



when the horse soldiers were out, was his own great and well-furnished house. Inherited me-the canting priest, the band-strings, what are ye concerned in But I could see that the man was ill at lying Englisher, and the old hound him- the matter? Do ya understand to The kye's in the corn!" "Ye prate of honest men," said Sir ease and like one that strives to put off an evil day. "The devil rive them all! May whom ye speak?" Then Umphray Then Umphray Spurway whipped a James, speaking to Mr. Renwick for an evil day. And with these wicked words Philip Nevertheless we lighted down at the of pistols out of his





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CHAPTER IL-THE MAN ON THE him greating, for he had been a child when I was a young lad, and our folk MUIR.

"No," said he, "that may be; but

And I knew that he meant to cast up

Indeed it is no shame to a man to were, as I have said, some manner of preacher, "what ken ye of Janet Johnhave fear in his nature. It is, I well kin.

believe, born in a man's blood; and he Then I asked him how he did and hath no more to do with it than with that in a pleasant way. But he stood the name of the enemy of mankind! who was his father. Yet mark the lowering at me with eyes so sunken and That evil woman has not crossed the great crying that there has been in all such a lost countenance that I wished ages about brave men and valiant men. we had come some other way.

and men that have never known fear. "F'ar not, James," I said, "for this is Yet what credit is there in such like? Sir James Standsfield, of New Milns, a They cannot help it more than I can good ruin; and one that, though a help having an eye that had a cast in it menistrate, is no ill-wisher to the folk df such like I had), or red hair, or nose turned up at the end like that of a wild "Ah, John Bell," said young Ren

Elrionach. Yet such men come to wick, at last, heeding my kindly speech honor, and their sons inherit it. For | no more than the tune of a bird whistling, "is that indeed you? Your friends this also is the folly of the times.

We rode out of Edinburgh, passing for whom you left us have clad and the gates without question, for Sir comforted you well! There are no fine James was a man in good odor with the foreign coats on the muirs, and the government. We had a bitter winter's hags distil not the brew of French day for our journeying, and we had brandy. Doubtless ye have made a fine trouble enough to keep warm; yet exchange, and the wide throat that with wrappings of foreign fur and a took the Tert at a gulp will soon swalflask of French brandy we managed to low a fat benefice. But there are other shut out the cold. Also our hearts spirits abroad that you will yet have were somewhat cheered and our con- to reckon with."

verse grew more heartsome. Thus making merry, to the extent was your father wont to speak of me, even of singing a catch or two which when I drave home the kye in the even' Sir James had learned in the old wars, from the bracs at the town-end of Minand which I heard for the first time, "hive." though not wholly with approval, yet with tolerance, we came to a place since then the kye have been in many called Cockmuir, a wild and solitary a mun's corn beside my father's, honest

shut in between hills that have | man" no living thing upon them. No heartsome reck of habited house was to be to me that I had joined the persecuting seen. The place was in the midst of party. For the ordinary cry among the a great wilderness, and it needed the hillfolk, by which they passed on the crowing of the black cock and the word of warning the one to the other nicher of the grouse to make the sflence endurable. But even these were want ing that bitter day of gray skles and gripping frost.

Just as we had gotten fairly to the midst of the moor there rose up before are suffering from weakness. us a man, or, rather, as it might be, we came suddenly upon him. He was standing stock still, as if he had been and feel exhausted and nermeditating, looking away toward the vous; are getting thin and all hills of Lammermuir. But at the first run down; Gilmore's Arosound of our horses' feet overtopping the brac, he turned and showed us the matic Wine will bring roses pallid countenance of a young lad, bit-ten blue with the winter winds, and with to your cheeks and restore lolter, and showed me his own various his black clothes hanging about him as you to flesh and plumpness.! though his limbs had been so many you to nesh and pittipness. ing mill and the wauk mill, which he barren tree-branches. I knew him at a Mothers, use it for your said had been set up by one Spurway. of Minnyhive, whose mother was some kin to mine, being also on the estate of Drumlanrig, where the Douglass is the ailments peculiar to womanfather of us all.

It so happened, by mischance, that Sir hood. It promotes digestion, James was putting back his flask of strong waters into the breast of his coat at the moment when Mr. Renwick lasting strength. Sold by here and have a draught for our even-ing ordinary. This is James Marr's, a very decent man and keeps good ale." Yet I wondered that he should go not been so; but, nevertheless, I gave Matthews Bros., Scranton,

he first time; "but take notice that that are no rebels, but bide quietly at ring of the door post. When we had ment of the inn. He was a tall young grudge, forbye, an orra sheep no more ale, and was exceedingly merry, but to a hill body than a can of ale to a red

oldier." James Renwick bent his eyes on Sir James, and for a moment looked through him. "Puir man," he said, gently, "poor

man! I rede ye turn about your bridlerein and ride back the way ye came, or the bed that ye shall lie on shall be darker than the mirk of the night that comes fast upon us, and colder than the linen sheets that Janet Johnson has

na while I live!"

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wearily.

spread for ye at the Wauk-Miln." "Ha, Umphray Spurway. "Man!" cried Sir James, fiercely

not (as I though) in the wisest way, see shaking his bridle-reins at the fielding that he was so close to his own door. and his wife certain to hear of it on the stone? And why speak ye the name of morning. my son's concubine, that is to me as

Then he cried for the elder maid of the two that were James Marr's daughters, and declared that he would find a step of my door for years-na, nor shall match for her, swearing that she was too well-looking to be going about So cried Sir James at his volce's breeding quarrels and making ill-blood

among the lads. 'James Renwick shook his head Whereupon came in a great red-

bearded man, full of pomp and im-"The message is not of me nor from portance, with as much shortness of me," he said. "I speak as I am bldden. reath as port of presence.

Your light-o'-loves I reck nought of. "Ha, Umphray Spurway," cried Sir James, as soon as he saw him, "here is But I wish you well; and I warn you from riding further, for the powers of matter for thee. What means it that darkness are abroad this night and it this bonny lass, Elspie Marr, goes about is their hour. Turn your horses about, at the door unwed, and thou, great and never draw rein till ye are safe English lout, have neither wife to keep withis the walls of Edinburgh." thee warm o' nights, nor wean to heir

"Ye speak as a foolish person," said thy goods and go clad in cloth of thy Sir James, severely; "this night I bide weaving. Go to, man. See to it." in mine own house and sleep in mine The great red Englishman laughed own chamber, with this honest man and and sat down well content, as all men law-abiding minister of the gospel to do when they are jested upon concernkeep me company." ing women.

"Ah, Sir James," he replied, "had I afts him. Yet often and after I looked an estate of farms and mills I had not back, and there in the fading light of so long have eaten the bread of an-

saw the fanatic preacher stand as we and an honest, but would never

say yea or nay, Umphray Spurway. said the lass Elspie, speaking from the doorway where Sir James had stayed her. She was a brisk lass, with no ill

Englishman, daffing with her, "tell us all whether you will have me, or my man Henry Bowman that is a limber lad and likely of his face?"

"For a married man or for a lad to one to the other.

time to speak.

the Englishman," said she. "Bonny faces make bare downsittings." "A wise lass," said Sir James; couldna do better, Umphray."

But even as he spoke I saw his jaw of Minnyhive, whose mother was some daughters. It is the best but very new-fangled and conceity in appeared the face of the young man appeared the face of the young man

that had a lamp shining in the window. feet and set his hand to his sword, was the son against him, which made "Ah," said Sir James, "let us light off The face of the young man was flushed his sin like the sin against the Holy here and have a draught for our even- with wrath or wine. I know not which. Ghost, as I have so often expounded. ing ordinary. This is James Marr's, a very decent man and keeps good ale." Yet I wondered that he should go buying of ale, well nigh within call of whole pack together that have dis-

there are other honest men in the realm change-house and fied our horses to the Standfield strode upon the stone pave- laid them bended on the table. "There has been enough and to spare home, wishing ill to none, and who seated ourselves, Sir James called for man, but with a face surfeited with of ill talk," he said; "get out of this passion and blotched with evil living. house without another uncivil word, Behind him, with a fleering laugh, there Philip Standsfield, or I will make a hole entered a young slantern of a woman, in you, you debauched man and blasbuxom of feature indeed, but with no phemer of your father. And you, Janet good or housewifely look in her eyes. Johnston, shall be whipped at the cart-"See, there they stand, Janet," cried tall from here to Morham-aye, if I he, "and for a great I would send them have to lay on the lashes myself!"

all to hell, and swing for them in the So, snarling and counter-snarling, Grass Mercat." with changed countenances, more like "Philip," said Sir James, gripping those of beast than human kind, Philip the table to steady himself, for all his Standsfield and the wench went out mirth had gone from him and left him vowing vengeance upon us all. Then gray to the lips, "Philip, my lad, I there comes into my tale that night of have come to forgive you, and to see great fear, which grips me yet in the gin ye will lead a new life. Dinnatelling of it. It was a bitter night of dinna begin by breaking my heart. frost at the changing of the moon. A Send away that woman, that has made horror of great darkness fell upon the ye live like a beast. Think on your earth. Yet there was also, what is not wife that greets for you by her loneso common on a night of cold, a sough-What more he would have said I ing and wandering wind that whispered know not, but the woman broke out by whiles, going and coming uncertainfuriously upon him, asking who he was ly among the stepped gables of the that he should take her good name, house of New Milns.

saving that she was an honest man's wife and much else. "Said ye 'an honest man's honest wife?" " said Sir James. And he looked

very direct at her as he spoke. The woman turned away as if she could not bear the question and the eyes of all that were in the house. She made as though she would go to the fireside by which sat James Marrs' wife with her daughter Elspie standing beside her. But they gathered the skirts of their kirtles about them and swept off into an inner room. So the

many doctors have failed to cure you, as your druggist for a 25-cent vial of one o Munyon's Cures, and if you are not been the side of her paramour, who stood fited your money will be refunded. Thi Company puts up browbeating us all, save the Englishman, who sipped contentedly at his ale and smilling in a way that was a vast A cure for every disease

It was not, perhaps, the wisest time to give a man advice, but nevertheless, because I knew not whether indeed I

should see him again, I rose from my



put away his sin; for that his father was ready to forgive him and receive

"For a married man, of course," said first going from home. "Out upon you, canting hound!" he oried, breaking in on me; "I tell you plainly, gin I had as muckle as sixpence in the day, I would never trouble my

father more." "Come to dinner and worship tonight, and we shall see if we cannot make a new thing of it, your father and you

for that purpose." But the more mention that was made of his father's kindliness, the fiercer was the son against him, which made

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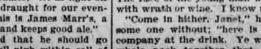
had left him, gazing lonesomely up at have aught to say to an ancient graythe hills as though he looked and saw a vision upon them. ""Never yet did I get the chance to Sir James Standsfield rode bravely But ''tis better late than never.' away, as set on his own intent as a man that has taken the bit of his fate be-

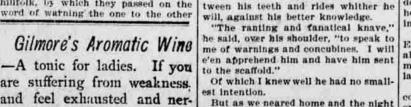
> in her that ever I saw. "Well, listen here, Elspie," cried the

ourt?" asked the lass, looking from

Sir James, before the Englishman had "Then I choose Umphray Spurway,

who had pursued us the day on the mult of Lowther. Sir James rose to his





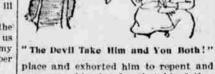
And with that he rode off and I rode

But as we neared home and the night settled about us, methought that Sir James Standsfield rode not so hastily nor looked so eagerly for the lights of

his house. Ever he found some new excuse to

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