The Laird o' McNab-he is stalwart and stout, He's the wonder and wale o' the land round about; For a hero a Greek-for an heiress a grab; Have you never heard tell o' the Laird o' Mo-

The big Irish giant was slender and slim, Goliath of Gath but a pigmy to him The brawny McGregor, the red-headed Rab, An infant, in fact, to the Laird o' McNab.

His eye would set fire to the Thames or the sea; His eye would set he to the Thames or the sea;
His oily voice wile the wild bird from the tree;
For the eloquent eye and the gift o' the gab,
There ne'er was the like o' the Laird o' McNab.
No chief of Clan Alpine hath ever arrayed
A figure so fit for the plume and the plaid;
E'en in waterproof beaver, and doublet of drab—
Irresistible still is the Laird o' McNab!

Whenever he treads there's a groan from the ground, When he dances the very stone walls shake

around; He's a lift for a crane—he's a load for a cab, The broad, brawny fellow—the Laird o' McNab. For accomplishments, ladies, what more could you wish?

He can dance like a bear, he can drink like a He can smoke, he can snuff, and of pigtail a dab Ever soaks in the delicate cheek of McNab.

The Laird o' McNab and the Laird o' McNish Sat down once to drink like a couple o' fish, But flat on the floor fell McNish like a swab, While sober's a judge sat the Laird o' McNab! McNab before Noah tracks six score of sires, Counts kin with dukes, marquises, barons and

Let the Border Buccleuch vaunt his doughty dad There were hundreds like him-in the line o'

Where lie his possessions, so fertile and fair? In the Island of Skye and the County of Ayr, Their heritage, held since the reign of Queen Mab.

Who granted the same to the Laird o' McNab. He's the Mac of all Mac's-that's beyond all From Bullers o' Buchan to the Island of Bute, From Ultima Thule on the south to St. Abb,

Broad Scotland exults in the Laird o' McNab.

## LOVERS YET.

(By the author of "Madoline's Lover.")

when the degradation of my home and the shadowed his life. dishoner of my race cannot touch me. Go now; I shall expect you to have quitted the Hall before to-morrow morning."

ceived me."

" plead for me!" not cruel. If you write to me I shall return up for home, and every one else. to your mother-I do not forbid that. She he did not even utter her name. can see you under any roof save mine. Ronald's arrangements were soon made. coloring and gay smiles; her hair, of the Now, farewell; the sunshine, the hope, the He sent for Stephen Thorne and his wife, rare color painted by the old masters, yet happiness of my life go with you, but I and told them how and when he had mar- so seldom seen, was of a pure golden hue, shall keep my word. See my solicitor, Mr. ried Dora. Burt, about your money, and he will ar- "I am sorry for it," said Stephen. "No upon it. range everything in my place."

his eyes, "say one kind word, touch my home, or married the young farmer who his pictures at the house of one of her

outstretched hand. "That is not the hand find it out." of an honorable man; I cannot hold it in my own."

Then Ronald bent down to kiss his commonplace people knew of love! mother; her face was white and still, she was not conscious of his tears or his pas- parted from Dora with many tears. She daisies, and golden buttercups, mingled sionate pleading. Lord Earle raised her was never to brighten their pretty home with woodbine and meadow-sweet, told

mother find you here when she recovers." sea. Many dark fore-bodings haunted them; countess, "loves flowers, and knows what sorrowful eyes, the anguish of the brave ference now. young face, as Ronald turned from him and left the room.

sciousness of her misery, her son had left taken a small farm somewhere in the of the handsome young Englishman. She Countess Rosali raved about her, wisely replied, and then another deep silence fell her. No one would have called Lord Earle | county of Kent. Lady Earle had found | liked his clear, Saxon face and fair hair; making a friend where any one else would upon them. hard or stern who saw him clasp his weep. them the means, and they had left without she liked his simple kindly manner, so full have feared a rival. ing wife in his arms, and console her by one word from Lord Earle. He never of chivalry and truth. She liked pretty every kind and tender word he could utter. even asked whither they had gone.

but he would return, his father must for- wife. It was so pleasant to teach Dora, she does not always speak or look like a lady about whom all Florence was inter garden, where Valentine had seen the pale, for a time. But Lord Earle, inflexible dark eyes grow larger with wonder, to hear Few days passed without bringing Ronald was fair, speaking French with courtly

as Valentine Charteris said, he was too often thought that there never had been, Arno. proud for scenes. He dined with Lady never could be, a wife so loving as Dora. Charteris and her daughter, excusing his He could not teach her much, although he wife, and never naming his son. After tried hard. She sang simple little ballads dinner he shut himself in his own room, sweetly and clearly; but although master and suffered his agony alone.

Earlescourt was full of bustle and ac- be taught to play-not even so much as the tivity. The young heir was leaving easy accompaniments of her own songs. pictures failed in liquidating bills; then asked her if she would like to see his suddenly; boxes and trunks had to be Ronald hoped that with time and attention Ronald grew anxious, and Dora not knowing celebrated picture, the "Guir evere," packed. He did not say where he was she would be able to sketch, but Dora never what better to do, wept, and blamed her. whose fame was spreading fast. going; indeed, those who helped him said managed it. Obediently enough she took self for all the trouble. It was a relief "Nothing" she said, "would please her

Everything was arranged for Ronald's something so comical that both she and always going on. departure by the night mail from Green. Ronald laughed heartily; while the confield, the nearest station to Earlescourt. sciousness of her own inferiority grieved elite of Florentine society; she selected her for he is one of the most valued of my He took with him neither horses nor her, and large bright tears would frequently friends and acquaintances as carefully as friends."

drawing room when Ronald came in to bid | cleverer wife. her farewell. She was amazed at the unhappy termination of the interview. say; he loved Dora better in her artless Though grave matrons shook their heads hung. The Prince led the ladies to the She would have gone instantly to Lord simplicity than he could have loved the and looked prudish when the Countess southern end. Valentine saw before her a priate to the season, ice-making machines determination.

As Ronald stood there, looking into Valentine's beautiful face, he remembered the crowning joy of my life." his mother's words, that she cared for him Two long bright years had passed away theatricals and charades.

what shall you do?"

teris-I must de the best I can. If my of her making some terrible blunder. income will not support me, I must work; The third year of their married life dawn- smiling and bright when he went away, about him." Valentine; and bid me 'God speed.' "

bears trouble well is the greatest hero of said, "Give my love to Dora." all."

night, Ronald little thought that, while his poverty. His income was not more than marriage; in time he would succeed to the I must tell mamma they are in Florence. mother lay weeping as though her heart three hundred a year; to Dora this seemed title. Hospitalities were lavished upon We must call and see them." would break, a beautiful face, wet with boundless riches; but the heir of Earles- him, the best houses in Florence were "I was fond of Mrs. Thorne once," said bitter tears, watched him from one of the court had spent more in dress and cigars. thrown open to him, and he was eagerly the Countess, plaintively; "but really upper windows, and his father shut up Now debts began to press upon him; welcomed there. When people met him there is nothing in her." alone listened to every sound, and heard writing home he knew was useless. He continually unaccompanied by his young "There must be something both estihave heard his own death-knell

The next day Lady Charteris and her last jewel in her case for him. daughter left Earlescourt. Lord Earle Ronald gave himself up to the study of Gradually, slowly, but surely, the fascingave no signs of the heavy blow which had painting. A pretty little studio was built, ation of the gay and brilliant society in struck him. He was their attentive host and Dora spent long hours in admiring which Ronald was so eagerly courted, laid their carriage, and parted from them with promise of being some day a good artist— conscientiously; little by little a distaste "The more so because it is the work of smiling words. He went back to the house not a genius. The world would never rave for his home and a weariness of Dora's an old friend," said Valentine: and again

of the voice he loved best on earth, young heir did not return, wonder and approved, others laughed. "We will end this scene," said Lord living somewhere in Italy. To Lord Earle, money if you like." Earle, turning from his unhappy wife, who it seemed that his life was ended; he had Ronald steadily refused to entertain the it all. was weeping passionately. "Look at your no further hope; he formed no further idea. He wondered at modern ideas of

how you repaid them. Take your last look that had fallen upon her. She hoped follower of one of the grandest of arts. He Ronald's, and gave an order to him to paint young man she had once liked so well; yet at me. I have loved you—I have been against hope that the time would come made one compromise—that was for his a large picture, leaving him to choose the for all that she did not feel inclined to proud of you, hopeful for you; now I dis- when her husband would pardon their father's sake. As an artist, he was known subject. In vain by night and by day did renew the acquaintance. When Valentine miss you from my presence, unworthy son only son. Valentine Charteris bore her by Dora's name of Thorne, and, before long, Ronald ponder on what that subject should asked her to drive next morning to the of a noble race. The same roof will never disappointment well. She never forgot Ronald Thorne's pictures were in great re- be. He longed to make his name immortal little villa on the banks of the Arno, she at shelter usagain. Make what arrangements the simple chivalrous man who had clung quest. There was no dash of genius about by it. He thought once of Tennyson's first half declined.

keeper's daughter. Go where you like-do as One after another she dismissed them. income. you like. You have chosen your own path. She was waiting until she saw some one Ronald became known in Florence. place the dimpling smiles and bright her every attention. To refuse would im-Some day you must return to Earlescourt like Ronald Earle-like him in all things People who had not thought much of Mr. blushes on the canvas, and they were the ply a doubt of me, and that I could not as its master. I thank Heaven it will be save the weakness which had so fatally Earle were eager to know the clever artist chief charm. He therefore abandoned endure."

CHAPTER IX

"You cannot mean it, father!" cried the Arno, Ronald Earle established him- have been different; but invitations began Ronald. "Send me from you-punish me self with his young wife. He had gone to pour in upon him and Dora, and Ronald, -I deserve it; but let me see you again." direct to Eastham, after leaving Earlescourt, half tired of his solitude, although he never "Never in life," said Lord Earle, calmly. his heart aching with sorrow for home and suspected it, accepted them eagerly. "Remember when you see me lying dead all that he had left there, and beating high Dora did not like the change; she felt that death itself was less bitter than the with joy at the thought that now nothing lonely and lost where Ronald was so pophour in which I learned that you had de- stood between him and Dora. He told her ular and so much at home. of the quarrel—of his father's stern words;

choice has been made deliberately. I am said. She must love him enough to make noble of great wealth.

your letters unoppened. I shall refuse to Yet strange to say, when Ronald told his as the fair countess. Amongst the dark see or hear from you, or to allow you to pretty, weeping wife all that happened, he glowing beauties of sunny Italy she was come near Earlescourt; but you can write made no mention of Valentine Charteris-

good will ever come of such an unequal! The fair dainty lady had a great desire

with her sweet face and gay voice. She sweet stories of English meadows. "Go" said he, calmly; "do not let your was going away to strange lands over the He never forgot the pleading of those but it was too late for advice and inter- English flowers mean."

as she cared for no other. Could it be before Ronald began to perceive that he On the occasion of a later visit of Ronald then she saw her own face, bright, smiling, possible that this magnificent girl, with her could educate his pretty young wife no and Dora to the Countess Rosali, poor glowing with beauty, bright in innocence, of the Royal Society.

serene, queenly dignity, loved him? She further. She was a strange mixture of Dora more than once gave painful evidence sweet in purity. Valentine started in aslooked distressed by his sorrow. When he ignorance and uncultivated poetry. She of her lack of high breeding and education, tonishment, and her companion smiled. quivering lips he vainly tried to still, tears accent, caught from him, good; alone he never he under the excitement of the moment blance," said the Countess. "The artist "Where shall you go," she asked, "and English friend in Florence and brought and, as that was the last time the countess teris." him home to dine, then Ronald began to ever invited Mr. Earle and Dora alone, by plied, "and take her abroad. Do not look and grow less shy, that she could talk a Dora should stay at home and Ronald go Who is the artist?" so pained and grieved for me, Miss Char- little more, and that he might lose all fear out. He had no scruple in leaving her-

a few months' study will make me a toler- ed; Dora was just 20, Ronald 23. There had and the same when he returned. He said able artist. Do not forget my mother, been no rejoicing when he had attained to himself that Dora was happier at home pale and silent. his majority; it passed over unnoticed than elsewhere, that fine ladies frightened Her heart yearned to him-so young, so and unremarked. News came to them her and made her unhappy. simple, so brave. She longed to tell him from England, letters from the little farm how much she admired him-how she in Kent, telling of simple home intelligence, and distinct, Ronald going more than ever his have been on intimate terms for many wanted to help him, and would be his friend and letters from Lady Earle, always sad into society, Dora clinging more to the safe years. I knew that he was in Italy with while she lived. But Miss Charteris rarely and stained with tears. She had no good shelter of home. yielded to any emotion; she laid her hand news to tell them. Lord Earle was well, If any true friend had stepped in then in his and said, "Good-bye, Ronald-God but he would never allow his son's name to and warned them, life would have been a bless you. Be brave; it is not one great be mentioned before him, and she longed to different story for Ronald Earle and his marriage? Who was Mrs. Thorne? Why deed that makes a hero. The man who see her son. In all her letters Lady Earle wife.

As he left his home in the quiet starlit life, Ronald began to feel the pressure of who had offended his father by a "low" has any secrets I should not reveal them. the door close behind his son as he would would not ask Lady Earle, although he wife they smiled significantly, and bright mable and lovable," replied Valentine,

mother, Ronald; kiss her for the last time plans; ambition died away; the grand honor—that men saw no shame in borrow- Florence was the Prince di Borgezi. His No one deplored his rash, foolish, marriage and go from her; bear with you the memory purpose of his life would never be fulfilled. ing upon the lives of their nearest and magnificent palace was like one vast more than she did. She thought Lord of her love and of her tenderness, and of Lady Earle said nothing of the trouble dearest, yet thought it a disgrace to be a picture gallery. He saw some sketches of Earle stern and cruel: she pitied the you will. You have some little fortune; it to her friendship and relied so vainly upon them; but they were careful studies. "Dora," and of sketching his wife for the "I promised to be Ronald's friend years Some few were sold, and the price realized principal figure. He did make a slight ago," said Valentine, calmly; "and now, bute one farthing to the support of my lodge- Many lovers sighed round Valentine. proved no unwelcome addition to a small sketch, but he found that he could mamma, you must allow me to keep my

and his pretty, shy wife. Then the trial that idea. of Ronald Earle began in earnest. Had he lived always away from the world, out of In a small pretty villa, on the banks of society, the chances are that his fate would

Amongst those who eagerly sought the Countess Rosali, an English lady who "It is useless," replied his father; "your | She would love him all the more, she had married the Count Rosali, a Florentine

No one in Florence was half so popular face was charming from its delicate bright Queen Guinevere. looking always as though the sun shone

"Father," cried Ronald, with tears in match. My girl had better have stayed at to see Mr. Thorne. She had seen one of loved her. The distance between you is too friends—a simple little thing, but it had "No," said Lord Earle, turning from the great, Mr. Earle, and I fear me you will charmed her. It was merely a bouquet of English wild flowers; but then they were Ronald laughed at the idea that he should so naturally painted! The blue-bells looked ever tire of Dora. How little these prosaic, as though they had just been gathered.

"Whoever painted that," said the fair never tired of repeating.

The countess did not rest until Ronald became one of Ronald's best patrons. The first news that came to the villa on had been introduced to her, and then she the banks of the Arno was that Stephen | would know his wife. Her grave, silent When Lady Earle awoke to the con- Thorne and his wife had left the lodge and husband smiled at her evident admiration family had just arrived in Florence. Dora too; but there were times when the was prevented from attending. All the in troduce her to mamma. I know her Lord Earle did not know that in his Despite his father's anger and his dainty, fastidious countess looked at the elite of Florence were there, and great was already by description." wife's heart there was a hope that in time mother's sorrow, despite his poverty and young wife in wonder, for, as she said one the excitement when Countess Rosali he would relent; it was hard to lose her loss of position, Ronald for some evening to her husband, "There is some entered the ball-room with an exceedingly Ronald; "shall we join her there?" brave boy for a few months or even years, months was very happy with his young thing in Mrs. Thorne that puzzles me-

and unflinching, knew he should never in her simple naive remarks, her original ideas, and Dora to the villa Rosali. It would grace, and Italian with fluent skill; and always nervous with strangers." to see her pretty artless ways; above all it have been better for Ronald had he never when the Prince stood before her, he re-

## CHAPTER X.

which Ronald and his wife already found ball ever given in Florence. after master tried his best, she could never heavy enough. There were times when the money received from the sale of his and danced once with Miss Charter is, he afterward that his face was fixed and pale, pencil and paper in her hands and tried, then to leave the home over which the better;" and as the Countess Rost li stood and that he moved about like one in a but the strokes would never comestraight. clouds lowered, and seek the gay villa, near, the prince included her in the invita-Sometimes the drawing she made resembled where something pleasant and amusing was tion.

Countess Rosali gathered around her the vere' never weary of the artist's/ triumph, Valentine Charteris sat alone in the would not have been happier with a piquant, or fashionable; any gentleman ad- his handsome face. mitted into her charmed circle must have "No, a thousand times no," he would genius, wit, or talent to recommend him. some of the finest pictures in Italy were "And you are quite sure," said Dora, set was to receive the "stamp of fashon."

she never objected; her face was always the Countess, "There is quite a romance

Their ways in life now became separate

Ronald's story became known in Florence. Miss Charteris." In this, the third year of his married He was the son of a wealthy English peer, "Nay," said Valentine; "if Mr. Thorne

Dora. while they remained; he escorted them to both her husband and his work. He gave hold on him. He did not sin wilfully or teris?" he asked. where he was never more to hear the sound about his pictures; but in time he would society overcame him. He was never un- the Prince admired the grace of her be a conscientious, painstaking artist. kind to her, for Ronald was a gentleman; words. As days and months passed by, and the Among his small coterie of friends some but he lingered no more through the long "Any other woman in her place," he sunny mornings by her side. He gave up thought, "would have blushed and coquettsurprise reigned at Earlescourt. Lord "Why not go to the Jews?" asked fash- all attempts to educate her. He ceased to ed. How charming she is!" Earle never mentioned his son's name. ionable young men. "Earlescourt must tease her about books; he never offered to From that moment Prince di Borgezi People said he had gone abroad, and was be yours some day. You can borrow read to her: and pretty, simple Dora, resolved to woo and win Valentine if he taught by the keen instinct of love, noted | could.

not paint Dora's face; he could not word. We must visit his wife and pay

Standing one day where the sunbeams fell lightly through the thick myrtles an inspiration came to him. He would paint a picture of Queen Guinevere in her gay sweet youth and bright innocent beauty-Guinevere with her lovely face and golden in beauty. The air was full of the music hair, the white plumes waving and jewels of birds; the waters of the Arno rolled flashing, the bright figure on the milk languidly on; cleanders and myrtles were white palfrey shining in the mellow sunlight that came through the green trees. "Mother," cried the unhappy youth, and Dora as he had foreseen, clung round Ronald's society was the pretty coquette, see every detail of the picture; he knew just the noble, brave, tender face Sir Lancelot should have; but where could he find a Valentine caught one glimpse of a pretty model for Guinevere? Where was there a face that would realize his artist dreams of her? The painting was half completed before he thought of Valentine Charteris and shining rings of dark hair; but where were like a bright sunbeam. Her fair, piquant her magnificent beauty—the very ideal of the smiles Ronald had described? That

With renewed energy Ronald set to were in every line of it. work. Every feature of that perfect face sketch after sketch, until, in its serene, sweet loveliness, Valentine's face smiled upon

## CHAPTER XI.

The good lodge-keeper and his wife cate wild roses; aspray of pink hawthorne, young face. "Whom was it like?" ever any woman so perfectly beautiful?"

the palace, and the Prince di Borgezi ing silence.

The Prince gave a grand ball in honor of a beautiful English lady, who with her my daughter's face!"

ested-an English heiress, clever as shie sad face. No one knew what Lord Earle suffered; was pleasant to be so dearly loved. He left his pretty home on the banks of the cognized in one moment the original of his famous "Guinevere"

The countess was in danger—a fafirer, brighter star had arisen. Valentine Char-Going into society increased the expenses | teris was the belle of the most brilliant

When the Prince had received his guest

"Certainly; I never tire of the Guine-

Rosali was mentioned, yet to belong to her magnificent painting—tall forest trees, and appliances for refrigeration. "that you will never repent marrying me?" No day passed without some amusement every green leaf distinct and clear; she saw "No, again," was the reply. "You are at the villa-picnic, excursion, soirce, dance, the mellow light that fell through them, or, what its fair mistress preferred, private the milk-white palfrey and jewelled harness,

spoke of his mother, and she saw the could speak well; her voice was sweet, her which so terribly annoyed her husband that "There can be no doubt about the resem-

noticed any deficiencies, but if he met an spoke injudiciously to her of her manner, has made you Queen Guinevere, Miss Char-

"I shall go to my wife at once," he re- wish that Dora would leave off blushing slow degrees it became a settled rule that "it is my own face. How came it there?

"His name is Ronald Thorne," replied

The Countess saw Miss Charteris grow "Have you ever seen him?" inquired the Countess. "Do you know him?"

"Yes," said Valentine; "my family and his wife." "Ah," rejoined the Countess, eagerly,

did he quarrel with his father? Do tell us,

knew that she would have parted with the eyes grew soft with pity. Poor, pretty quickly, "or Mr. Thorne would never have married her." Prince di Borgezi smiled approval of the

young lady's reply. "You admire my picture, Miss Char-

Lady Charteris was half pleased, half

"You shall do as you like, my dear," replied Lady Charteris; "the young man's mother is my dearest friend, and for her sake we will be kind to him."

It was one of those Italian mornings when the fair face of nature seemed bathed in full bloom; birds sang as they sing only under the blue sky of Italy.

It was not yet noon when Lady Charteris and her daughter reached the little villa. Before they came to the house, pale face looking from the garden, a pale face with large dark eyes. Could that be pretty, smiling Dora? There were the was not a happy face. Care and sorrow

They were told that Mr. Thorne was was engraved upon his mind. He made in his studio, and would see them there. They had sent in no card, and Ronald believed the "two ladies" to have called on some business connected with pictures. He started with surprise when Lady Charteris and Valentine entered. There were a few words of confused greeting, a hurried "Queen Guinevere" was a success far explanation of the circumstances that had beyond Ronald's dearest hopes. Artists led Sir Hugh to Florence; and then Valand amateurs, connoisseurs of all ranks entine looked long and steadily at the only and degrees, were delighted with it. The man she had ever cared for. He was One almost fancied dewdrops on the delicate wild roses; aspray of pink hawthorne, daisies, and golden buttercups, mingled "Where had he found his model?" "Was He did not look like a man who had found the delicate wild roses; aspray of pink hawthorne, which had he found his model?" "Was He did not look like a man who had found the delicate which had found the delicate which had he found his model?" "Was He did not look like a man who had found the delicate which had found the delicate which had he did not look like a man who had found the delicate which had he did not look like a man who had found the delicate which had he did not look like a man who had found the delicate which had he did not look like a man who had found the delicate which had he delicate whi peace. Lady Charteris wold him of her Such were the questions that people seemed never tired of repeating. The picture was hung in the gallery of father still preserve the same rigid, unbend-

"I have see in your picture," said Lady Charteris. How well you remembered

"Where is Mrs. Earle?" asked Valen-Ronald had received an invitation, but tinge. "Our visit is chiefly to her. Pray

"I left my wife in the garden," said

"My wife is timid," said Ronald, "and

Dora was sitting under the shade of a large flowering tree, her hands folded, and her eyes riveted on the distant hills; there was something in her listless manner that touched both ladies more than any words could have done. A deep flush crimsoned her face when Ronald and his guests stood before her. She rose, not ungracefully; her white eyelids drooped in their old shy manner. As Ronald introduced his wife, something in the girl's wistful face went straight to Lady Charteris' heart. She spoke not a word, but folded Dora in her arms, and kissed her as her own mother

## might have done. To be continued.

An exhibition of a novel character is to so: vants; even his valet, Morton, was left fall upon the paper. Then Ronald would she selected her dresses, jewels, and flowers. Prince Borgezi smiled, thinking how drinks, the machinery for their preparabe held at London in August next. It will benind. "My lady" was ill, and shut up in take the pencil away, and Dora would She refused to know "bores" and "no- much of the fair coquette's admiration tion and the various modes of packing cling round his neck and ask him if he bodies;" her lady friends must be pretty, went to the artist's talent, and how much to them, as well as machinery for cork-cutting, bottle cleaning and kindred industries. They entered the long gallery, where There will also be shown a quantity of

> Sara Bernhardt will join a company on Saturday, beginning with the "Dame Aux Camelias," now for the first time licensed in England.

> Mr. Gladstone has been elected a Fellow