Douglas, " are enough to make you feel gloomy, whilst in other places

joy

there are fields and woods and rich and picturesque scenery which rejoice the eye and distract the mind." "True I true I" cried the poor child, already seeing himself cured of his

many new things you could see and en-

aiready seeing nimself cured of his imaginary illness. "Well, Sire," rejoined Angus, much pleased at finding himself so good a politician, "that is the remedy for your

malady : new objects to interest you, a healthy situation and beautiful country, and you are saved " But James was not listening now ; he

was thinking. Then suddenly he spoke his thoughts. "How is it," he asked, " if I am as ill as you think-how is it possible, Angus, that my mother, whom I see every day, should not have noticed

it ?' The astute politician was taken aback for a moment by this question, but quickly recovered himselt.

quickly recovered himsell. "The Queen, your mother. Sire," be replied, "loves you certainly Yes, that is true; but preoccupied as she always is with the intrigues of Beaton and his party, and absorbed also by the weights business of her import by the weighty business of her import ant office, it is not to be wondered at that when she daily embraces you with

theless, will pursue its course

kdow, and even now do not know, if you will accept the profiered remedy. If

"How could that be?" inquired James.

James. Yes, Sire, yes, by such a proposal I know and feel I am compromising my seli ; yet so real as my devotion to you.

" And what is your remedy ?" " Freed m, Sire : to live in the open air, on the plains and moorlands, the country - and, in short, change, answered the Earl.

the subject.

Take care, Sire, not to do that,' Aneas guickly. "Guided as she said Angus quickiy. "Guided as she is by the perfidious Beaton, she would never let you leave her, and even the small amount of liberty you have at present would then be compromised. I do not understand you," said

" Listen, Sire. If it were not for me, you would soon have at your side one who would control all your acts -a That is the worst part of it. child ! child ! That is the work part a child The Cardinal meant to employ a child for this disgraceful work. Yes, Sire, a

for this disgraceful work. child, who would have been set over you as nothing more nor less than a

No reasoning can explain the to the Now you know why, when you just now spoke of becoming strong and powerful, I expressed my doubts : for I did not

you do accept it, I shall be only too happy to run any risk to which it may

and so true my love is r you, that I do not hesitate a moment."

"You are right, I believe. To-morrow I will speak to my mother on

mother, Sire, but - after-when you have honored my beautiful castle in

Angus with your presence. Then, Sire-then I shall hasten to write to

"And in the meanwhile my mother

great tenderness and love-far be it from me to doubt that-yet, with so many important affairs on her mind, does not notice that your eyes more or less heavy, that your color gradually decreases and assumes a livid All this demands a searching examination. But, Sire, with me it is different. I love you, not with a mere different. I hove you, not what he has natural love, not because you are my scn," continued Angus, trying with supreme diplomacy to effect a good-natured pleasantry. "Such an honor is not mine. No, Sire, the attachment

I teel tor you is not one of duty. I love you because because I do love you. No reasoning can explain the effection I bear you, and for that very cause I am more apt than another to discover the traces of a malady which is slow in its effects, but which, neverend; at least," he added, alter a moment's pause, "unless it is arrested, and that is what I wish to bring about.

For some minutes he silently ex amined the sword in his hand, and and frail. then, turning to the armourer, "Come he said abruptly. here

The man came forward, but not without fear.

"This sword is very well made," said the Earl, " how much do you ask for it ?'

" Ten gold crowns, my lord."

"Ten crowns ! So be it ; go !"

The man had held out his hand to prived receive the payment when he heard his dismissal pronounced; but the sur-prise, the shattering of his hopes, the bodily exercises which are so neces thought that he must return home with out food for his family, kept him rooted to the spot.

was charming. He was affable to all, and so full of gratitude for any ser-vice rendered him that he was be-"Go. I say !" repeated Angus, who had replaced the little sword in its scabbard. loved by all who attended on him.

" But, my lord," the man ventured to say, 'those ten crowns are all I have to look to;" and he again stretched forth his hand.

By St. Andrew's cross !" cried gus, 'I believe the clown dares to Argus, 'I benev.

" Mercy, my lord !" ejaculated the

poor workman. " Do you belong to Edinburgh ?"

asked the Earl. " No, my lord." " What county do you come from, then ?'

It was just when one need of Hend-ship was most acutely felt by the young monarch that Angus conceived the idea of winning his affection and confidence. He had no difficulty in making his plan successful. Solitary . From your own county of Angus, sir. I came to Edinburgh to gain my livelihood, for my father has only seven cows in his stable, and oxen and some he is too poor to support ten children, and I am married." "Well, and what is your name ?"

" Tib Tibby, my lord

" Make a note of the name Park," said the Earl, addressing Sir Parkhead, whose name he thus cut short for con venience. "And "--to the armourer when we return to our county, we will visit your father, and see if his oxen and cows are worth taking. Here, fellow, are your ten crowns.

He threw the money as he spoke for me to day; he is so kind. Car across the table, and the man, gather-ing it up, left the room quite frightened dinal Beaton also is very kind, but I at the thought that the Earl might put into execution his threat of robbing his Angus. Oh, how late he is this morn-

had caused to mount to his face van The King, was, as we said before, thirteen years of age, but he did not look more than eleven. He was of

The natural character of the Prince

The poor little King longed to be

stow his affections on someone, but upon whom? Deprived as he was of

to his years, his life was a very lonely

It was just when this need of friend-

and almost abandoned in his palace

Baron, who, notwithstanding his numerous occupations, found time to

visit him every morning, bringing him

presents and joining in his childish games. "From gratitude to love," it is said, "there is but one step," es

pecially when the heart is tender and

loving like that of our young Prince

nd thus Angus soon gained his affect

tions. Each morning James awaited with impatience the advent of the

self, " he will have some nice surpris

" Perhaps," he would say to him-

James felt grateful to

Earl.

powerful

this

one, and the sense of his lonelines often weighed heavily upon him.

games and companionship suited

nau caused to mount to his hade val ished, and as if by magic, he became as pallid as before. The smile was of such a freezing nature that it was impossible even for a child to remain happy under is in formation of the second pallid as before. good stature, indeed, but very delicate Perhaps this weakness was its influence. He was conscious of the feeling withthe cause of the extreme weariness and langour from which the royal child suffered. His countenance wore an out being able to analyze it. His joy

was suddenly extinguished, and he b habitual look of fretfulness and suffering, lieved that his pleasant intercourse with Angus was at an end. However, he was delighted with the sword, and and it was rarely that his pale face wa brightened by the healthy colour usual to children of his age. Since the fatal admired it much

esents will give you as much pleasure

Looking at the boy-King at that

pale, was tinted with a deep crims

tude and generous feeling. He raised his eyes towards Angus, eyes expres

"He is

His face, usually

"How nice it is!" he said. "And disaster of Floddet, which had placed him on the Scottish throne and de its pommel is so handsome, and the scabbard is so beautiful, and then so him of his father, he had be come the pivot of intrigue. Enjoying a doubtful liberty, it was with diffi-entry that he could indulge in those sosboard is so beautint, and then be small-just suited to me." "It will go well," remarked the Earl, " with the musket and the Span-

ish genet.'

Your presents also, Angus."

"I did not mean to remind you of that. Sire. Ab, but I do not forget. I always remember things that have given me pleasure. Now, thanks to you, I am armed from head to foot."

" Like a little knight, Sire," said Angus, laughing ironically.

"Patience, patience, you naughty jester! Though I am little now, I shal one day grow big, please God, and then I shall be strong and powerful."

"If it please God," repeated the Earl, with a peculiar expression of voice

The boy looked at him with surprise. "What do you mean, Angus? Do you doubt?"

" No, Sire, no, I do not doubt your growing up strong and powerful;

bat-" Bat what ?"

Angus was silent a moment, and apbeared to be revolving something

"Ab," he said to himself, "George "Ab," he said to himself, "George and Park think I have already was ted too much time. Perhaps the moment has come to act decisively. If I could persuade the child to go to one of my castles, from there I should dictate the law, and the Regency would be mine

let us make an essay." "Well, my lord, you have not answered me. You really are tiresom this morning. I do not know what to make of you." "You are right, Sire ; but I ought

"From languor, Sire, and it is gradually leading you to your grave." "Oh | what do you say?" cried out such work.'

" Oh I what do you say ?" honor to the nobility of your nature ; but, alas I it is only too true : he had, the alarmed boy: and his face grew even paler than before. Yet Aogus pitilessly went on:

"Yee, Sire, you are always in the same room, breathing always the same air. seeing always the same things. All this is quite enough to cause weariness and fatigue, and, in consequence, ser

ions illness." "Oh, my God ! but you frighten me, Angus." "So much the better, Sire." he re plied, in a brutal tone. "One is often

"So much the better, "One is often plied, in a brutal tone. "One is often obliged to cause pain to those one above all, when the pain will produce good effects."

"But you are really mistaken," said the King, with a trembling voice. "I do not teel any bad symptoms, and since you have been so kind as to come every day to play with me I have not felt so

duil." "But how 30 you know, Sire, if that boy ; have been !' never know can continue ? In fact,

from day to day that I may not be obliged to leave." "Oh, surely that is not true ! You are not really going, are you ?" "Yes. I am obliged to go and put down some rebel lords in my county

Angus, and it is on that account that uneasy.' ow unhappy I shall be," said

the little boy, " not to see you any more, and perhaps for a long time !" " A whole month, Sire "

" I could not do without you all that time," cried the poor Prince; " and," he added, in a voice that betrayed the

tears be could hardly restrain, "I might never see you again if I am as

"You sre ill, Sire, certainly, but it her. has not gone as far as that yet. Listen, Sire : I can tell you what will cure will be devoured by anxiety. Oh, no, no! Rather thas cause her this auxiety and sorrow, I would expose myself to the worst effects of the you." What ?" asked the boy eagerly.

"It is chiefly the air of this place that injures you If you were in a malady you spoke of just now. "As it pleases you, Sire," replied Angus-"as it pleases you; but do not more healthy air-

" Really ?" said James, listening 'ively. Then," continued Angus, " all atter

complain again of having no friends, for your complaint would be unjust; and I could answer you truthiaily your surroundings here tire you with and I could answer you truthially their sameness. Eisewhere there are "Sire, I loved you; I wished to save

had lived a deat regal halls. It was Jiidia when Con The Angelus Bell. battle to the clan

For the first time, it is said, in the bistory of New York, beginning the day after Christmas, the chimes of the angelus bell are now heard on busy Broadway, the Bowery, and through out the vast network of streets which he between, comprising Little Isaly. Morning, noon and night rings out its summons to devotion, and while some in the hurry and bustle of the city's throng may listen and wonder, others recognizing the call, stop to repeat the three Ave Maria's or to cross them-

selves.

was borne from ball of Mesgedra The moment the Ling would die. the Royal Physici Yet long 'midst thop Cooor Mao N we It always the high from his hearts a And for this 1 lay c more from this Bo with armi s in b ing he wan of a At high t, when the measure of wing