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THURSDAY EV'G, MARCH 5, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

Poor girl! her position was very unfavourable to right reasoning and right action. Duped and deceived; believing what was not; misapprehending herself, and surrounded by misery and distressing privations, what wonder that she was tempted to forsake her instincts and depart from the truth which resided in her nature? When she looked at the wretchedness with which her father miserably doing surrounded her, and to the bleak prospect of cheerless dependence which a situation opened up, and contrasted these with the advantages which would be her's as the wife of Charlie Allan, let us not be surprised to find that the temptation grew every day stronger to make that escape from poverty which was in her power, and accept the ease and wealth and pleasant experience which waited for her at Birkenleuch.

In a word, Helen Cringan finally consented to marry Charlie Allan. Oh! the joy this gave to the old miser. In the excess of his ecstasy he took her in his long skinny arms and strained her to his withered bosom. Then he rushed away to some solitary place to shriek out his vehement rapture at the prospect of adding in large abundance to his hoarded stores of gold.

Charlie Allan was no less exultant. The patience and perseverance with which he had hitherto presented his suit were nearly exhausted, and very soon he meant to adopt the strong measures he had at long meditated, but Helen's compliance saved him from the extreme procedure, and he would now bear her to Birkenleuch as a willing and smiling bride. Once his restraint which he had been exercising, and which had galled him so severely, would be thrown off, and he would, without scruple, make her the mere minister of his selfish gratification.

Helen having given her consent, made no objections to the marriage being celebrated on an early day, and Charlie lavishly supplied her with means for making the necessary preparations. 'You'll give me the legacy, won't you?' said her father, in the most insinuating tones. 'You won't have any use for it, for you'll have far more money than you can spend; so you'll not grudge the hundred pounds to your poor old father, eh?'

'Nay, you must talk to Charlie about that,' returned Helen, with a smile. 'If he is willing that you should have the money, I am.'

Jabez rubbed his hands in a very transport of delight, and, without saying a word to his daughter or anyone, went across the upland to Brankswood, to have a talk with Sir Gilbert Barton.

He had not to go the whole distance to the mansion, for he came upon the Baronet seated on the edge of one of his own fields. He had been shooting all the morning, and, as the day was hot, the big, sassy frame of Sir Gilbert was hot too, and, tired and fatigued, he had sat down by the wayside to rest. Here it was that Jabez Cringan came upon him.

The Baronet noticed the miser's thin, bent, and shrunk figure, as he slowly advanced along the bridal path, and he purposely waited till he should come up.

'Well, Cringan,' he exclaimed, in his usual hearty tone, 'hoop's a' w' ye, and hoop's that wrong headit lassie o' yours?—Only appearance o' her comin' tae her senses yet?'

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