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# The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

APTER XI. - SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS ver is the mother of one chylde, h, having thoughtlong dead, shelyndes alive er by proofe of that which she hath fylde r own breast, this mother's joy descrive;

Glibert was conducted safely through the sark to the place where he had found the toge waiting an hour before. His guide lawing bade him a sulky adieu, our advenuer proceeded with quick strides to the pot where the Chevalier had arranged to

turer proceeded with quick strides to the spot where the Chevalier had arranged to await his return.

He found him, and briefly related all that had passed, not omitting the singular communication made to him by the lady who had accompanied him to the door. The Chevalier pressed his arm as if in congratulation.

'I trust the lady prophesied truly; and mayhap her random words were nearer truth than she or you imagined.'

'It may be so, for folk say that fortune favors all who have hearts stubborn enough to besiege the jade till she yields.

'And when she yields, do you ever dream of the form you would have her favors take?'

'The vision is very faint. When my poor mother lived she would at whiles when she was saddest take me down from Ilastane to Birnam's Cross, and there, whilst we heard the Yarrow moaning by us, she would tell me strange tales of the brave knights of Birnam. Sometimes I dream that I should like to be one of them, for my mother loved them, although her family had been at feud with the lords of Birnam for long years.

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'Your mother was one of the Elliots of Minto?'
Yes, but she lived apart from her family on account of some quarrel, the nature of which I have failed to lean hitherto. She lived at Halstane with her kinsman Walter Spens, in whose arms she died.'
'And where was your father?'
They walked on a little way in silence.—'
Then Gilbert, huskily—'
Dead I believe.'
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name.'
'You press me sorely, comrade, but since
we have touched upon this matter we will
finish it now. By snatches I have learned
something of a cruel story from my mother
and from Spens. When she was in direst distrees my father's friends turned coldly from
her. My father himself was many years occupiedin the wars of France and the Lower
Country. Either his messages were never
delivered or he had learned to forget his wife.
'You speak harshly.'
'And if I do it is because my mother's
memory is so dear to me, and because she suffered cruelly. From the time that I began
to grasp the meaning of these things I said
in the bitterness of my heart that I would
never seek my father or his name; that with
what strength heaven would be pleased to
give me I should make a name for myself
that would rank without a blush beside that of
my father, even had he been the noblest in the
land. So let our gossip cud.

To this Chevalier made no response, but
the said story of a neglected wife which was
thus briefly indicated by Gilbert was not to
end so abruptly as he appeared to desire.—
Far removed, as it seemed, from his present
life, it was one of the currents which was to
swell the tide of his affairs much more than
he anticipated.

They were now on the south side of Canongate, and not far from Netherbow Port. They
stopped at the foot of one of those narrow
outside staircases peculiar to the construction of the houses of that period.

'We have something to learn here, perhals, whispered the Chevalier; Jesmething
that may concern our cause nearly. Step
sortly.'

They accended the staircase, and the Chevalier, after massing his hand carefully over

Softly. The passing his hand carefully over the door, pressed one of the nails with his inger. No sound was heard, but presently the door was cautiously opened and the two men entered. The door closed in the same cautious namer as it had opened.

Then a light, which appeared to be placed on the top of the child's head, moved along in the passage before them, un two steps at the bagic part of the house, and into a small three conners it chamber which had apparently been designed originally for a pautry.

The light was he need to the ground and

A look of intelligence passed between the on have met before v said the Chevalier es, responded Gilbert quickly, with iid I gained entrance to Tushielaw's tow-

overheary. The next minute he extinguished the light.

The sound of voices from another apartment reached (Gibert's car, and the pronounciation of his own name and that of Lady Spens quickened his cariosity.

The thevalier drew him to the wall, a portion of the pannelling was removed, and a diamond shaped eye-hole admitted the light from the next chamber. Gibbert looked throthe hole and perceived those arch conspirators, Adam Scott of Tushielaw and the sham friar Simon.

There was a third to whom both scemed to pay particular attention, and upon whom both scemed to be carnestly urging something This third person owned a gainly figure, tall, muscular, and youthful, with a keen dark eye, and a bearing haughty as that of the proudest monarch.

He spoke with a decisive tone of authority. 'Now, mark me, with the persons you name! I have nothing to do. To-night you have blundered as the stupidest gilley to be found on Angus would not have blundered.

'We did not get the full signal,' growled Tushiclaw.

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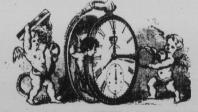
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