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I've not forgot the birth-day eve When first I donned thy glossy sleeve; When jovial friends in stoups of wine, Drank joy and luck to me and mine, Our indigence let some despise, We're dear as ever in their eyes. And for their sakes, old as thou art, Thou and thy owner shall not part.

She strove her lover to retain. And thy poor skirt was rent in twain. Dear girl! She did her best endeavour And patched thee up as well as ever. For her sweet sake, old as thou art, Thou and thy owner shall not part.

Never my coat hast thou been found, Bending thy shoulders to the ground, From any upstart "Lord" or "Grace," To beg a pension, star or place. Wild forest flowers-no monarch's dole-Adorn thy modest button hole; If but for that, old as thou art, Thou and thy owner shall not part.

Poor though we be, my good old friend, No gold shall bribe our backs to bend; Honest amid temptations past, We will be honest to the last, For more I prize thy virtuous rags, Than all the lace a courtier brags; And while I live and have a heart, Thou and thy owner shall not part,

THE WHITE ROSE OF ENGLAND

AN HISTORICAL STORY.

(Continued.)

Though Perkin had now for some time anticipated the design to which Frion's discourse was tending, yet when the avowal came, he again felt his soul shaken to the centre by the daring boldness of the enterprise which was proposed. He again strode hastily up and down the chamber; his face was a volume in which a thousand unutterable and incessantly varying thoughts might be read; his hair bristled on his head as though a troop of spectres passed before his eye, and the bue of his cheek was changeable as the effect of sunset on the Alps; one moment glowing red as volcanic fires, and the next pale as molten silver. At length, the mental struggle seemed to subside; his eyes assumed the steady glance of determined resolve; his lips ceased to quiver; and approaching Frion, he said :

"Never! never! never! It is true that aspiring thoughts have crossed my mind; that dreams of ambition have disturbed my imagination. I have sighed to attain power and fame and glory, but I have never chalked out for myself any other path towards their attainment than that through which honour led. I have wished to give distinction to the name of Warbeck, not to play the part of a vile impostor. No more, no more !" he added, interrupting Frion, who wis about to remonstrate with him; "my resolution is made; my name may descend with me to the grave unknown to fame, bat it never shall be tarnished with dishonour As the young man spake, his flushing cheek, his fiery eye, his imperious brow, and his expressive gait and gesture, struck the secretary with admiration, and, while they convinced him that Warbeck would not lend himself to the Duchess's enterprise, proyed that he was the very person fitted to prosecute such an enterprise with effect .- "Warbeck," he said, I will communicate your determinacion to the Duchess, whom the interest which she takes in your welfare has alone prompted to make this proposal to you. Promise me, therefore, that the zeal, perhaps the imprudent zeal which has animated her in your behalf, shall not in any way tend to the prejudice of herself or her friends; and that you will held the fact of this interview a sacred secret in your breast, never to be divulged. I ask but your plighted word to this effect, which, when once given, will, I am persuaded from what I have this day observed, be held inviolate."

"Thou hast it, thou hast it !" said Warbeck; "but, I pray thee, let me never more be importuned upon this subject. Thou hast roused a demou in my heart, which had thought was too pure to hold such an inhabitant. That I have been able to quell it I owe to the existence of a passion there, spotless as the snow upon the untrodden

summits of the Alps; although its object is as far beyond my reach, -as distant, as unattainable."

"Gracious Heaven!" exclaimed Warbeck, when the departure of the secretary had left him in solitude, "through what fearful vicissitudes of feeling have I passed, and in how short a period! Love, ambition, hope, fear, self-contempt, and self-approval, by turns have agitated my bosom. Yet what am I now? A friendless and houseless wanderer, who has implacably offended the only person who ever showed a disposition to serve him; and besides, nurses a fatal passion in his heart, which it is worse than madness to entertain. Wherefore was I not born to attain power and greatness at a court, or Katherine to be content with poverty and huminity in a cottage! Yet love has been known ere now to level ranks! The heart wears no diadem; the affections cannot be clothed in purple robes. That she regards me with a feeling of gratitude, I know; that a tenderer emotion mingles with that feeling, I believe. Presumptuous Warbeck ! darest thou nurse so wild a hope !"

As he thus spake, he rushed into the streets of the City of Ghent, es though he sought in the refreshing coolness of the evening to relieve the fiery temperament both of his mind and body. He walked along for a considerable time in a state of perfect mental abstraction, from which he was only aroused by feeling his elbow gently pulled, and finding a paper in his hand. He turned round, but could see no one. He stood alone, in one of the principal squares of the city. The night had now set in, and thick darkness had gathered over all things. He therefore returned hastily home, where, on his arrival, he lost no time in examining the contents of the paper of which he had become possessed in so mysterious a manner. With a beating heart he unfolded it, and read the following words :-

" Lose no time in proceeding to the Palace. The lady on whom you have placed your affections, notwithstanding the disparity of rank, returns your passion with equal ardour. She offers you her hand and heart, and is ready to accompany you to the church of ist. Gudule, where the good priest Arembert waits to unite you in the holy bands of matrimony. Present yourself at the eastern gate of the Palace. Be speedy and be secret."

Warbeck's eyes ran over with the tears of joy and wonder as he perused this epistle. "Perish all the Duchess's ambitious projects!" he exclaimed; my self-denial is rewarded infinitely beyond its merit in the triumph of my love. The husband of Katherine Gordon needs not envy the occupant of the English throne."

Warbeck ran, or rather flew, to the eastern gate of the palace. There he found the person whom he sought waiting for him, but muffled up in coarse garmeuts, and her face closely veiled. An exclamation of rapture was bursting from his lips, but she caught his arm and whispered in his ear-"Be silent or we shall be discovered." Warbeck could easily understand the motive of Lady Katherine's desire for secrecy and silence. Should the Duchess or should any of the haughty Scotch nobles who accompanied their sovereign's kinswoman to the Burgundian court, discover her intention to contract so mean an alliance, they would doubtless take effectual measures to prevent her from accomplishing that intention. He therefore placed her arm silently in his, and with noiseless steps and mute lips they proceeded towards the cathedral. They were challenged by one sentinel as they passed, whom Warbeck knew to be a Scotchman, and well acquainted with the features of the Lady Katherine. He was therefore in an agony of fear, when he saw him lift the lady's veil and gaze on her face. He immediately, however, let the veil drop, and motioned them to pass on; and Warbeck's heart beat high as he found that they were beyond the precincts of the palace, and that the entrance to the cathedral was before them They entered; the lady grasped his hand more firmly than ever; and after they heard the cathedral doors close behind them she threw herself into his arms, and uttered an exclamation of joy. Warbeck pressed her fondly to his heart. A monk approached, holding a lighted torch in his hand. "Remove," said Warbeck, "this now unnecessary cloud, which veils the features of so bright an orb !" Thus saying, he lifted up the veil, and was about to imprint a kiss on the lips of the Lady Katherine, when he started back full of wonder and disappointment, as he found that the fair burden in his arms was no other that Eleanor L ndsay.

His surprise had so far overcome his ge lantry, that he relinquished his grasp, as the lady would have sunk on the paveme of the cathedral, had not the monk rush forward and received her falling in his arm

"Dearest Rerkin!" said Eleanor, as a saw his changing features, "are you ill?" I am bewitched !-bewildered !-in dream !" he exclaimed, "Where is t Lady Katherine !"

"The Lady Katherine !" ejaculated be the lady and the priest; " Heaven forefer that she should be near us at this moment "What then am I to understand by this

asked Warbeck, drawing the paper from I

bosom. "Tis my appointment with you," sa Eleanor, "which you flew on the wings love to honour."

The youth now perceived his error, at drawing the father aside, briefly explaine to him the mistake.

We will not attempt to describe the fee ings or the conduct of Eleanor, when a became acquainted with the situation of er barassment in which she was placed. I sulted love turned to hatred, jealousy, r venge-all took possession of her bosom,and she rushed from the cathedral in a sta bordering upon frenzy. It had occasione no small effort to tame down her proud spi it so far as to acknowledge, even to hersel that she returned the affection which sl imagined that young Warbeck entertaine for her. When she found, however, the all those symptoms of affection which sl had discovered in him, were directed t wards the Lady Katherine, and not to he she determined if possible to effect the ru of both those young persons. She was fortunate as to regain her chamber in th palace without her absence having been pe ceived, and passed an anxious and restle night in revolving in her mind the best mor of effecting her revenge. She came ength to the determination of denouncing them both to the Duchess of Burgundy one as being guilty of overweening and eve even traitorous presumption, and the oth of unworthy forgetfulness of her high bir and station. Such accusations, she had a doubt, would awaken the anger and indi nation of the Duchess, and end in the Lac Katherine being sent over, disgraced and prisoner, to Scotland, and occasion the pe manent loss of Perkin's liberty, perhap even of his life. At an early hour, ther fore, in the morning, she sought an inte view with the hady Margaret, before who she laid her discoveay, without howev informing her of the manner in which al

on Warbeck a gold chain in token of h gratitude, the youth had avowed to her th he looked for a yet higher reward, -that was enamoured of the Lady Katherine, a that the attachment was mutual. She ded, that from what she observed of lady's manner and demeanour, she was co vinced that the youth's assertion was vain boast, but that the royal blood of Se land was in danger of being contamina by a mixture with the base stream that flo the veins of the offspring of Fl. ish clothworker. The Lady Margaret he her narrative with unaffected surprise, with an apparent sorrow and indignation no means equally sincere. She saw that had now discovered the spring by which might move Perkin Warbeck to her purpe she saw that his principles of honor w sufficient to fortify his mind against blandishments of power and glory; but hoped that they were not sufficiently pour ful to cope with the omnipotent influence love. She therefore thanked Elcanor her intelligence, told her that she wo take prompt and effectual measures for venting the family of her royal ally f being so disgraced, but immediately on departure sent for her secretary Frion consult with him on the best means of plying this unexpected discovery town the furtherance of her plot for distur King Henry upon his throne. The re was, that Frion was once more despate to Perkin, with instructions to bring

had made it. She told her, that being cor

missione I by the Lady Katherine to besto

of Burgundy. "Young Sir," said the Lady Margare the youth once more appeared before "you seem to value but lightly the fa of princes and sovereigns. We have all deigned to acquaint you with our wi and you spurn them as though a begge titioned you to grant him a merc alms."

immediately into the presence of the Duc

" l'ardon me, gracious Madam." Warbeck; "my heart is penetrated your kindness; but I dare not, mu listen to the proposal made to me by Grace's secretary. I am of humble of slender talent, and aspire to no destiny than that of serving in your G ranks against the tyrant of England, any other service that your grace m

pleased to assign to me." "Thou sprest to no higher des said the Duchess. "Then what a fiend must that have been that whispe my ear that Perkin Warbeck, of suc! ble birth and slender talent, had th sumption to aspire to become the poof the hand an I heart of Katheriue G the near kinswoman of the royal maj Scotland !"

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