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when she was bound, while yet a child, to not account. He had been thinking of his But suddenly, as he gazed, he felt his flesh Wherever he went, alone or in crowds, is but the work of God's unsleeping justice. four days before, and the policemen had PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING the Marquis, and with the true feminine rival's bloody death, and it struck him that creep with a strange horror, as he saw the from the hour when the low, solemn warn- I ever knew that I must die for that rash passed the spot. Office in Carpet Hall, South-west corner of spirit of contradiction, she resolved to choose the implacable "maiden" who had taken soulless eyes of the blind maiden upturned ing of the blind girl came to him, as he deed. The blind woman's voice has haunted I asked the Sub-Prefect if he had any sus Front and Locust streets. for herself, and accepted the addresses of Argyle's young life might have been fitly towards him, as she knelt ou the ground by stood with his feet dabbling in the blood of me through all these years, as it seems picions. He answered that all the suspicion

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## Selections.

The Maiden's Last Victim. A Scottish maiden! What a pleasant vision do not these words call up! Who that northern moors could fail to be reminded by whom he has met at early dawn of day crossing the mountain stream barefoot, with her plaid thrown over her fair hair, and her clear voice singing out an old sweet ballad of her tree to the homes of the Scottish aristocracy, they will bring before him some yet fairer picture of a pure, pale face, where eyes of blue, tender as the morning sky, spoke of a noble and truthful soul within; and he has fearnt to love the race that once had such

deadly fouds with his Saron ancestry, hecause of the "glamour" cast around kim by the golden-baired daughters of the land. But very different is the real picture of

that Scottish maiden of whom we are about to speak; nor was she any vision of the fancy, but a terrible reality, whom all men knew and feared throughout broad Scotland, two hundred years ago. A dark and stern lady was she truly, and one who brooked no rivals-for they whom she had once embraced were never clasped to mortal heart again; and the lovers whom she pillowed on her bosom slept a sleep that knew no waking. Few there were, even of the bravest, who tigue. did not shudder somewhat as they saw her unchanging watch through storm and sunshine, beneath the shadow of old St. Giles, the principal church of the northern capital; and oftentimes, when they saw how the ground beneath her feet was stained with blood, they muttered curses on the "loathly maiden." that had done to death so many a gallrnt Scot. Yet to some, this ghastly lady (which was none other than the public guillotine) appeared to have attractions, a solitary horseman, unattended by a single "Curses on the bloody city!-the city of the ian at Inverse had not extended be Hamilton to grow pale and tremble like a such as many a bright-eyed damsel would have envied; for it is recorded of the noble Marquis of Argyle, the last who had died in judged rightly. Kenelm rode unmolested her embrace, when our story commences, and unobserved through the little town, the at Kenelm's ear; and he started involuntarthat he ran eagerly up the steps, and ex-chaimed, as he haid his head uron the block is the started involuntar-chaimed, as he haid his head uron the block is at most desert-ily as he saw that it had come from the blind

Kenelm Humilton, who, by some unlucky represented by this weird damsel, who sat her dead father, towards whom she had her father, he heard that voice ringing in mine has haunted her. She told me ven- he held, was fastened upon Juan Fontaix. \$1 50 chance, had tallen in love with his rival's there so like a blind inexorable fate, weav- crept with a step so stealthy that he had not his ear, and telling him that vengeance geance would overtake me, and it is come Nearly all the murdered men had stopped at 2 00 bride. Their wedding was even now fixed ing a web of inevitable doom. to take place in a few months, and this circumstance, no doubt, explained the last feared neither death nor danger, were great- the expression of hate on her white, ghastly least he looked for it. Not even the joy- kissed her palo lips and passed on.

scene was doubtless heavy on the heart of oppressed him. Hamilton as he rode down the mountain path which led to Inverary Castle, and the sing the figure in the broad Scotch of those not; but think not to escape; the vengeance the firing of the salutes that greeted him "I will," she answered, and tears fell

cold and gloomy night. The darkness was duce-"here's a gentleman cold and hungry, Then, flinging up her arms to heaven, she passed on, most of which were spent at one suffer. intense, and the wild north wind went shriek. | come and see what you can find for his sup-

ing and howling through the pass as if it per." bore upon its wings the souls of those who Hamilton listened anxiously for the sound had expired in some great agony, while the of her voice, feeling as if it would be a re- piercing that Hamilton felt as if it must had not been thought of by any one for a dark Scotch firs stood up like spectres among lief to hear her speak; but she never opened the bleak gray rocks. Truly, it was an eve- hor lips. She rose up, however, at once, and the town, and reached even through the ton do not these words can up: who that hing on which the stoutest heart might began to move about in a strange, mechani- massive walls of Inverary Castle. gladly seek a shelter; and Hamilton was cal manner, her blindness becoming more them of some bright-eyed Highland lassic for the night in the domain of his enemies. while the staring, glassy eyes seemed to him fain, though sorely against his will, to rest apparent as she guided herself by the touch, This had been no part of his intention when absolutely ghastly, as she passed near him. he set out on his journey. He had been ac- She placed some out-meal cakes and dried preservation at once took the place of every in the streets between two young men.companied by two of his retainers, and he fish on the table, along with a jug of whis- other feeling, and with one bound he designed to have passed at a little distance key, and then returned to her place by the native land; or haply, if he has had an en-from Inverary early in the day, and to have fire, where she sat immovable as before. "Is that your daughtor?" said Hamilton lodged for the night in a castle at some distance, and belonging to a kinsman of his to the innkeeper, as he invited him to draw horse's feet, as he galloped away, was all

own; but, unhappily, that morning one of near and eat. "My only child, and blind from her birth," his guides had been thrown from his horse, and injured so severely that his life was dc- was the reply, uttered almost with sternness, spaired of. Some hours were spent in con- as if the subject were painful. "Elspeth's veying the wounded man to a resting-place; not like other folks, and you had better take he had laid ten miles between him and strong hands on the shoulder of each, he and Hamilton, whose mission admitted of no heed of her." Hamilton took the hint, and said no more,

no delay, was obliged to leave him in charge did he spare the whiskey, which was wonclosing in when he started again.

He rode on as rapidly as he could, but the derfully cheering after his wet ride; and darkness soon became so impenetrable that when he had finished his repast, he felt, as when he heard from Elspeth the circum- resume his walk. One moment he stood he frequently lost his way; and when at last he said, like a new man altogether. Filling stances of his death; and, if he succeeded there in all his proud prosperity, receiving the lights of Inverary gleamed through the his glass again, he invited Campbell to join driving mist and rain, he felt that it had be- him, and the two began to converse together come a matter of necessity that he should on the events of the day. Kenelm sat with rest there for the night, as his jaded horse his back to the blind girl, and as she never was stumbling at every step from sheer fa- moved nor spoke, he soon forgot her presence altogether, and had well nigh forgotten,

hand was against his fellow, there would and lineage from those retainers of his foes, have been considerable risk in a Hamilton when he was startled into a sudden rememventuring into Inverary, and especially this brance of his posttion. Alluding to some particular Hamilton, had he been known .--political event, he mentioned that he had But Kenelm trusted that the darkness of the been at Holyrood the day before. night would prevent his being seen by any "Ye come from Edinbro', then," said the but the landlord of the inn where he meant innkeeper, kindling with a sudden fierceto sleep, to whom he was personally unknown, | ness; and, clenching his fist, he struck it on and who would not be likely to suspect that the table with a violent blow, exclaiming-

retainer, could bear so proud a name. In this supposition he was proved to have come down upon it and consume it!"

heard her. Hamilton drew back, shudder- would surely find him yet, and the sleepless -merciful it is that it meets me on the his house, and he must have known some-

"Here, Elspeth," said Campboll, addres. saw the murder, for my blind eyes saw it sweet and later, still, he heard it through me!" exclaimed:

> "My father, oh, my father!" and fell have rung upon the ears of every person in long time past.

must escape right speedily, or another moment would see him surrounded by those whom it must rouse; the instinct of selfdarted to the outer door, opened it, rushed to the stuble, mounted the horse without

mischief would ensue if they were not sepsaddle or bridle; and the clattering of his arated. Hamilton, whose rank in the city entitled him to interfere, at once rushed in that the inhabitants heard of him as they rushed to the inn, whence the blind girl's

shricks where still heard echoing. Hamilton never slackened his pace till Inverary. In those days the course of the street. justice was as stern as it was summary; of his comrade, and push on his road, al while he applied himself to the rude fare set and he felt well assured that the present The affair had collected a considerable though the short December night was already before him with a keen-set appetite. Nor Marquis Argyle, the younger brother of his crowd, and Hamilton's rank and position rival, would never rest till he had found out were well known amongst them, so that the murderer of his retainer, especially they all made way for him as he turned to

in his search, the services of the "maiden" the homage of the people as his right, and would right speedily be called into action scarco bending his lofty head in acknowlfor Kenelm himself. When at last he ventured, under cover of a dark fir wood, to stop his furious course,

he began to consider the best means of In these turbulent times, when every man's also, the necessity of concealing his name avoiding discovery, with no small anxiety as to the issue. His best hope was in the fact that none had been present during the murder but the blind girl, who could not deadly grasp, and the sun of Hamilton's identify him, and that not single inhabitant of Inverary had seen him, except her so thrilling and intense that it seemed to dead father himself. He was now not very far from the house of his kinsman, where he originally intended to have passed the night. The time he had spent so fatally in murderers!-and may the fire from heaven yond an hour, and the rapid pace at which he had traversed the last ten miles had child. On the highest step of the stone "Amen!" said a deep, stern voice, almost fully brought him to the time when he stair which led to the door of the Marquis would, according to the ordinary style of Argyle's town residence, a tall, haggardclaimed, as he laid his head upon the block, ed, as the tempestous weather had driven "This is the sweetest maiden Lhave over up to block, ed, as the tempestous weather had driven "This is the sweetest maiden Lhave over up to block, ed, as the tempestous weather had driven woman's lips. Something, too, in the sud-"This is the sweetest maiden Lhave over up to block, ed, as the tempestous weather had driven woman's lips. Something, too, in the sud-"This is the sweetest maiden Lhave over up to block over a last state of the sud-"This is the sweetest maiden Lhave over up to block over a last state over a last state over the sud-"This is the sweetest maiden Lhave over up to block over a last state over the sud-"This is the sweetest maiden Lhave over up to block over a last state over the sud-"This is the sweetest maiden Lhave over up to block over a last state over the sud-"This is the sweetest maiden to block over a last state over the sud-"This is the sweetest maiden to block over a last state over the sub-state over the sud-"This is the sweetest maiden to block over a last state over the sub-"This is the sweetest maiden to block over a last state over the sweetest maiden to block over a last state over the sweetest state over the swee

The gallant knights of those times, who ing, from the fixed stare, so dreadful seemed justice of the Invisible track him out when scaffold, and not in the fires of hell." He thing of their business. A Contist Copy. No subscription received for less time than site. months; and no paper will be discontinued until all months; and no paper will be discontinued until all months; and no paper will be discontinued until all carearagesare paid, unless at the option of the pabe iter: Money may be remitted by mail all here bids. Rates of Advertising. Money may be remitted by mail all parts and months; and this care to take pace in a tew months, and this care the expression of hate on her white, ghastly the means of one day bringing his enemy to the means of this same cruel maiden, whom he himself had embraced with so much fervor. Months; and an inpetuous as he was, proved no he arms of this same cruel maiden, whom he himself had embraced with so much fervor. Months; and no hers: "Elspeth, you are aven-heartily glad when the innkceper returned, hearts of this same cruel waths of use of the same red stain, and hearts of the s And now the recollection of that last bloody and broke the ominous silence which had so said, in a low, stifled voice: "You have murdered him, and you shall die for it. None first-born spoke of new ties to make life let your hatred pass away, and pray for assured me that it had done him a great deal

little villago which lay at its foot. It was a days, -- which we will not attempt to repro- of Heaven will track you out one day!" as ambassador on a foreign shore. Years from her sightless eyes as he passed on to pecting me next, if they have not done so

of the continental courts; and when, at last, In another instant the "maiden" had he returned with his wife and family to done her work, and the last of her victims knew nothing of the guilty party. Ile was upon the corpse with a shriek so wild and Edinburgh, the murder of the innkceper lay shughtered in her terrible embrace. One day, about a month after his arrival superceded by the more modern fashion of in this signs of guilt; but I thought differin the Scottish capitol, Hamilton was walk- executed criminals: and it may now be seen ently.

That cry recalled him to himself: he ing along the most fashionable part of the in the Museum of the Society of the An. I spont all the next day in the town. osold town, where the houses of the nobility tiquaries in Edinburg, with the dark stains tensibly engaged in business with the factoyet corroding on the fatal knife, which ries, but in reality hunting after some clus were chiefly to be found, when his attention was attracted by a fray which was going on were left there by the blood of him, who, to the object of my mission. Night came in very deed and truth, was brought to again; but I had found nothing new. I was justice by the signal retribution we have perfectly satisfied that the murderer had laid Such a sight was by no means uncommon in those days; but the fury of the lads was recorded.

so great that it was evident some serious The Mysterious Deaths in Castellane. must catch him with the proof upon him.

between them, calling to them in a loud voice to desist immediately from further quarreling, and, with a firm grasp of his sent them reeling to the opposite sides of

edgement of it-the sunshine of a bright summer sky, streaming down upon his noble and commanding form, seemed but to as it was dark I waited upon the Prefect .--

typify the brilliancy of his worldly pros-He seemed to be relieved when he saw me, that I must return to Toulon. and at once took me into his private closet. next the vengeance that had so long tracked "Now," said I, "have you got work for his steps unseen laid hold upon him with a me?" -"Yes," he replied; "sit down and listen." career sunk down to set in blood. A shriek

We sat down, and having taken a glass of vine, he proceeded: pierce his very heart, suddenly rung through the air, and all eyes, as well as his own. were turned to the spot from where it ap-

committed in this Department, and in the and then departed. peared to have arisen, and there a sight Department of Var, that have ever come un-Hamilton to grow pale and tremble like a fruits. His body was found by the roadside near the line of the two Departments; and

of injury.

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"Parblieu!" he muttered, "they'll be sus" already!"

I was soon satisfied that Juan Fontaix very fearful, and at times blanched and The instrument of death thus stangely trembled at the idea of being apprehended named was never used again. It was for the crime. Most people would have seen

> his plan so deeply that no circumstantial clue could be found. If I would find him, I

FROM THE RECORDS OF A FRENCH DETECTIVE. | 1 had given an assumed mame at the international stated that I belonged to Toulon. On I had some renown as a successful rogue- the next morning I called for my bill, and catcher; and I had some experience, too. - informed my host that I was off for home. My field of operation, as a usual thing, lay Then I went to the fruit preservers and told within the confines of the Department of the him the same, stating that I must confer Lower Alps; and though I served under the with my partner before I concluded my bar-Sub-Prefect of the third Arrondisement, yet gain. After this I went to the woolen facthe Prefect of the Department called upon tory, and saw the business agent. His name me when he chose. One morning--it was in was Louis Cazaubon, and he had come to the latter part of May-I received a note Castellane about a year before. He seemed from the Prefect, ordering me to come to to be a straight-forward, business man, and Digne, and see him with all possible des- yet he was the only one I had seen whom I patch. The missive came through the office really wished to suspect. In conversing upof our Sub-Prefect, so I had nothing to do on the murders, he had been a little too freebut get ready and start. I took an early and off-handed, treating the subject more dinner; assumed the dress of a peasant; coolly than a man with a heart would be apt browned my hands and face, and set forth. to do. But still I had thus far been able to I reached Digne just at nightfall, and as soon find nothing against him. On the present occasion I told him, as I had told the others, "If you have not the ready money with

you, we can give you credit," he said, urging me to buy.

I told him I had plenty of money, but I was not fully prepared to pay the prices he had demanded. He said "Very well;" and "Within a few months past there have added that he should be happy to sell to me been some of the most mysterious murders when I came again. I bade him good day,

As soon as I was alone, I began to suspect der my notice. They are done, mostly, on M. Louis Cazauben in earnest. When I told the road from Castellane to Aups. The first him that I had money, but did not purchase victim was a Marseilles merchant, who had because he charged me too much, why didn's come up to Castellane to purchase preserved he banter me? Simply because he wished me to leave town with the money in my pocket. At least so it appeared to me. This "This is the sweetest maiden I have ever all the inhabitants into their houses; and he den passion of the Campbell had stirred the lonce, as if he were only arriving from the they were sightless sound to glarge upon the they were sightless to glarge upon the they were sin the they were sigh there and died in a fit, as no marks of vio-and I resolved to watch the man a little while:

kissed." This saying of his was often cited, saw, to his great satisfaction, that even the angry blood within himself; and, whilst an and the world wondered what hidden pang door of the inn was shut—a sufficient proof had so darkened life for the gallant noble, that no guests were expected at the "Argyle" to trust that no one would ever suspect him born born one would ever suspect him out in tones that were heard far and near: one was found near Annot, and under the myself in a position where I could watch the

cumstances of his death obliterated all ing that he must be content with such cheer recollections of the Marquis and his dying as the family provisions could afford, for words. that he little expected any visitors on a night

It happened, singularly enough, however, so "uncanny." that these two, the Lord of Argyle and Keu-Imamilton assured him he was not dispos-limit to assure him to the become known, it created a great sensation, whet here the assured him he was not disposclm IIamilton, who succeeded him on the ed to be fastidious; and having thrown off death-his bitter foes, who made his life so chiefly owing to the peculiar circumstances might be assass of the assa block, had been in life the deadliest enemies; his dripping mantle, and disencumbered him-dark to him that he was fain to break some of the case. A murder committed by an sought in vain; for sho remembered the full and, by a peculiar chain of circumstances, self of his heavy riding boots, he sat down which we shall now proceed to detail, the on the oaken settle opposite the huge fire-

death of the one caused that of the other. | place, while Campbell went out to see that | his bride!" It was about a month after the execution the horse was attended to. of the Marquis that Hamilton, whose race, so closely allied to the kings of Sectional Left to himself, Kenelm began to look this time Kenelm heard it not; his fiery mysterious escape of the criminal seemed of the weiktown voice "But," said L "is thurs not some so closely allied to the kings of Scotland, around him, and he was much struck by the passions were aroused beyond control; he altogether unaccountable. was even prouder than Argyle's, found him-scene which presented itself within the room. forgot all but that he had been called a The Marguis of Argyle, who was at his had struck her car, and again and again in this matter. Some innkeeper may ad-it. If the factory agent was at the bottom solf compelled, by political business, to pass a night in the little town of Inversery, close to which stood the magnificent easile of the stood the a night in the little town of Inverary, close wood, sent a bright and ruddy glow over the ced on the Campbell, saying: to which stood the magnificent castle of the whole room, and lighted up with a brilliant same name, which had been the heritage of glare the figure of a young woman, who sat his dead rival. at one corner of the ample hearth, and who

Never, perhaps, did any one approach that was the only other occupant of the apart- keeper, rising also. "But I say yet more: was in some way connected with the family my. The people crowded round; and if dead men, but no trace of poison has been At the end of half an hour I came to the beautiful spot with greater ill-will than Ken- ment besides himself. There was something elm Hamilton; ho was a young man of pe-culiarly fiery and impetuous disposition, of which riveted Hamilton's gaze in spite of have brought a stain upon Argyle's time when it man ell he could, but without the brought a stain upon Argyle's time when it man ell he could, but without the brought a stain upon Argyle's time when it man ell he could, but without the brought a stain upon Argyle's time when it man ell he could, but without the brought a stain upon Argyle's time when it man ell he could, but without the brought a stain upon Argyle's time the stream of the brought a stain upon Argyle's time the stream of the brought a stain upon Argyle's time the stream of the brought a stain upon Argyle's time the stream of the brought a stain upon Argyle's time the stream of the brought a stain upon Argyle's time the stream of the brought a stain upon Argyle's time the stream of the brought a stain upon the stream of the brought a stain upon Argyle's time the stream of the brought a stain upon the stream of the stream of the brought a stain upon the stream of the stream of the brought a stain upon the stream of th whom it was often said that his love and his himself. She sat perfectly motionless, ex- honored house had she become his bride!" detailed word for word; but it afforded no for he attempted no defence, but keeping thing into your hands. You must go to Cas- me. I will not say that I was wholly with. hatred were alike to be dreaded, so ardent cepting for the rapid movement of her finand passionate was he in either; he was the gers, which she was employing in knitting; Hamilton's dirk was gleaming in his hand. Kenelm himself was never suspected. second son of that noble family of Hamil- her plaid thrown back from her head left tons, between whom and the Argyles there her pale face exposed to view, which was out: "she is pure as driven snow." had been a deadly feud for many generations marked by a singularly frigid and yet by no past. Never, however, had it burnt more means vacant expression. This was caused Campbell, with a mocking smile, at the by the court of justice, and the Lord of Ar gyle speedily brought him to justice.-- clothing; and thus habited, I went to a hotel sword, or had their throats been cut, I should forcely than in the time of which we write, in part, no doubt, by the fixed stare of her same time preparing to defend himself; but gyle declared that, if ever in his lifetime The blind woman's evidence was unques- and put up for the night. In the morning have felt no sort of dread. But this was when the families had been represented by large, light blue eyes, which never moved the furious Hamilton had closed with him the assassin were discovered, he would tionable, nor did he attempt to controvert I procured a horse and set out, reaching new ground. Death had come here, nobody the marquis who had just been compelled to in their sockets, nor brightened with a spar-law his lofty head at the mailed to in their sockets, nor brightened with a spar-law his lofty head at the mailed to in their sockets are the words had well passed his lips-one bring him to the scaffold, be the interval it, it was as if the very blood of the mur. Castellano before noon. During the day I knew how. It might have come from an inlay his lofty head at the maid on's feet, and kle of life; it was evident that she was stone force struggle followed, then the High-ever so long. Elspeth found a home in the dered one had risen up o cry for vengeance; pretended to be doing business. I went to visible hand, and in dead silence. Yet, when Kenelm, with his wild and angry temper; blind, while there lurked certain lines around lander fell heavily to the ground, as his Marquis' household, after the good fashion and all men deemed it a righteous and lander fell heavily to the ground, as his deemed it a righteous and lander fell heavily to the ground, as his deemed it a righteous and lander fell heavily to the ground, as his deemed it a righteous and lander fell heavily to the ground and the men deemed it a righteous and lander fell heavily to the ground a line of the subject. I felt that the for his elder brother was an idiot, who boro the thin compressed lips which seemed to assailant plunged the dagger into his breast of those times, which recognized a claim on which doomed him to the scaffold. the family title, but lacked the wit to defend indicate that she had all the acuteness,

their honor when assailed. Deep had been amounting almost to cunning, which often the hate between Argyle and Hamilton, characterizes persons thus afflicted. which even the new-shed blood of the form-The countenance was far from beautiful tion to the old clan feud, there was a quar- Hamilton with a sense of power such as we

rel between them which had fearfully embit- often feel and yet cannot define in the prestored their traditionary hatred. The Mar- ence of persons unknown to us. She gave quis of Argyle had been betrothed almost no sign of being conscious of his presence, Graham-and although their engagement room; and, as he continued to watch her, sit-

growing red with suppressed rage; "but he had been expected to take, and he had knew Elspeth Campbell, the blind woman: robbed." though they were stained with the blood of news of the murder had spread beyond murder-all could testify to the acuteness lane?" I asked.

the noble Lord Argyle? Rather let me Inverary. Nevertheless, when the fact did of her sense of hearing, and to the repeated petty law that he might die. Curses, then, unknown assassin in presence of one sole

ea on the Campbell, saying: "Man, know you to whom you are trator of the deed; being stimulated to un-"Man, know you to whom you are trator of the deed; being stimulated to unspeaking?"

"I neither know nor care," said the inn- suspicion he entertained that the assassin After a few words of useless investiga-

"Villain, unsay that word!" he thundered

up to the very hilt, exclaiming:

throat!" One deep gronn-one strong convulsion punity.

cornse.

village where he had left his servants, and and the world wondered what hidden pang door of the inn was shut-a sufficient proof involuntary instinct told him what train of to trust that no one would ever suspect him him with a horrible triumph as she shriked not in tures that hidden pang bookets had been rifled, however. The next has a role to an out-of-the-way place, and left whose homage was courted by the fairest Arms" that night. The landlord, a Camp-ladies, that he should die with words of such bell, of course, and as sturdy a Scot as one taronistic feeling. bitter meaning on his lips; but when, some few years later, the maiden pressed with her cold hand the throat of him who proved to be her last victim, the strange and tragic cir-cumstances of his death obliterated all cumstances of his death obli

The Prefect told me that they had.

"Yes," was the reply. rich tones that had called on her father to

I say, upon the traitor Hamilton, who stole witness, and that one deprived of the power unsay his words one instant ere he fell a must be concerned. But my companion in- to say-"Oh! I haven't been up to any misof seeing the murderer, was, even in those corpse, and she felt certain she should know formed me that they had been narrowly chief!"

"Amen!" the deep voice answered, but days of bloodshed, a striking event, and the of all these years, the well-known voice

at his side, and exclaimed: "It is the hand give you."

tion, the search was given up; but the de. of God, and I am lost!"

the part of the clan to find a refuge with Not many days after that bright morning preserved fruits were put up. I learned tim ere the blow was struck, since it must

of the slalwart limbs-and Campbell was a Yet he, gay and reckless as he seemed, centre of a large assemblage, the object of and engaged lodgings for myself.

Hamilton stood transfixed, while his ing, which never left him night or day .- been prepared to receive another victim, He told me that he had used all the means at the foot of the descent, engaged in whip. boiling blood gradually subsided, and his Campbell was not the first man he had and ather feet the noble Lady Ellen Ham. in his power, but had been able to gain no ping a mule. Ho was a slightly built felpassion cooled in the presence of death. slain in the course of his stormy career: ilton sat wceping bitterest tears, as she clue to the gailty party. Most of the mur- low, not more than fifteen years of age, and from boyhood to his cousin-the Lady Ellen but he felt she was aware that he was in the The whole thing had taken place so sud- but he was the first he had murdered-the saw the lover of her youth, the husband of dered victims had been from Marseilles, and bis coarse garments were covered with meal, denly, that he could hardly believe the first whose life he had taken otherwise than her riper years, led up to die. had been a matter of family arrangement, ting there in her strong impassiveness, an living, breathing man, he had been talking in honorable warfare; and already the unhe loved her well and truly. Not so the la- indefinable feeling of shrinking and dread to so amicably but a few minutes before, failing retribution of actual crime had com- leave of her.

why should I curse the senseless stones, once more started for Edinburgh before the awhile and see if he returned. I would The Prefect told me that they had. "And I suppose they must have pat up at with savefy: but he might have detected me, and that would not do. However, in less than fifteen minutes he came. He walked I then supposed that some of the landlords now with a sober, innocent air. It seemed

I saw Cazauben at his desk again, and then I returned to my horse. I knew that I "But," said I, "is there not some poison had a risk to run now, but I was ready for

Hamilton, too thankful to have such a of his head. "Experienced physicians have road. I examined me pistols, and then left usual activity in the search by the strong charge established against his ancient ene- examined the stomachs of several of the the town, taking the road along the river.

not only curses upon him, the traitor, but of his focs, the Hamiltons. This he gath- any had been disposed to doubt the blind found. It is a mysterious affair. The Sub- slopes of the Barjois mountains, and soon This was too much. In another moment clue whatever to the actual individual, and his appalled look still fixed upon the blind tellane at once, and there you can get such out fear; for the mysterious manner in which woman's ghastly face, he let his hands fall further information as the Sub-Prefect can these murders had been done verged so close ly upon the marvellous, that a sort of super-

After conferring awhile longer with the stitious dread attached to them. Had the "His lady light-o'love!" repeated the tails of the murder were carefully recorded | He spoke truly: he was lost indeed. 'Ar- Prefect, he let me have a suit of tradesman's victims been shot, or run through with a stuff; and also visited several places where murderer must approach very near the vic-

"Die, then, with the foul lie in your the family of their chief; and Kenelm had, when he stood, as it seemed, on the pin- that most of the people who came there on be some direct and powerful agent that could to all appearance, escaped with perfect im- nacle of fortune with admiring crowds business stopped at an inn kept by a man cause death in so strange a manner.

around him, he found himself again the named Juan Fontaix; so I left my horse there I had crossed the little cascade of Saint Esprit, and was descending a short, steep

was secretly haunted by one dark forebod- interest to all. The deadly "maiden" had After dark I called upon the Sub-Prefect. hillside, when I saw a boy by the roadside,

the excitement in that city was intense .- I knew there was a mill upon a branch of

roads, and secret police had also been upon might be the miller's boy. As I came peardy, however. She had not been consulted took possession of him, for which he could was lying there murdered by his own hand. menced in the deep seer t of his heart .--- "My Ellen do not wcep," he said: "this the watch. The last victim had fallon only or, I saw a large sack upon the ground, cleare