

materially depends on Alan or James. I am short, you do not at all, then by one person binds our client to a third accompanes which has been our opinion," said Sheriff we may all be very restorable witness out of duty, I think Mr. Bal- he obliged. For you omptio, but Mr. Bal- has very much the ap- ph."

"I interposed Stewart ere is another view, witness—never fash or not—a witness in by that old lawyerless Glengyle Macgregor or near upon a month old cold ruins on the and see what dirt you edings. Sirs, this is a world ring with it, with such a grip as we took up Mr. Bal- row?" said Stewart, deceived or we should dments thrown in our he should have been found a new servant to a great scandal, but I none of us forgot a ean the matter of the e woman was still in and Mr. Hope of Ran- vely and humanly possi- ead? He never got a 'll be the same now, will be used. This is n, of clan animosity, name which I have the ges in high quarters, here to be viewed but pite and scurvy Camp-

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"Thank you, gentlemen," e would like, by your e two or three ques- tions, that has fallen rather ead. Will this cause e friend James of the ead a hair set back and evers, but concurring ead point—that James ead in the king's mes- ead," said I, "will it do ead?"

"Miller had already ead was traveling to and ead on the same road. ead," Mr. Balfour, says ead, sir."

"I ask ourselves if it ead George," I pursued, ead chance to answer, but ead gazed into their glass- ead they found my eye ead unpleasant. But Mil- ead all events.

"I would to put our young ead in more formal shape, ead stand him to propose ead embody the fact of his ead perhaps some heads of ead was prepared to offer ead crown. This plan has ead. It is as likely as ead (perhaps likelier) to help ead his majesty would ead to feel a certain grati- ead in such a memo- ead be construed into an ead delicate loyalty, and ead of the same thing ead ought forward."

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"Not finding any very ready answer to these considerations, my company of ad- visers were at the last persuaded to consent, and made only this condition, that I was to lay the paper before Prestongrange with the express compliments of all concerned."

The advocate was at the castle dining with his grace. By the hand of one of Colston's servants I sent him a billet asking for an interview and received a summons to meet him at once in a private room of his own. Here I found him alone in a chamber. "You are late," there was nothing to be gleaned, yet I was not so unobtrusive but what I gleaned some halberds in the hall, and not so stupid but what I could gather he was prepared to arrest me there and then should it appear advisable."

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I thought he swore to himself. "You should certainly be called. The bar is the true scene for your talents," says he bitterly, and then fell awhile silent. "I will tell you," he presently resumed, "there is no question of James Stewart, for or against. James is a dead man. His life is given and bought, if you like it better, and sold. No mem- rial can help—no defalcation of a faith- ful Mr. David hurt him. Blow high, blow low, there will be no pardon for James Stewart, and take that for said! The question is now of myself. Am I to stand or fall? And I do not deny to you that I am in some danger. But will Mr. David Balfour consider why? It is not because I have pushed the case unduly against James, for that I am sure of con- sideration. And it is not because I have sequestered Mr. David on a rock, though it will pass under his eye. Here I found him alone in a chamber. "You are late," there was nothing to be gleaned, yet I was not so unobtrusive but what I gleaned some halberds in the hall, and not so stupid but what I could gather he was prepared to arrest me there and then should it appear advisable."

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As for the Browns and Millers, I had seen their self seeking. I could never again respect them. Prestongrange was the best man. He had saved me, and spared me, rather, when others had it in their minds to murder me outright, but the blood of James lay at his door, and I thought his present dissimulation with myself a thing below pardon. That he should affect to be assured in my dis- course almost surprised me with my pa- tience. I would sit and watch him with a kind of slow fire of anger in my bowels. "Ah, friend, friend," I would think to myself, "if you were but through in this affair of the memorial, would you not have saved me the pains? Here I did him, as events have proved, the most foul injustice, and I think he was at once far more sincere and a far more artful performer than I had sup- posed."

But I had some warrant for my incred- ulity in the behavior of that court of young advocates that hung about him in the hope of patronage. The sudden favor of a lad not previously heard of troubled them at first out of measure, but two days were not gone before I found myself surrounded with flattery and at- tention. I was the same young man and neither better nor bolder than they had rejected a month before, and now there was no civility too fine for me. The same, do I say? It was not so, and the byname by which I was now called, back confirmed it. Seeing me so firm, the advocate and persuaded that I was to fly high and far, they had taken a word from the golfing green and called me the Ted Ball (a ball placed upon a little mound for convenience of striking).

On the morning of Oct. 11 I was awak- ened by the clattering in of an express, and getting to my window almost be- fore he had dismounted I saw the mes- senger had ridden hard. Some while after I was called to my chamber, where he was sitting in his bedgown and nightcap with his letters round him. "Mr. David," said he, "I have a piece of news for you, of a whom I sometimes think you are a little ashamed for you have never referred to their existence."

I suppose I blushed.

"I see you understand, since you make the answering signal," said he, "and I must compliment you on your excellent taste in beauty. But do you know, Mr. David, this seems to me a very enter- taining and interesting subject. The government of Scotland appears un- able to proceed for Misses Katrina Drummond, which was somewhat the case, no great while back, with a certain Mr. David Balfour. Should not this make a good match? Her first intromis- sion in politics, but I must not tell you that story. The authorities have de- cided you are to hear it otherwise and from a livelier narrator. This new ex- ample is more serious, however, and I am afraid I must alarm you with the in- telligence that she is now in prison."

"Yes," said he, "the little lady is in prison. But I would not have you to despair. Unless you with your friends and memorials shall procure my down- fall, she is to suffer nothing."

"But what has she done? What is her offense?" I cried.

"It might be almost construed a high treason," he returned, "for she has broke the king's castle of Edinburgh."

"The lady is much my friend," I said. "I know you would not work me if the thing were serious."

"And yet it is a serious one, in a sense," said he, "for this reason of a Katrina, or Ca- trina, as we may call her—has set adrift again upon the world that very doubtful character, her papa."

"I saw the consequences and was in- stantly reassured for Catrina. Ah!" said I, "I was expecting that."

"You have at times a great deal of dis- cretion, too!" says Prestongrange.

"And what was my lord pleased to mean by that?" I asked.

"It was just marvelous," he replied. "That being so clever as to draw these inferences, you should not be clever enough to keep them to yourself. I think you would like to hear the details of the affair. I have received two ver- sions, and the least official is the more full and far the more entertaining, being from the lively pen of my eldest daugh- ter. Here is all the town blazing with a fine piece of 'what she wrote,' and what would make the thing more noted (if it were only known), the malefactor is a protegee of his lordship, my papa."

"I am sure your heart is too much in your duty (if it were nothing else) to have forgotten Gray Eyes. What does she do but get a brood hen with the flap open, a long, hairy like man's greynose and a big graviti, kill her out on top of Gude kens whaur, clasp two pair of boot hose upon her legs, take a pair of clouted brogues (patched shoes) in her hand and off to the castle! Here she gives herself out to be a son of a shoemaker in the employ of James More, and gets admit- ted to his cell, the lieutenant (who seems to be full of pleasant) making ap- proach among his soldiers of the souter's great- coat. Presently they hear disputation all the sound of blows inside. Out flies the cobbler, his coat flying, the flap of his hat beat about his face, and the lieut- enant and his soldiers mink at him as he runs off. They laughed not so hearty the next time they had occasion to visit the cell and found nobody but a tall, pretty, gray eyed lass in the female habit. As for the cobbler, he was 'over the hills ayont Dunblane,' and it's thought that poor Scotland will have to console herself without him."

"I drank Catrina's health this night in public. Indeed the whole town ad-

threes her, and I think the beaus would wear bits of her garters in their button- holes if they could only get them. I would have gone to visit her in prison too, only I remembered in time I was papa's daughter; so I wrote her a billet instead, which I intrusted to the faithful Doig and I hope you will admit I can be po- litical when I please. The same faith- ful Doig is to dispatch this letter by the express along with those of the wis- est of you, so that you may hear Tom Fool in company with Solomon. Talking of gomerals, do tell Davitt Balfour. I would I could see the face of him at the thought of a long legged lass in such a predicament, to say nothing of the lev- ities of your affectionate daughter and his respectful friend." So my racial signs herself! continued Prestongrange. "And you see, Mr. David, it is quite true what I tell you, and my daughters regard you with the most affectionate playfulness."

"A gomerall is much obliged," said I. "And was not this Highland maid a piece of a heroine?"

"I was always sure she had a great heart," said I. "And I wager she grieved nothing. But I beg your pardon; this is not my family, and myself tender on heartiest congratulations, and to them, as well as to the officers and citizens of the several places we have visited, we can only offer the greatest praise for the attention we have everywhere received. I may say, also, that Your Excellency will express to the President of the U. S. the regret I feel because on account of condoning my heartiest congratulations, and to them, as well as to the officers and citizens of the several places we have visited, we can only offer the greatest praise for the attention we have everywhere received. I may say, also, that Your Excellency will express to the President of the U. 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