MONA'S CHOICE.

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16. I will never avoid firm, or seem unplendly, but I dety him to firm with me if
I do not choose. I hope he is enjoying his
amble with Uncle Sandy."

Here the sound of wheels upon the gravel
flow her to the entrance in time to see the
phaeton drive up, wherein sat Kenneth
friumphant, and Mary Black beside him.

Mone welcomed her cordinly, up am so glad to see you. Uncle Sandy as sone out round the garden with a gensee gote our round the garden with a gentleman, so I will show you your room at once. She is looking blooming, Kenneth abover than when we met in Glasgow," "I am so glad to see you a bit alone before I meet Mr. Oraig," said Mary, as she followed Mona down the long passage to ser com: "I am very frightened of him."
"But you must not be so," said her young period. "My uncle likes those least who

"It was so good of you to ask me. Kenas present her best complements to you." Then they had a little cheerful talk about the most becoming mode of dressing the hate with a few words on the prevating ashion of morning frocks; after which is was thin to go to the drawing room, which they hardly reached before the belt range. Mona could hardly repress a smile when their Sandy appeared, followed by his mest. Lists looked father grave, but Mr. brais had an air of soil satisfaction, which moke volumes as to the amount of boring

his victim had endured. And this is Miss Blacks I am weel pleased to welcome her to Cratedarroch, any triend of Miss Crates, my nicee, is welcome to me, especially a bounte lassic like you. Sit ye doon, sit ye doon," And he proceeded to ask a blessing of portent

The middley ment proceeded very sucsessfully. To Mona's surprise, Liste made himself very pleasant, listening to all Unsis Sandy said with interest, and just mough difference of opinion to stimulate the old man to triumphant argument. He somed to enjoy the very simple food set before him, and discussed fishing with Konneth, inviting him to spend a day on the river's side occasionally, sending a half admiring, half defiant glance to Mona. which seemed to say that he was not to be easily shaken off. Soring that it made Mary blush painfully to be noticed, he kindly left her alone. Directly to Monn he said very little but he inquired if she had seen this or that periodical or quarterly. and off rol to send them up to her. Fin-

to take leave, and the whole party went out to use him start "I suppose I may give your love to fady Finistom, Miss Centar She will be here to morrow, I dare say, when she knows who is in her neighborhood. Many thanks for your hospitality, Mr. Craig. I will come up again as soon as I have seen

nally, he was, he said, retuctantly obliged

A wave of the hand, an uplifting of his hat, he touched his spirited horse with the Whip, and in another moment he was out of sight cound the curve of the drive.

A varra reasonable, wise like young mon, for any in his position, and willing to bear truth from the lips of a thoughtful body. But he has his tempers, PH be bound He was just antiner sort o' man the day I went to meet him short-spoken and spornful like. But I dank say he suns my that Sandy Craig could hold his ain ha'hody. Aha, lad, he's changed his time the day! Come along, my bonnie bairn' Konnoth and me are going to our books, so Monn will take you cound the pardens and the grounds, forbye the dairy."

Martines for the wines, he are over when THE OLD LOVE!

solf after this mooting with fisis than she ind done since her grandmother's death. encounter had proved to her how complotoly she had past of the old feeling of tegrat and pain at hor discushantment, and showed her that she was stronger than of eld Still Idels in a way interested her. His manners, when he chose, were attende Hys, though Mong fancial she could perenivo the baser metal of selfishings underlying the allver plating of his effective ex-

was dooply gratified by the readiness of this fine contleman to cultivate his se-He was remarkably amiable during the whole afternoon and is after fitale's visit, although he hold furth at some length on the folly and evil offert of titles on their possessors, as well as in unelest at larger.

Idalo proved a true prophet. The day but one after his visit, Uncle Sandy and his amosts and assembled in the Hibrary to their five c'olock for This was a sprious meal, with bannocks and seems, cookies, bread and butter, preserves, and toast. It served to support nature fill eight Polock support after which came prayers and had Mr. Orale had just "asked a blessing," when the sound of an approachby energy interrupted his attack on the the and newly made strawberry jam. 'It is suither visitor," he said, "Why, one which as weet be in Edinburgh or

We had not many visitors in London, Shaprond Mona.

As she speaks, fossis, the southful house maid, came hastily into the foom.

"There is a teldy special for you, Miss batter" she exclaimed; "a bran' leddy, in a chaise wi', two pownies." It must for facty Finistenin," said Mona. fisher "I may bring her in, ancie,"



"the Surety. Ask her to take a cup of

Mona hastoned to the door, before which ha light imaket carriage, eat Lady Finishin, and boshe her an enderly lady made the in the most content at the content are at home tam en glad." She gave the reine

to a smart, diminutive groom, and step

out quickly, embracing Mona with enusten. Lady Pinistons continued, "I was ac
delighted to hear you were within reach.
I have brought Miss Morton with me.
You know Miss Morton Not Oh, well,
you ought; everyone knows her."
"Then I must be no one," said Mona,
laughing. "I am very glad to see you,
Rvelyn. You must come in, we are at tea,
my uncle begs you will join us."
Descending the steps, she courteously invited Miss Morton to alight.
"Certainly, with pleasure," said that
lady, with much decision; and, followed by
both new arrivals, Mona led the way to the
library.

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Miss Morton was very tall, and rather bony; her long neck was surmounted by a small head and a face short and broad for its size, rather of the pug order, with small, keen, light-brown eyes. Her complexion seemed to have suffered a good deal from exposure to weather, and was considerably and undoubtedly powdered. She wore a very masculine-tooking overcoat of light tweed with a round cape, a small deep-stalker cap, and a white gause vell tied round it, which at present was furned back with a curious effect.

"Uncle, let me introduce Lady Pinistous and Miss Morton to you," said Mone.

"I am sure I am varra pleased to see ony friends o' my niece," said Uncle Sandy, rising after two distinct efforts, and smiling on the visitors. Like most Scotchmen, he was much mollified by the sight of a pretty face. "Ye'll sit doon and tak' a cup of tea or a glass of wine after your driver Here, Jessie, set a chair for the lendy by me, and bring cups and plates. Where'll the their lendy sit? Kenneth, mak' room 'twixt you and Mone."

"Thank you, Mr. Craig," said Lady Finistoun, in her soft, sweet tones; "a cup of tea will be most refreshing after our long drive; for I stupidly lost my way, and my groom is a Londoner."

"There is a remarkable fine air here; the better than what you have over in Strathe."

There is a femarkable fine air here; We better than what you have over in Strath-airle," returned Uncle Sandy. "You see, we are sheltered trac the north, an' we get mair sun-forbye the porridge, I have just insisted on her takin' porridge to her

"Porridge is exceedingly indigestible, and bad for the complexion," said Miss Morton, between the mouthsful of cream

You're wrang!" erled Uncle Sandy. "Just look at the men and women that are reared on porridge! There's no their equals "My dear sir, I don't imagine you have seen much of earth beyond your native

"You're wrang there again, mem. Pre-just come back from over a year's wander-ing wi' my niece about the Continent of enrope; and there's little f saw there that I'd care to tak' away." "Ah, I see you are one of the large class

who think their goese swans."
"I'm much obliged for your high openion, mem: but I am no such a full-body. I have the maist intelligent men of all times

"Miss Morton has an intellectual love of argument," said Lady Finistons, soothingly, "and is generally in opposition to the forman she considers most worthy of her steel. But I am anxious to see your charming gardens, if there is time after tea. Sir St. John Easte tells me it is a gem

"Weel, I hope you will come as often as you like to look at it," returned Uncle San-

"It is admirably structed. A family passing up her oup.
"Naw!" exclaimed Unele Sandy:

bought if wi' my ain hard-earned money, "Oh, you lucky man! Of all powers, the one I envy most is the power of making

"You have quite enough, dear," said fady Finistoun, "Now, my dear Mr. Craig, I want you to spare my cousin to me for a few days, It is so long since we were together, and se we have rather a pleasant party, and the change-"

"She's no your cousin," said Uncle Sandy, hastily; "she has no kin except me. Her grandmother's kin fell from her when she most needed them."
"But she is indeed my cousin; and through her I claim you, too, my dear Mr. Oraig, as a kinsman, if you will permit the

"It would be hard to say ye nay," he refurned, a smile puckering up his self-satis-fied face. "Mona may please herself."

'Do you always wear the kill?" said Miss Morton, abruptly, to Kenneth, "Mostly, when I'm among the heather," "It's very becoming," said she, with an admiring glance, "I do not wonder at Highland gentleman wearing it; but you are all very concetted."

"I am sorry you think so,"
"Don't you admit it?"

"I am not sure." "An that is the cautions Scot all over Tell me, are you his nephew?" nodding in the direction of Uncle Sandy.

"And Miss Craig's brother?"
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"No; my name is Kenneth Macalister,"
"An! Highland to the backbone, Then is this young lady your sister?"
Kenneth and Mary blushed simultane

"I see. No, certainly not," returned Miss Morton, with a harsh laugh. "Now, Mr. Macalister, the room is rather warms haven't you a shrubbery or a garden, or comething to show mer I don't eare to all here any langer."

Renneth rose reluctantly,
"Oh, yes, I can take you for a stroll,"
"I am going to look at the grounds," said
the resolute spinster to her chaperon, "with
Mr. Macalister."

"My niece will-" began Uncle Sandy, but Miss Morton promptly interrupted

him.

"Oh, no, thank you; I don't want any young ladies; a Highlander is enough for me," and she walked off, followed somewhat sheepishly by Kenneth.

"Milly Morton professes not to like women," explained Lady Finistonn, laughing.

"Mair's the pity," said Uncle Sandy, dry-ly, "for I'm thinking lew men would like

"I assure you they do. She is very popular, and has had endless offers to be sure, she has a good fortune."

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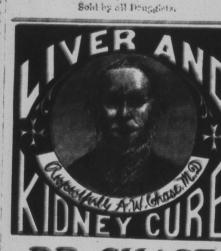
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