## The Braes of Yarrow

Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

Something in his hard voice startled her, perplexed her, and caused her to turn round quickly and regard him inquiringly.

"Your purpose?"
He inclined his head stiffly.

'I have a purpose, and a grave one, else you can divine I should not have troubled myself so much to bring you hither.'

'I listen, she said coldly, the while her heart throbbed with a new undefinable heart.

a raid for the sake of another than himself or any of his clah."

"Another's sake?"

"Yes, yours."

"Mine. The good intention was somewhat radely hidden."

"But a kindly intent it was none the less.

"You refused to see me; it was necessary for your sake and for the sake of all you care anost about, that I should see you and speak with you. It was to save your life that I fored my way into your home, pursued you when you fied from me, and carried you hither."

"To save my life?"

"Yes, and your child's."

"I will help you. Your husband has been accused of treason to his, King at Flodden."

"Then the accusers lies," she cried with sudden energy. "His heart is too loyal, his soul too noble to hold one treasonable thought."

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'None of all that will I gainsay, but'—his voice was here lowered to hissing whisper—'a secret commission held in Edinburgh was satisfied that his guilt was even blacker than I have stated it, and as his body could not be found, condemned him to be gibbeted and quartered in effigy.'

'Oh, sacred mother, does this man speak true?' moaned the lady, covering her face with her hands, and shuddering, 'has this been done and no voice raised to defend the honour of the loyalest knight in Scotland?'

'He was a favorite of our dead King, and he had many enemies, 'Tushielaw proceeded coolly, 'But their wrath did not stop at this.'

'What more had they the power to do?' she sobbed bitterly.

'They had the power to confiscate his lands to confer them upon one whom they favored.'

'The foul black liar who has defamed my husband, I well believe.'

'I will not say. But they have confiscated his lands, and more—six days ago a warrant as issued for your arrest.'

'I will go to them at once; my voice at least will defend the truth of my absent lord,' she cried springing to her feet.

'Think you they will credit you? They will torture you in the hope of wrenching i om you in agony the confession of the conspiracy and the revelation of all its secrets,'

'I will go, I will go at once, and heaven will give me strength to endure all the torture wherewith they may test me—to endure it even to death, and I will die with the asartion upon my lips that Walter Spens was true.'

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true.

'They would not believe you.'

'But the people will when they learn what
I have suffered.

'The people believe him guilty. They
would learn of your fate, and so your sacrifice is worthless.'

'No matter, I will go to them now.'

'And leave your child friendless and a beggar?'

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With a low mean of anguish she sunk back upon the chair, and for the moment her pain dulled all sense of the place and of her companions presence.
Tushie aw bent over her and took her hand. She snatched it away shudderingly.
'You would not do that,' he whispered, and the same callous smile as before passed over his face, 'and soothely there is no need; the remedy for all your sorrow is at hand.'
'Oh, what remedy is left to me?' she sobbed.

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'Fortune and safety from your enemies fo yourself, fortune and happiness for you There can be no happinsss for wife o ld whilst his name is so black in the eye

Means shall be found to wipe the stain

way.'
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'Through me,' he answered boldly, 'become mistress of Tushiclw, and all that I have promised shall be accomplished.'
'Nover!' She checked herself, and said more calmly, 'my husband still lives.
Tushielaw started as with some sudden fear. Then—
'Tush.—Your husband is dead; I myself saw him fall.'
'He sent to me this token that he lives,' she said faintly, as she produced the gauntlet Gilbert Elliot had given her.
'Then be this the token of his death said Tushielaw, as he threw uron the table the right hand gauntlet of Sir Ivalter Spens.
There was a long weary pause the while the unhappy wife's eyes gazed hopelessly upon the fatal token, and the suitor watched her narrowly.
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By and by, with a weary helpless voice and away,' she said feebly, 'go away and

Ict me think."

'Your answer.'

'I cannot answer now—go away.'

He hesitated, he regarded her deathly white face, and suddenly snatching up the light he had brought with him, turned upon his heel and quitted the chamber.

These were bitter tidings she had received her husband dead, his name dishonoured in the eyes of the world, almost beyond the possibility of redemption; her own life and that of her child m peril—how was she to prove the dead knight's truth and save her she did?

child? She did not know and she sat there in silent anguish staring at the dread token which ground all hope to dust.

There was a curious noise upon the window as if some one was trying to open it.—
It was curious because the window was high above the ground, from which it could not be reached without the aid of a ladder. The noise, however, continued, and by and bye attracted her attention. She looked up wonderingly.

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'Lady Margaret.'

Her name was pronounced by a voice that sent a wild thrill of hope through her heart. She sprung to the window, and reaching it with the help of a chair she threw it open. Outside the iron bars she saw a man hang-ing by a rope as if he had descended by it from the roof.

It was the packmap to whom Tushielaw had given sheiter.

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Social at Acton.—The third Social in connection with the Presbyterian Congregation at Acton, was held at the residence of Mr. Archibald Campbell, on Thursday the 28th ult., and notwithstanding the shower of rain that had just fallen at the time the people would be gathering, and which, no doubt was the means of keeping many back, there was a respectable company who enjoyed themselves sociably in every sense of the term and a very handsome sum was the result. The next Social of this series will be held at the residence of Mrs. Swan, in the Village of Acton, on Thursday the 25th inst., and we have no doubt it will be equally successful.—Champion.

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