

THE RAINBOW.

Soft glowing in uncertain birth
Twist nature's smiles and tears.

Thus gleaming o'er a guilty world,
Thus dawns upon the contrite soul

Lady Flora Hastings.

LORD RODEN'S SEAT IN IRELAND.

I shall not forget the smile with which the poor
driver turned his head to look at me, when a rapturous
exclamation burst from my lips: and while we proceeded

The iron gates were thrown open by a porter clad in
the same garb with my friend at Dundalk, whose military
bearing well accorded with the Waterloo medal that

It is impossible to conceive the effect of these few
words, displayed in such a place. Lord Roden, I knew,
was still in England; and the Countess was then on

I must linger a little in this enchanting hall: it is
lighted on the left by a row of high and richly stained
windows, which cast a most beautiful mellow lustre on

But I must lead you back to the house, for you have
not seen the chapel. Fancy a choice collection of all
that the sculptor, the painter, and engraver can accom-

You will believe that by the time we had traversed
this space, I was sufficiently excited to be thankful for a
little leisure to compose my spirits before the noble lady

of this noble mansion returned to confirm the greeting
of the Irish scullion, and to lead us into the delicious grounds,
that all sparkling with sunlit drops of recent rain,

to this region of delights. The famous rhododendrons,
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Leaving the house in the rear, and the exquisite lawn
on your right, you cross a slip of pasture, and enter
the covert of a dark grove, which leads you by a

In a level part of this enchanted glen, Lord Roden
has pressed his wild river into the service to which he
devotes himself, and all that he is, and all that he has,

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THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN AND THE
TEMPLARS.

From "Memoirs of the Queens of England" by Hannah Lawrence.

Among the many and singular characteristics of the
middle ages—characteristics which present so much
that is picturesque—those institutions which combined

Up to the period of the first crusade, the idea of
grasping the lance, and unfurling the banner of the
white cross, seems never to have occurred to the humble

These warrior monks, for priests they never were,
were divided into three classes or bands, all differing
in birth, rank, and profession. The first rank consisted

About the time of Stephen—for the exact year of
their settlement has not been ascertained—the Knights
Templars first arrived in England. Their founder (Hugo

These knights, in their general rules of government,
and especially in their apparent combination of the
chivalrous and priestly character, bore a close resemblance

Much misapprehension, in regard to the peculiar
character and functions of these military monks has arisen
from the circumstance of their being termed, in phrase-

those who took merely the conventual vows, and those
who took the priestly, much of the apparent anomaly
vanishes. The three-fold vow of poverty, chastity, and

The Garner.

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Some are negligently profane, and absent themselves from
the ordinances of Jesus Christ and the solemn worship of God, upon
mere sloth and recklessness. And how many such carelessly

Our Saviour himself, (who surely would not be the first
example of breaking his own laws) did not refuse to answer upon oath,
being called thereto at his trial. So we find Matt. xxvi. 63, The

OATHS SANCTIONED BY CHRIST'S EXAMPLE.
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example of breaking his own laws) did not refuse to answer upon oath,

THE MAN OF THE WORLD.
The world is in a state of delusion; for such is the state of them
that sleep. To all things that really concern them they are

plative into the airy regions of abstraction, setting them to
construct intellectual systems, without one just idea of the
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