The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

The solemn manner of the speaker more than his words intimidated the warder, and after summoning two or three fellow together, he slowly opened the postern.

The frar entered hurriedly, carrying the body of a man who was quite insensible, if not dead, and whose clothes were soaked with water, which, dripping from them, marked the course he was carried.

The warder led the way into his own watch-room, grumbling all the while to himself at the trouble he was put to, because a tipsy carle chose to tumble into the water.

A long form was drawn into the middle of the room, and upon it the insensible manlywas stretched face downwards, so as to permit the water to run from his mouth. The friar busied himself in the attempt to restore consciousness by all the means at his command. He undid the collar of the patient's jerkin, and felt if his pulse continued to beat. The warder and the gardeners who had joined him looked on inactive.

"I fear the earthly sorrows of the poor man are closed,' said the friar, gravely shaking his head; but let us not repreach ourselves with the thought that we failed to give him what help we could yield. Go you, Master Warder, fetch me some wine; and one of you, sirs, get me some festhers.

He began to rub the patient vigorously; and it was at that moment the bugle sounded.

"Feathers you may have, father but wine

there is none until the l'rioress comes from prayers.'

'Then I will seek my good sister myself since you are so churlish. My gown will privilege me to pass to the chapel,' said the friar, rising in apparent indignation.

'I will not stay you; but if our mistress be wroth you shall bear the blame.'

'Enough, fear nothing.'

The friar strode into the court, and as the men looked after him one of them muttered'He strides and speaks more like a trooper than a priest.'

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The friar walked like one who had receive
directions as to his route, rather than like
as one acquainted with it or wholly ignorant
of it. He seemed to seek certain landmarks,
and twice altered his course.

He reached the staircase leading to one of
principal doorways. As he ascended, the
door suddenly opened and two figures darted out—Mary Douglas and her page.

Crawford had been left in the Priory by
Barras, who had gone forth a short while before vespers. This privilege the page had
turned to the advantage of his mistress, and
had stolen into the corridor leading to the
chapel. There Mary found him on her escape, and he had conducted her safely this
far when they encountered the friar.

Both started back in confusion and dismay
at sight of the man; and Crawford laid his
hand upon his poignard, resolved that even
the gown of the Church should not be respected if an attempt was made to intercept
their progress.

But his courageous resolve was not put to
the proof, for at sight of them the friar hurriedly defield his gown and revealed the person
of Captain Lindsay.

'You are safe, my lady, you are safe,' exclaimed Crawford in a joyful whisper,' here is a friend,
Lindsay hurriedly threw the friar's gown
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Lindsay hurriedly threw the friar's gown around Mistress Douglas, muttering at the

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'We cannot halloo yet, madam, although we are nigh through the wood. But be firm, and we shall speedily be on the right side of your prison walls.'

'I will not fail you, 'she answered calmly.'

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'I will not mar your scheme by any childish weakness. Trust me, my nerves are steady as your own.'

'Faith, my lady, that adds to the chance of our success mightily,' he said admiringly.'

'Keep you by your mistress, Crawford, and strike down the first who lays a finger upon her.'

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'Where is he,' she asked under her breath.
'At hand,'
Lindsay raised his fingers to his lips and
whistled shrilly.

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