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Jeannie Sinclair, OR, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

"Yes, Dae ye no ken the meanin' o' thae grand Scotch words?"

"I think I do, but why do you apply them to me?"

"Because, when I cam' upon ye lyin' on the grass here, ye had sic a weasome look, and ye are nae mair like what ye was the last time I saw ye than night is like day."

"In what respect, an' I changed?" asked the youth, with a wan smile.

"In a' respects," answered Ned. "Two weeks syne yer e'e was bricht, yer voice cheery, yer face beaming wi' gladness, yer spirit free and joyous as the summer breeze; but noo yer e'e is dull, yer voice desponding, yer face shadowed wi' grief, and yer spirit heavy wi' sorrow."

"I have had something to pain and disappoint me, Ned," returned William, with a sigh.

"I think I ken what it is," remarked Ned, slowly and softly. "Dinna be offended at my freedom, Maister Denman, I'm no aye given tae the curiosity or careless gossip, but I think I feel mair than onybody lookin' at the outside o' me wad suppose, and for ye, Maister Denman, I have a true and sincere regard."

"I am well aware of that, Ned, and am exceedingly gratified to think it is so. You are my friend, my sincere and true friend, and your acquaintance I value highly. If you could give me any comfort or consolation in my grief I would confide it to you, but no one can aid me, not even those who, like you, have a regard for me."

"Dinna be owre shure about that," said Ned, with an oracular air. "If it's ony comfort or consolation for ye tae be telt that Jeannie Sinclair will never be married, tae Sir Fergus, then I say noo, that she never will."

"You are a shrewd guesser, Ned," remarked William, a heightened color flushing his face. "I cannot and will not deny that you have hit pretty closely on the cause of my despondency. But how did you come to think I had—a love for Jeannie Sinclair?"

"Because I'm no blind, Maister Denman, and I dinna see ye and her together sae often without perceivin' what was what. I was glad tae think it was sae, for ye twa were made for ane another. She's a prime lassie, Jeannie. They ca' her the Lily o' the Strath, and weel is she named; but, for that pairt o' it, she might be ca'd the Lily o' the North, for in a' my wanderings, never did my e'e light on sic a bonnie lassie. But, bonny as she is, she's even better than she's bonny. Sae sweet, sae kind, sae leal-hearted, sae guileless, and sae pure."

"She is indeed all you say, Ned, rejoined William, with another long sigh.

"Guid as she is, though Maister Denman, I say it to your face, and that without flattery, ye are worthy o' her."

"Why, Ned," returned the youth, with a languid smile, "you have formed an extraordinary high opinion of me."

"Nae higher than ye deserve, sir, I be bound. I likit ye Maister Denman frae the first minute I saw ye, and what I have seen o' ye since has made me like ye mair; and I say again that ye are weel worthy o' the love and troth o' Jeannie Sinclair."

"Worthy or not worthy, Ned, she is not destined to be mine," said William, in a low tone, and turning away his head.

"An' what for?" returned the Wanderer. "She loe's ye, sir. Depend upon that. She loe's me weel. I dinna be blind tae that either, and what for shall she no be yours?"

"I cannot tell you that, Ned. I have no right to tell you, but you will discover it ere long."

"Then the rumor is a true one," said Ned. "She is engaged to Sir Fergus Sinclair?"

"William was silent."

"It's a marriage that will never tak' place," added Ned, with decision, almost with vehemence.

"Why should it not?" asked the youth. "Because it's monstrous," burst out Ned. "It's horrible, it's—'tis impossible."

"The youth sadly shook his head. "It is an unseemly union I grant, and a great mistake has been committed in binding Jeannie to consummate it. She, poor girl, is not to blame. The dispensation under which the matter falls is a dark one; but such things have been, and we poor mortals must bow before even what craves us."

"The dispensation is not so dark as it looks like," returned Ned. "Tae you it looks black and hopeless enough, Maister Denman, and nobody can sympathize mair than me wi' the sorrow ye are sufferin'. But cheer up yer heart, sir, for it wunna be Sir Fergus Sinclair that will deprive ye o' Jeannie."

"You speak very confidently of this, Ned. I did not know that you took to fortune-telling at times."

"I pretend tae nae sic profane and impious poe'r; naethless, I telt ye that, as shure as you and me are lyin' here, Sir Fergus and Jeannie will never be wed. Tak' that wi' ye to California for yer comfort. Count it as shure as ye coot on the sun settin' the night for the aye is not one whit mair certain than theither."

"I wish I could entertain the hope, Ned," responded Denman; "but there is no ground for it, absolutely none."

"I telt ye, Maister Denman—na! I swear tae ye by that guid and holy that what I say is true. It's no frae the difference o' ages or anything o' that kind that I found my assertion. But there's a reason—'tis certain it is the noo—a reason that makes the union impossible. [Sir Fergus dinna ken o' it at present, but I ken o' it, and when time coom's I'll bring it tae light. Gang yer ways tae California then, for the sake o' pur Maister Douglas; but letna the licht o' hope expire in yer bosom. Come back wi' Maister Robert at the year's end, and we'll see the full expectation o' findin' Jeannie Sinclair free."

TO BE CONTINUED.

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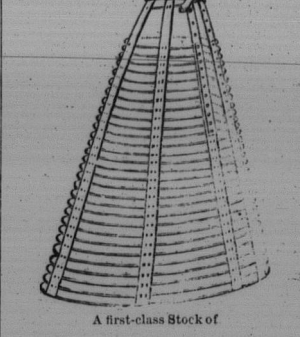
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