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stately solitude his thought withdrew to ponder on Thy love and learn Thy will: love in him was power, and he knew low strength and wisdom should Thy law fulfil.

Then, gleaming, like the senith rising sun, Where flashes dear Italia's tideless sea, The promise kept of Thy divine decree The Vision came of our rede

The Poem: The dawn arose more radiantly grand Than at God's first com Where Juda smiles with Jordan to the And every saintly power Acclaimed the destined hour

onearth tomake men fre They brought no glittering gift of gold or gems, Or burnished diadems,

But all men's goodly deeds since God's Angels held on high,

And, tender as the sky, His mercy shone resplendent from

To greet the bridal feast And Gabriel his wondrous message b Where sate in simple state, Unwist of sacred fate, The temple's royal handmaid, Mary fair

Her queenly will, unto the Will Divine She hastens to incline;

At eve and morning's light, The music of Isaiah's promise of the Word Incarnate God! Ye angels fold your wings While awful mystery flings Her glowing veil o'er Hope's Supernal incense bring,

And let each living thing Adore the Christ upon His throne of grac

## LADY KILDARE

THE RIVAL CLAIMANTS. CHAPTER XVI.-[CONTINUED ]

'Lame Bill!' repeated Bassantynin increasing terror. Why, the fellow hates me as he bates policemen! 1 knocked him down once, and he wowed some one. to be revenged on me. Did he recog-

'I don't know. I'm pretty well disguised, what with dyeing my hair black and my red face brown, and wearing these 'ere heavy black eyewearing these 'ere heavy black eyebrows in place of them red ones that
got singed off years ago! But the ton
the blow who knows me, who hates

The ervants who was able to enlighten in hellow who knows me, who hates

The servant told him that scarred

M. Basan. chap I knowed in Australy!

He did recognize you, then P onsly. 'I said something about never having been to Australy, and he saun tered off. And I come up to your man. But I'm sorry I came to Ireland

name's Tim Fogarty. My mount of all upon ner lives near Dublin, at Cloudalkin, in lodgings and about. And it's her sister Be brave, Kathleen! whispered take a trip down to Ballyconnor! With this resolve he set about dare, the lawyer. And the police must be on the lookout for me in Dublin.' Bassantyne turned pale.

'You miserable idiot!' he ejaculated

directly into a noose like this? Why didn't you tell me the truth? You have ruined us both! You have ruined us both! He got up and began to pose the room hastily, with a great terror in his face.

'I will never be taken alive!' he muttered, the great drops starting on his forehead. 'I will die by my own hand first! The ignominy of the gallows will never be mine! Foo!! Why did I resume my own honorable name black gloved hand supported the room ber lips and drew up her proud figure, and they passed out of the hotel into the street, a wa'ter preceding them maid, drove to the railway etation, and was soon steaming down to Wisklow. I telegraphed early this moraning to your steward that we might be expected on this train, Earhlem, said faidwalk to the waiting vehicle. He beat his head toward the Lady Kathlem and a feeling of security began to replace his late anxieties and terrors. 'I foresaw that you would consent to leave the city be the series of the series of

to Mullingar. At one place or the other you must procure a wig, a gray one, and fit yourself out like a village pedagogue. Then go atoot to Tullamore, and by sail to Athy, afoot again connor. It's a rounds but it'll tire out any dogs of det tives, and Lame Bill ain't cute enough to track you by all those wind Can you do this?"

Murple's face glowed with reviving 'I can do it ! he ejaculated.

'Then be off at once. Lose no tim-We shall be safe, after all- Be on you uard, Murple-and avoid the taps ! 'I am out of money,' said Murple The Lady Kathleen will supply 'You'

oe, said Bassantyne coolly. The Lady Kathleen took the de sount from her purse and laid it or be table. Murple enapped it up greedily and put it in his pocket. After " few minutes' further conve

sation with his fellow fugitive, Mur ie withdrew A tittle later be stole out of th otel by a rear way, and escaped un

'I wonder whether Lame Bill kne him or did not know him ?' muttere Bassantyne uneasily. 'Pity abou hat soar ; it's a mark you can't hide ought to have thrown Murple over board, and I would have done so if l me if I didn't keep him with m :. H knew too much about me to be per

He settled his necktie and walked lowly to the window, looking out. 'Our cab is waiting. Kathleen,' he said. 'We must be off. And as I live,' be added agitatedly, 'there' Lame Bill pacing to and fro on the out! Can'he be wuiting for me? Doe

ne scent the truth ?" The question was still on his lips to at nounce the carriage and take own the Lady Kathleen's trunk. 'I must risk it,' thought Bassas

tyne, in a mortal terror. unning the gauntlet. How can ear Lame Bill's eyes on me? Wil he read my identity through my dis-The servants went out and Bassas

tyne ran again to the window, peering

-lentrance in evident eager inquiry He was unmistakeably waiting for

Was he waiting for Bassantyne? Desperate, and almost mad with tap room error and anxiety, Bassantyne schooled his face to calmness, and turning t the Lady Kathleen, said : 'Take my arm, Kathleen. Lean or

My downfall a your ruin. We sink out that Murple has gone home to his friends, who lived in County Antrim
He extended his arm. The Lady
Kathleen drew her veil over her white had been given him by Murple himself,

face, as ber maid came out of the inner at the very moment of taking his deroom and prec-ded them down stairs, parture. room, and along comes the waiter tell- in obedience to a gesture from her

handkerchief.

'I said I was an Englishman, he remarked after a brief pause, 'but I sain'. I'm an Irishman, and the police in the service of the said, his ruin would be her more than a subject that the service of the said, his ruin would be her more than a subject to the service of the said, his ruin would be her marked after a brief pause, 'but I sain's I'm an Irishman, and the police in the service of the said, his ruin would be her more than a second that the main this sain's I'm an Irishman, and the police in the service of the said has a second page and second seco the new name you gave me. My real name's Tim Fogarty. My mother lives near Dublin, at Clondalkin, in upon her husband must rest also after him. and if I fail to find him. I'll

> Bassantyne, feeling her form tremble under its wrappings. 'A moment of investigations. With this resolve he set about his under its wrappings. 'A moment of investigations. Meanwhile, congratulating himself own sake, be bruve!'
>
> on having successfully met the danger
> The adjusation was heeded. The

How dared you run your head Lady Kathleen cost saide her momen- ous that it might again arise with directly into a moose like this? Why tary weakness and drew up her proud greater force to confront him, Bassac

hotel by some rear way, and make his gaze, which was not unmarked by the stately villa of some rich landowner across the country to some station on the object of his attentions.

Yet Bassantyne, with a wonderful by a grand arenue, but more often self control, sprang lightly into the

who went away just now, he remarked casually, after a few eucocasful overtures to acquaintanceship, and poring vainly over the list of recent arrivale. The gentleman looked like the Grand Turk with his long waving eard. I suppose now he's a duke at the term least.

'Ob, no,' replied the clerk, smiling Kathleen Connor, the last of the fore her in the limitless future Cor nors of Ballycom o .

The lounger ran his dirty forefingers slong the registered list until he came to the name of Nicol Research and the gage of one pair of hopeless lookto the names of Nicol Bassantyne and the Lady Kathleen Bassantyne. Halting his finger on those names, he stared thoughtfully at the handwriting little while' and then remarked:

'How oddty things turn up! This of a person I knew in another part of the world. He might not feel flattered perhaps, if he knew it. And so this gentleman is a rich Norfolk man, and lady to boot. That fancy of mine was coolish enough. It was all along of meeting another party I once knew. and that reminds me,' he added, tendering a cigar to the clerk, ' that I met scar across his forebead. Looked like

be, do you think?" But the clerk, while inclined to be communicative could afford Lame Bill picturesque, in places even to wildness. The borses, of some stout Irish breed, no decisive information. There were several guests with servants and couriers. Mr. Bassantyne had a servant, but the clerk could not remem.

At length the road, growing narrow-

He beheld a lame man pacing to and room the pavement like a sentry on the pavement like a sentry on cuard, his face turned toward the host cuard, his face turned toward the host cuard. ames of Ballyconnor and Wicklow. Presently, there being a new arrival,

and the clerk being busy, Lame Bill and the clerk being busy, Lame Bill upon the crest of a bill.

That is Ballyconnor lying below us Here he prose a ed his inquiries with self from her thoughtful trance

no better succes. Finally, in the course of his similes home of his bride. nge, he came upon one of the

can't be disguised, and I own my in below who knows me, who hates the charmed the strength of the charmed the strength of the Lume Bill says be. Queer soar you vegot there, my man. It's like a soar on and bandle the reward offered for me

at the very moment of taking his departure.

'Ah! county Autrim!' and Lame Bill carelessly, as he turned away and want out into the county and the county are tower, the routic chapel with its steep rout and the county and the county are tower, the routic chapel with its steep rout and the county are tower. throwed Lame Bill off the scent. He Bassantyne's arm, and they passed has made up his mind that I ain't his down the stairs together.

But I'm arry I came to Ireland.

ougnized me in the tap room, for I saw vigorously.

'Why so? You are an Englishman.
AT BALLYCONNES.
The terror and dread of the Lady
Murple's glances shirted unessity
of the hotel in Dublin, leaning upon
the arm of her sinister and strangly
bis brows again on his red of the arm of her sinister and strangly

There's not in this wide world a
valley so eweet.' murmured the Lady
kindley, so eweet.' murmured the Lady
very remark about Antrim shows that
he recognized me and has field. Bytdentity he expected I made to the control of the strangly dentity he expected I made to the control of the cont

as he had said, his ruin would be her would save be had said, his ruin would be her destruction. In consequence of that mystery in her past, that strange and terrible secret whose existence she had so as 'Newville, the English cracksman, in the colony!'

The furies! Why you were known as 'Newville, the English cracksman, in the colony!'

Yes; but my name ain't Newville, and the form the hour in which she had so any more than it's Murple, which is the asw name you gave me. My real the following the following the following the following that swell Bassantyne reminded me of Gentleman B.b.! Bat about Murple, or Wewyills, or whatever name he sails of Newville, or whatever name he sails of Newville, or whatever name he sails of Newville, or whatever name he sails of the first that the finite of the long village street. There were presented all the features of a beautiful estate, fields, woods parks and gardens, and in the midst of all those stood a stately old mannaion, built of the gray limestone of the neighboring mountains.

The Lady Kathleen pointed at the further end of the long village street. There were presented all the features of a beautiful estate, fields, woods parks and gardens, and in the midst of all those stood a stately old mannaion, built of the gray limestone of the neighboring mountains.

tently, while the carriage rolled on and stered the sleepy little vitlage. TO BE CONTINUED

Tet Bassantyne, with a wonderful self control, sprang lightly into the cosh, closed the door, and was borne away toward the station.

As the cab receded down the street-the lounger halted, and looked after it for a few moments, still with a puzzled expression of countenance, and then approximately into the houst making his COLLECTING ASSOCIATION

expression of countenance, and then cannetered into the hotel, making his way to the office.

He found the clerk at his deek, and casily obtained a sight of the hotel spirits rose the Lody Kathleen's fell spirits rose the Lody Kathleen's fell supply of Notices, with complete instructions for using, will be sent.

women, staggering under the curse that rests so heavily on Ireland—the Ob, no, reputed use there, although he had won a prize which ted poverty, of unreli-ved oppression more than one duke has sued for. He at the hands of the soil o-ners—little curse of unrewarded toil, of unmitigaat the hands of the soil of ners—little need they have envired poor Lady Katherich—a Mr. Bassantyne, one of the English Bassantyne's. He's a morfolk man, and has just married one of the greatest beauties of Ireland, the Lady Kathere Connor, the last of the

> ing eyes belonging to a woman who buge burden 'Every back has its burden,' the

girl thought sorrowfully. 'Neither the rich nor the poor monopolize the grids and sorrows. They are given to all humanity alika, although bear their burden openly and others shroud theirs from common view in married to an Irish beiress, and a titled gay trappings! And so, baving all God! we shall all reach the sam beaven some day, where all burden are forgotten. And there will be ne ther rich nor poor there.'

Arriving in the shadow of the tall fellow dressed in black, with a long Wicklow mountains, the roads because a gentleman's servant. Who might be precipitious. The sornery becam more rugged, at times being almos trotted and galloped by turns up hill

her any peculiarity in the servant's aper. wound itself like a dusky serper through a wild mountain pass, making stone rocks and winding along by rudravines and steep gullies and crossic

Suddenly the travellers came ou said the Lady Kath'e n, rousing her

Below them, abut in by the gray otel servants who was able to enlighta rough setting, lay a lovely green

Bussantype stared eagerly at the

miles distant. In the midst of the emerald valley, upon which the early afternoon sun was shining, the village of Ballycoppor, its peat houses set in gardens,

cluded and hidden from the world, and that's the main thing. Where is your

Bassantyne studied the old hall in-



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