

grown) should resent so trifling an alluion, and that from her next friend, that risk, and the first was in no humor to deshe had near wearied me with praising lay.

of! I had bitter, sharp, hard thoughts "Your father," said he, "would be of her, like an angry boy's. If I had kissed her indeed (I thought), perhaps she would have taken it pretty well, and only because it had been written down, says he, "and come on by with the rest and with a spice of jocularity on she of us here to Rotterdam. Ye can get a and with a spice of jocularity up she must fuff in this ridiculous passion. It seemed to me there was a want of pene- as far as to the Brill, and thence on on in the female sex, to make angels weep over the case of the poor man.

We were side by side again at supper, and what a change was there. She was curdled milk to me; her face was like a wooden doll's. I could have indif- that sometimes poured upon the foreferently smitten her or groveled at her feet, but she gave me not the least occasion to do either. No sooner the meal done than she betook herself to attend on Mrs. Gebbie, which I think she had a in the least familiarity with any one ex-

a long while before I could find my op-portunity, and after it was found I made in vain. not much of it, as you are now to hear.
"I have no guess how I have offended,"
said I. "It should scarce be beyond par-

And now it was I that turned away. CHAPTER XXI.

HELVOETSLUYS.

Catriona leaped into the air. ther in the end considerably orsened. The wind sang in the shrouds to labor and cry out among the billows. The song of the leadsman in the chains The song of the leadsman in the chains was now scarce ceasing, for we thrid all the way among shoals. About 9 in the morning, in a burst of wintry sun between two squalls of hail, I had my first look of Holland—a line of windmills breathing quick and deep; thence (she birling in the breeze. It was besides morning, in a burst of wintry sun be-tween two squalls of hail, I had my first look of Holland—a line of windmills birling in the breeze. It was besides my first knowledge of these daftlike conrivances, which gave me a near sense past 11, outside the harbor of Helvoetsluys, in a place where the sea some-

a partan crab came gingerly alongside, and the skipper of it hailed our master in the Dutch. Thence Captain Sang turned very troubled like to China way, so that the Rose had got her anchor and was off again before we had approached the harbor mouth.

We were no sooner in smooth water than the retreatment of the control Presently a boat that was backed line a partan crab came gingerly alongside, and the skipper of it halled our master in the Dutch. Thence Captain Sang turned very troubled like to Catriona, and the rest of us crowding about, the nature of the difficulty was made plain to all. The Rose was bound to the port of Rotterdam, whither the other passengers were in a great impatience to arrive, in view of a conveyance due to leave that very evening in the direction of the upper Germany. This, with the office of the upper Germany. This was the best friend in the world. The upper Germany of the upper Germany of the upper Germany. The upper Germany of the upper Germany. The upper Germany of the upper Germany of the upp

The rest of the day I walked up and had trysted in Helvoet with his daughdown raging. There were few names so ill but what I gave her them in my own before the port and place her, according mind before the sun went down. All to the custom, in a shore boat. There that I had ever heard of highland pride was the boat, to be sure, and here was seemed quite outdone—that a girl (scarce Catriona ready, but both our master and the patrons of the boat scrupled at the

> geyan little pleased if we was to break a leg to ye, Miss Drummond, let a be drowning of you. Take my way of it,' on. It passage down the Maes in a sailing scoot again by a place in a rattel wagon back

But Catriona would hear of no change. She looked whitelike as she beheld the bursting of the sprays, the green seas castle, and the perpetual bounding and swooping of the boat among the billows, but she stood firmly by her father's or-

"My father, James More, will have arlittle neglected heretofore. But she was to make up for lost time, and in what re- her last. I thought it very idle and indeed wanton in the girl to be so literal mained of the passage was extraordinary assiduous with the old lady, and on deck began to make a great deal more than I wise of Captain Sang. Not reason, if she would have told us. but what the captain seemed a worthy, fatherly man, but I hated to behold her lent things, only the use of them must be first paid for, and all she was pos sessed of in the world was just two shilgether she was so quick to avoid lings and a penny halfpenny sterling. me and so constant to keep herself sur-rounded with others that I must watch a long while before I could find my op-she being too proud to tell them, spoke

> "But you ken nae French and nae Dutch neither," said one.

"It is very true," says she, "but since

to say more, and I was going to say it too.

"There is one thing," said I. "If I ing would have induced him to have done in the same almost beyond reason.

"Well, well, well, well, well ing would have induced him to have done in the same almost beyond reason.

"Well, well, well, well ing would have to learn more."

yet more precarious than from the ship; she stood so high over us, swung down so swift and menaced us so perpetually ashore at Helvoet all by myself and with no hope of any reward but the pleasure of embracing James More if I should "Sir," says he, "he may be in hell for what I ken, and for my part I wish he ant to. But this was to reckon without the lass' courage. She had seen me sure, she was not to be beat by her dis-

Up she stood on the bulwaras and meta-by a stay, the wind blowing in her petti-"Under your favor, Mr. Sprott," said ats, which made the enterprise more spread my arms. The ship swung down on us,, the patroon humored his boat nearer in than was perhaps wholly safe, still clinging to me with both hands) we were passed aft to our places by the steersman, and, Captain Sang and all the crew and passengers cheering and crying farewell, the boat was put about for

As soon as Catriona came a little to sluys, in a place of times broke and the ship pitched outrageously. You may be sure we were all said no word. No more did I, and in deed the wailing of the sea and the blood left his lusty countenance. "For the Lord's sake, dinna be hasty, is tarpaulins all clinging on by ropes and jesting the most like old sailor folk that way, so that the Rose had got her anchor and was off again before we had apart of the sprays made it no time that could at all effect the man. The blood left his lusty countenance. "For the Lord's sake, dinna be hasty, is it?" he cried. "I am truly wishfu' no to be offensive. But ye ken, sir. I'm and was off again before we had apart of the sprays made it no time that could at all effect the man. The blood left his lusty countenance. "For the Lord's sake, dinna be hasty, is it?" he cried. "I am truly wishfu' no to be offensive. But ye ken, sir. I'm and was off again before we had apart of the sprays made it no time that could at all effect the man. The blood left his lusty countenance. "For the Lord's sake, dinna be hasty, is it?" he cried. "I am truly wishfu' no to be offensive. But ye ken, sir. I'm and was off again before we had apart of the sprays made it no time that could at all effect the man. The blood left his lusty countenance. "For the Lord's sake, dinna be hasty, is it?" he cried. "I am truly wishfu' no to be offensive. But ye ken, sir. I'm and was off again before we had apart of the sprays made it no time that could at all effect the man. The blood left his lusty countenance. "For the Lord's sake, dinna be hasty, is it?" he cried. "I am truly wishfu' no to be offensive. But ye ken, sir. I'm and the blood left his lusty countenance."

apon news obliging enough to receive from her the other shilling without more complaint. No doubt I was a good deal nettled and ashamed. I like to see folk thrifty, but not with so much passion, and I dare say it would be rather coldly that I asked her, as the boat moved on again for shore, where it was that she was trysted with her father.

But Catriona stopped square in the like a sack of the highway.

"It is this way of it," said she. "Either in a business affair, and I think it's like to turn out a dear affair for Sandie straid with you."

Sprott. The man's as guid's my pairting to me close. "Take me away, David," she said. "You keep me. I'm not with so much to turn out a dear affair for Sandie straid with you."

Sprott. The man's as guid's my pairting to me close. "Take me away, David," she said. "You keep me. I'm not will go on to speak of her, and I will go what God pleases, or else you will do me that politeness to talk of other things."

"And have no cause, my little friend!" cried I and could have found it in my heart to weep.

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"No, but I ought to warn you," I besaid again. "Don't leave me at all events."

I was the most nonplused person in gan and then bethought me that I was

"He is to be inquired of at the house of one Sprott, an honest Scotch merthe ae thing, and that's if he was to pay the ae thing, and that's if he was to pay the ae thing, and that's if he was to pay the ae thing. chant," says she, and then with the same me my siller. Ye see what way I stand breath, "I am wishing to thank you very with it, and it's clear I'm no very likely much—you are a brave friend to me."

"It will be time enough when I get yo ca' her. She cannae stop here, that's you to your father," said I, little think-ae thing certain sure. Dod, sir, I'm a -you are a brave friend to me." ing that I spoke so true. "I can tell him lone man. If I was to tak her in, it's a fine tale of a loyal daughter." highly possible the hellicat would try

"Oh, I do not think I will be a loyal girl. At all events," she cried, with a great deal of painfulness in the expres"Enough of this talk," said I. "I will

dather's orders," I observed.

"I cannot have you to be thinking of thus learn from me where he is to seek me so," she cried again. "When you had his daughter."

rope with an empty purse? I count it sum.

Whereupon (I giving my arm to Catri-Whereupon (I giving my arm to Catri-"You forget James More, my father, ona) we left the house of this unpalatable is a poor gentleman," said she. "He is a rascal. She had said no word through-

that counseled you to go and would be driven fair horse mad if she could hear driven fair to these Gregory "Now," said I, "let us get back to you "Now," said I, "let us get back to you they can speak the folk that you were living with and used same inn where they can speak the you lovingly? It's a blessing you have French, have a piece of dinner and inther hindered by an accident, what would become of you here, and you your lee again in the hands of Mrs. Gebbie. alone in a strange land place? The "I suppose it will have to be,"

not be lowering James More to them."

I found out later on that she must don then. Oh, try if you can pardon me,"

"I have no pardon to give," said she, and the words seemed to come out of her throat like marbles, "I will be very much obliged for all your friendships."

And she made an eighth part of a courtesy.

But I had schooled myself beforehand the say more and I was going to say it.

The very true, says she, "It shell shell says she, with since the year '48 there are so many of the have lowered him in the very dust, for the daughter's, and she thus obliged to persevere in it for the man's reputation. But at the time I was ignorant of this, and the mere thought of her destitution and the perils in which she must have lowered him in the very dust, for the daughter's, and she thus obliged to persevere in it for the man's reputation. But at the time I was ignorant of this, and the mere thought of her destitution and the perils in which she must have lowered him in the very dust, for the daughter's, and she thus obliged to persevere in it for the man's reputation. But at the time I was ignorant of this, and the mere thought of her destitution and the perils in which she must have lowered him in the very dust, for the daughter's, and she thus obliged to persevere in it for the man's reputation. But at the time I was ignorant of this, and the mere thought of her destitution and the perils in which she must have lowered him in the very dust, for the daughter's, and she thus obliged to persevere in it for the man's reputation. But at the time I was ignorant of this, and the mere thought of her destitution and the m the year '46 there are so many of the have lowered him in the very dust, for the lie was originally the father's, not I came alongst with you."
the daughter's, and she thus obliged to "What else would I be thinking all

"Indeed, and I will never be so unjust then," said I, nor yet so ungrateful."

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"I will go ashore with the young lady, clean and set out with china and pictures and a globe of the earth in a brass. Captain Sang," said I. "It is all one tures and a globe of the earth in a bras what way I go to Leyden," and leaped frame. He was a big chafted, ruddy, at the same time into the boat, which I lusty man, with a crooked, hard look to managed not so elegantly but what I him, and he made us not that much cifell with two of the fishers in the bilge.

"Is James More Macgregor now in Helvoet, sir?" says I. "I ken nobody by such a name," says he, impatientlike.

"Sine you are so particular," says I.

was."
"The young lady is that gentleman's daughter, sir," said I, "before whom I leap with very little appearance (how-ever much reality) of hesitation; to be ure, she was not to be beat by her disarded friend.

Up she stood on the bulwarks and held

Very becoming to discuss his character."

"I have nothing to make either with him or her or you!" cries he in his gross

coats, which made the enterprise more dangerous and gave us rather more of a view of her stockings that would be thought genteel in cities. There was no minute lost, and scarce time given for any to interfere if they had wished the ne. I stood up on the other side and you and me, who am but her fellow traveler by accident, under a strong obligation to help our country women."
"Will you ding me daft?" he cries. "I
tell ye I ken naething and care less either for him or his breed. I tell ye the

man owes me money."
"That may very well be, sir," said I, who was now rather more angry than himself. "At least I owe you nothing. The young lady is under my protection, and I am neither at all used with these manners nor in the least content with

As I said this, and without particular-As I said this, and without particular-ly thinking what I did, I drew a step or er the Gibbies into the High Germany, mere good fortune on the only argument that could at all effect the man. The self. It was the more gratifying to find

and the rest right Hollands, till at last—
and the rest right Hollands, till at last—
seeing her near tears—I privately slipped in the rogue's hand 6 shillings, where spondent either. For their is a sence in upon he was obliging enough to receive wilk I may be nearly almost said to be but carry her suddenly away.

She carre out of that ordinary cling.

morn, he micht nae come for a twalnever leave me."
"Where am I taking you indeed?" says

ion, "I do not think my heart is true."

"Yet there are very few that would Give me pen, ink and paper, and I will have made that leap, and all to obey a leave here for James More the address of father's orders," I observed.

I leave here for James More the address of my correspondent in Leyden. He can

done that same, how would I stop behind? And at all events, that was not while I was doing Sprott, of his own all the reasons." Whereupon, with a motion, made a welcome offer to charge burning face, she told me the plain truth himself with Miss Drummond's mail upon her poverty.

"Good guide us!" cried I. "What kind inn. I advanced him to that effect a dolof daftlike proceeding is this, to let your-self be launched on the continent of Eu-an acknowledgment in writing of the

out, leaving me to judge and speak in "But I think not all your friends are her place; I, upon my side, had been hunted exiles," I exclaimed. "And was careful not to embarrass her by a glance. this fair to them that care for you? Was and even now, although my heart still it fair to me? Was it fair to Miss Grant glowed inside of me with shame and

fallen in my hands! Suppose your far quire for conveyances to Rotterdam. I will never be easy till I have you safe

"I suppose it will have to be," said thought of the thing frightens me," I said. Catriona, "though whoever will be "I will have lied to all of them," she pleased I do not think it will be her. replied. "I will have told them all that I had I will remind you this once again I had plenty. I told her too. I could that I have but 1 shilling and 3 bau-

> "And just this once again," said I, " will remind you it was a blessing that this time?" says she, and I thought

weighed a little on my arm. "It is you that are the good friend to me." CHAPTER XXII.



"Take me away, David," she said. long wagon set with benches, carried us in four hours of travel to the great city of Rotterdam. It was long past dark by then, but the streets were pretty brightly lighted and thronged with wildlike, ontlandish characters, heard at the large travel and the large travel and the large travel are the large travel and the large travel and the large travel are travel and the large travel and the large travel are travel and travel are travel are travel and travel are travel and travel are travel are travel and travel are travel are travel and travel are travel are travel are travel are travel are travel and travel are t The rattel wagon, which is a kind of a brightly lighted and thronged with wildlike, outlandish characters—bearded Hebrews, black men and the hordes of
shameless women most indecently
adorned with finery and stopping seamen by their years elegant.

The shameless made most extraordinary
difficult by a plain black frost that fell

synddarly in the stand of the whiteness of bread I were like to go fasting."

She looked at me with open eyes
the light of the new day she w
black and pale for weariness so the with her plunging and passaging upon the anchor cable. I began to think I had made a fool's bargain, that it was merely impossible Catriona should be got on board to me, and that I stood to be set James Drummond, alias Macgregor, alias James More, late tenant in Inveronashore at Helvoet all by myself and with us. I made the best face I could for the lass' sake and my own credit, but the truth is I felt like a lost sheep, and my neart beat in my bosom with anxiety. Once or twice I inquired after the har-

bor or the berth of the ship Rose, but either fell on some who spoke only Hollands, or my own French failed me. Trying a street at a venture, I came upon lane of lighted houses, the doors and windows thronged with wauflike painted women. These jostled and mocked upon s as we passed, and I was thankful we had nothing of their language. A little after we issued forth upon an open place

along the harbor.
"We shall be doing now," cries I a soon as I spied masts. "Let us walk here by the harbor. We are sure to meet some that has the English, and at the best of it we may light upon that very

We did the next best, as happe for about 9 in the evening whom should we walk into the arms of but Captain Sang. He teld us they had made their run in the most incredible brief time, the wind holding strong till they reached port. by which means his passengers were all gone already on their further and we had no other acquaintance to self. It was the more gratifying to find the man friendly and wishful to assist. He made it a small affair to find some good, plain family of merchants, where Catriona might harbor till the Rose was loaden; declared he would then blythely

said again. "Don't leave me at all events;

I, stopping, for I had been staving on ahead in mere blindness. "I must stop and think. But I'll not leave you, Catriona. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if I should fail or fash you." She crept closer in to me by way of

reply. "Here," I said, "is the stillest plac that we have hit on yet in this busy byke of a city. Let us sit down here under yon tree and consider of our course." That tree (which I am little like to forget) stood hard by the harbor side. It was a black night, but lights were in the houses, and nearer hand in the quiet well—but here you show them to ex- was lucky that I did not pay more dear ships: there was a shining of the city on the one hand, and a buzz hung over it of many thousand walking and talking; on

the otherit was dark, and the water bubbled on the sides. I spread my cloak upon a builder's stone and made her sit there. She would have kept her hold mon me for she still shook with the late affronts, but I wanted to think clear, lisengaged myself and paced to and fro her in the manner of what we call a smuggler's walk, belaboring my brains for any remed*

By the course of these scattering ughts I was brought suddenly face to face with a remembrance that in the heat and haste of our departure I had left Captain Sang to pay the ordinary. At this I began to laugh out loud, for thought the man well served and at the same time by an instinctive movement carried my hand to the pocket where my money was. I suppose it was in the lane where the woman jostled us, but there is only one thing certain, that my purse

was gone.
"You will have thought of something good," said she, observing me to pause. At the pinch we were in my mind be came suddenly clear as a perspective glass, and I saw there was no choice of nethods. I had not one doit of coin, but in my pocketbook I had still my letter on the Leyden merchant, and there was now but one way to get to Leyden, and

that was to walk on our two feet. "Catriona," said I, "I know you're brave, and I believe you're strong; do you think you could walk 30 miles on a plain We found it. I believe, scarce the two-thirds of that, but such was my

notion of the distance.
"David," she said, "if you will just notion of the distance.

"David," she said, "if you will just teep near I will go anywhere and do anything. The courage of my heart, it of Delft. The red gabled houses made a is all broken. Do not be leaving me in this horrible country by myself, and I will do all else.'

"Can you start now and march all

"I will do all that you ask of me," she said, "and never ask you why. I have been a bad, ungrateful girl to you, and do what you please with been a bad, ungrateful girl to you, and do what you please with me now! And I think Miss Barbara Grant is the best lady in the world," she added, "and I do not see what she would deny you for at "Are you wanting it?" said she and passed me fer purse. "I am wishing it was \$5." What will you want it for?"

tales. Soon we'll be going over the 'Seven Bens, the seven glens and the seven mountain moors.'" Which was a com-mon byword or overcome in these tales of hers that had stuck in my memory.

"Ah," says she, "but there are no glens or mountains, though I will never be de-nying but what the trees and some of the plain places hereabouts are very pret-ty. But our country is the best yet."

"I wish we could say as much for our own folk," says I, recalling Sprott and Sang and perhaps James More himself.
"I will never complain of the country
of my friend," said she, and spoke it out
with an accent so particular that I
seemed to see the look upon her face. I caught in my breath sharp and came near falling (for my pains) on the black

ona," said I when I was a little recovered, "but this has been the best day yet. I think shame to say it when you have met in with such misfortunes and disfavors, but for me it has

day yet."
"It was a good day when you showed me so much love." said she. "And yet I think shame to be happy, too." I went on, "and you here on the road in the black night." "Where in the great world would I be

safest where I am with you."
"I am quite forgiven then?" I asked.
"Will you not forgive me that time so much as not to take it in your mouth again?" she cried. "There is nothing in this heart to you but thanks. But I will

that you can indulge yourself in such be your friend," said I. "I am too young bairnly whims. Here is a young lady to advise you or you to be advised. I

depended altogether on my help, that she never do to seem too churlish. "Catriwas of the frail sex and not so much ona," said I, "don't misunderstand me beyond a child, and it was for me to be | "I am just trying to do my duty by you.

forbid that I should do anything to set you might dwell with me a bit and be you on the jee. As for talking of Miss like my sister. You can surely understant, I have no such a mind to it, and stand this much, my dear, that I would l believe it was yourself began it. My just love to have you?" only design—if I took you up at all—was "Well, and here I an for your own improvement, for I hate that's soon settled." the very look of injustice. Not that I do I knew I was in duty bounden to have not wish you to have a good pride and a spoke more plain. I knew this was a nice female delicacy—they become you great blot on my character, for which I

"Well, then, have you done?" said she.

"I have done," said I.
"A very good thing," said she. And we went on again, but now in silence. It was an eerie employment to walk in that gross night, beholding only shadows and hearing naught but our own steps. At first I believe our hearts burned against each other with a deal of enmity. but the darkness, and the cold and the silence, which only the cocks sometimes interrupted or sometimes the farmyard dogs, had pretty soon brought down our pride to the dust, and for my own particular I would have jumped at any decent opening for speech.

Before the day peeped came on warmish rain, and the frost was all wiped away from among our feet. I took my cloak to her and sought to hap her in the same. She bade me rather impatiently to keep it.

said I. "Here am I, a great, ugly lad that has seen all kinds of weather, and lithough her face told tales of her. "Indeed and I will do no such thing, here are you, a tender, pretty maid. My lear, you would not put me to a shame?" Without more words she let me cover

her, which as I was doing in the darkness I let my hand rest a moment on her shoulder, almost like an embrace. "You must try to be more patient of

your friend," said I.

I thought she seemed to lean the least thing in the world against my bosom, or perhaps it was but fancy. "There will be no end to your goodness," said she.

But the property of the said in silence. But the property of the said in silence. But the property of the said in silence is a said she. your friend," said L now all was changed, and the happiness that was in my heart was like a fire in a

handsome show on either hand of a cahal the servant lassies were out slester ing and scrubbing at the very stones upon the public highway, smoke rose

This was Greek and Hebrew to me, but I had other matters to consider, and the first of these was to get clear of that city on the Leyden road. It proved a chancy town of Rotterdam. I will tell consider the first of these was to get clear of that uncity on the Leyden road. It proved a chancy town of Rotterdam. I will tell consider the first of these was to get clear of that uncity on the Leyden road. It proved a chancy town of Rotterdam. I will tell consider the first of these was to get clear of that uncity on the Leyden road. It proved a chancy town of Rotterdam. I will tell consider the first of these was to get clear of that uncity on the Leyden road. you of it now, because I think the worst is over, but we have still a good tramp

She looked at me with open eyes. By the light of the new day she was all black and pale for weariness, so that my heart smote me for her. But, as for her. she broke out laughing.

"My torture! We are beggars then? she cried. You, too? Oh, I have wished for this same thing! And I am glad to buy your breakfast to you. But it would be pleisand if I would have ha to dance to get a meal to you! For I believe they are not very well acquainted with our manner of dancing over here and might be paying for the curiosity of that sight."

I could have kissed her for that word. not with a lover's mind, but with a heat of admiration, for it always warms a man to see a woman brave.

We got a drink of milk from a coun-

try wife but new come to town, and in a baker's a piece of excellent, hot, sweet ho smelling bread, which we ate upon the road as we went on. That road from Delft to The Hague is just five miles of a fine avenue shaded with trees, a canal on the one hand, on the other excellent pastures of cattle. It was pleasant here in-

will you do with me at all events?"
"It is what we have to speak of," said
I, "and the sooner the better. I can come by money in Leyden; that will be all well. But the trouble is how to dis-

"It will be more than seeming then," said she. "You are a very young maid," said L

else?" she cried. "I am thinking I am "and I am but a very young callant. safest where I am with you."

This is a great piece of difficulty. What is a great piece of difficulty. way are we to manage, unless you could pass to be my sister?" "And what for no?" said she, "if you

would let me!".
"I wish you were so indeed!" I cried. be honest, too," she added, with a kind of suddenness, "and I'll never can for give that girl."

"I wish you were so indeed!" I cried.
"I would be a fine man if I had such a sister. But the rub here is that you are Catrions Drummond." Catriona Drummond." "And now I will be Katrine Balfour."

are all strange folk here." "If you think that it would do." says "but I will never forgive her for all that. I "I own it troubles me. I would like I will never, never forgive her, and let it very ill if I advised you at all wrong." "David, I have no friend here but

you," she said.
"The mere truth is I am too young to

things."

I was the most nonplused person in gan and then bethought me that I was this world, but I bethought me that she the bearer of the purse, and it would wise for the pair of us. girl. Here I am going alone to this "My dear girl," said I, "I can make strange city to be a solitary student girl. Here I am going alone to the "Well, and here I am," said she. "So

But I minded how easy her delicacy had been startled with a word of kissing her in Barbara's letter. Now that she de

pended on me, how was I to be more bold? Besides, the truth is, I could see her. And I dare say inclination pulled

me very strong.

A little beyond The Hague she fell very lame and made the rest of the distance heavily enough. Twice she must rest by the wayside, which she did with pretty apologies, calling herself a shame to the highlands and the race she came of and nothing but a hindrance to myself. It was her excuse, she said, that she was not much used with walking shod. I would have had her strip off her shoes and stockings and go barefoot. But she pointed out to me that the women of that country, even in the landward roads, appeared to be all shod.

'I must not be disgracing my brother,'

There is a garden in that city we were bound to, sanded below with clean sand, the trees meeting overhead-some of them trimmed, some pleached, and the whole place beautified with alleys and arbors. Here I left Catriona, and went forward by myself to find my correspondent. Then I drew on my credit and asked to

explained that my sister being come for awhile to keep house for me I should be wanting two chambers. This was all very well, but the trouble was that Mr. Balfour in his letter of recommendation had condescended on a great deal of pariculars and never a word of any sister was extremely suspicious, and viewing me over the rims of a great pair of spectacles—he was a poor, frail body and reminded me of an infirm rabbit—he be-



I would have had her strip off her shoes and stockings and go barefoot.

Here I fell in a panic. Suppose he accept my tale (thinks I); suppose he invite my sister to his house, and that I bring her. I shall have a fine raveled

pirn to unwound and may end by disgracing both the lassie and myself.

Thereupon I began hastily to expound to him my sister's character. She was of a bashful disposition, it appeared, and so sposition, it appeared, and so fearful of meeting strangers extremely fearful of meeting strangers that I had lefther at that moment sitting in a public place alone. And then being launched upon the stream of falseworld in the same circumstance and plunge in deeper than was any service, adding some altogether needless partic-ulars of Miss Balfour's ill health and retirement during childhood, in the midst of which I awoke to a sense of my chavior and was turned to one blush.

The old gentleman was not so much deceived but what he discovered a willingness to be quit of me, but he was, first of all, a man of business, and knowing that my money was good enough, how-ever it might be with my conduct, he pose of you until your father come. I thought last night you seemed a little sweir to part from me."

was so far obliging as to send his son to be my guide and caution in the matter of a lodging. This implied my arcsentof a lodging. This implied my presenting of the young man to Catriona. The poor, pretty child was much recovered fection and took my arm and gave me the name of brother more easily than I could answer her, but there was one rather towardly than otherwise to my

And I could not but reflect that Miss Balfour had rather suddenly outgrown her bashfulness. And there was another thing—the difference of our speech. had the low country tongue and dwelled she said. "And who is to ken? They upon my words. She had a hill voice, spoke with something of an English accent, only far more delightful, and was scarce quite fit to be called a deacon in the craft of talking English grammar, so that for a brother and sister we made a most uneven pair. But the young Hollander was a heavy dog, without so much spirit in his belly as to remark her prettiness, for which I scorned him. And that was the best friend in the world to see not what else we are to do, and yet I as soon as he had found a cover to our

heads he left

CHAI FULL STORY OF The place four of a house back wo rooms, the first; each had ; the floor in the ing alongside ea pect from the w tree below us in of the canal and architecture, an The first thing

the farther side. by we had good word to Sprott to sent on, together his chief's, and t her breakfast res was a little abas in her one habit upon her stocki I had made it se must pass before to hand in Ley needful she must She was unwil go to that expen she was now a must appear sui before she was er

spirit of the thir It pleased me to horough in this more extraordina which I fell on it The Dutch chir extraordinary ch would be ashame paid for stockings spent so great a s and by way of a bers pretty bare.

Catriona was a light to see he enough lodged for By the end of th a long walk alone self a lecture. I my roof a young ful, and whose in And now, after the had just experience acy with which vain purchases, I as very hazarded. had a sister, inde so expose her: who Catriona in the ha God had made; made my face to b since I had been er trapped the girl in

that I should bel pulous nicety.
She depended bread and shelter alarm her delicacy Besides I was her h or, and the more i en in these positio me if I should prof ward even the most the opportunities which no wise par fered for a moment, est suit would be u be extremely hold and yet not too muc had no right to a character of a suite continually and if

that of host It was plain there that position save while I was in it. for my guidance. to be enabled to ob more human aid to chased a study book that I could th these grave considering my mind bubbled a vescency of pleasi homeward. As I t ure awaiting me be heart beat upon my My troubles bega She ran to greet me affecting pleasure: sides, entirely in the

had bought for heryond expression we about and drop me of them and be admired with an ill grace, fo choked upon the wor "Well," she said, caring for my pret have done with our she showed me the swept and the fires

I was glad of a cl more severe than ona," said I, "I am with you, and you a hand upon my ro must have the rule ether. It is most give you that for n She dropped me which were extrac

you will be cross," making pretty ma when every stitch me belongs to you. very cross either. ot any one else." This struck me haste in a kind of all the good effect of this direction pros At the sight of her he fire and with

looks my heart wa We made our mea ounded like a kind In the midst of th er recollections, m excuse and set my studies. It was a tructive book that ate Dr. Heinecciu

do a great deal of days, and often ver one to question me thought she bit her that cut me. Inde solitary, the more