Story of their Relations with Scotch Landlords.

Producing Masses-The Wilds Sutherlandshire and Elsewhere.

that the lands of the republic should not belong to any members of the commonwealth in particular, but should be held by all in trust for the general benefit, says a Scotch correspondent of Forest and Stream Other countries, less free of the burden of land disputes, may well hold that of them also pity 'tis that 'tis not true. Perhaps, however, a tenet such as this, in which simplicity of code claimed place with liberty, equality and brotherhood might, if welded to modern notions, lead to unlooked for and disastrous side issues, and Yet ever and anon there flickers up in a smouldering discontent against the great landed proprietors; a clamor of the many for the enacting of some such law against the few. As the world grows more republican and the masses find means to make themselves heard, the war of paired possession of those huge pleasure in feudal days for trivial services, have playing cuckoo in a nest of hungry farmers. Nowhere is this state of things more prominent than in the three portions of Great Britain. In England a growing spirit of communism germinates in the many trade unions and banded opposition against the monopolies of wealth. He that runs may read it lurking between the of Franchise Bills, in radical innovations and in the oft recurring disputes 'twixt Lords and Commons, the worldly smoke of which hardly yields an adage to vouch for its cause. In Ireland a chronic enmity against the landlords is constantly breaking forth in its own ugly form of malcontent, like the threes of some intermittent fever. While in Scotlandand it is of that country that I would especially treat here—a bitter feeling of ill-will is shown now and again from the crofters, herdsmen and petty farmers who covet the grazings of the mountain lands, toward the owners of those huge Scotch estates which are so rigorously preserved and guarded from any encroachments on the part of men or cattle to make a brief lived Saxon holiday. Were the total acreage owned by these Scotch lords and lairds summed up, it would be found that they constitute the major portion of the Highlands, and of this total by far the largest part is strictly preserved. Yet few of these landlords spend more than the fashionable two months of August and September on their estates, waging the annual warfare against the deer, grouse and black game, which a paternal Government protects under its legislative shield until then. During the rest of the year the moorlands are again left unmolested, and only gillies and gamekeepers wander over their lonely wastes, guarding against the depredations of poschers and would be utilizers. Many of these estates are of vast extent, comprising thousands and thousands of acres, great tracts of which are, as I have said, set apart solely for the preservation of game. Such proprietors as the Dukes of Sutherland, Bute and Montrose, and lairds like Farquharson and Johnson divide whole counties among them, and maintain grouse moors and deer forests of size that seems fabulous when their purposes are weighed in the scales of political economy.

that wild, broken county, which atretches its marge of mountain and lake across the north of Scotland. I was fishing in Loch Shin and its tributary waters, and in my various excursions naturally had considerable intercourse with the Magouses and Donalds of the neighborhood. Since then I have travelled in other portions of this and the adjoining counties, but everywhere I found the same story; to every question I met the same answer, " His Grace wad na wish it the whiles," or "a weel may be His Grace kens t' wad be gud." Nothing seemed possible to be said, or done, or thought, or dreamed of in this northern fastness unless " His Grace" should first approve. To His Grace the Duke of Sutherland belongeth the land, and the people and the doings thereof. The diminutive railway, which is the main artery of his possessions, was built by his orders and with his morey and it is as much a chattel of his as the knocker on his front door. The hotels, the roads, the villages of all this enormous county are his, and through his agents he reigns in this petty kingdom an autocracy tempered only by prestige of external republicanism. Some twelve months since there was good deal of talk in England about certain entire villages in this dukedom having somewhat summarily moved on to make room for grouse and deer. Mais qu'y faier : their sheep and cattle had long since forbidden on the hills, because forsooth deer were too fastidious to range over the same ground as their domesticated brethren, wherefore the herdsmen soon followed. Nevertheless, strangely enough, some crofter mutterings echoed among those deserted hills, and a murmur of discontent found its way into the English papers—useless, however, save to fan a smouldering fire, for the flat having gone forth, His Grace's will was done. But as with all questions, so with the grievances of crofters, the subject wears two faces. A generalization will defeat any argument, and it is not to be maintained that the highlands of Scotland are fitted for the support of a large population, or capable of trazing any very extensive herds. The wildness of the country and its poverty preclude the possibility of this. Countless storms and rains and torrents have swept the soil from the mountains to the valleys, where farming alone can be possible to shape and put on like a glove. wildness the valleys, where farming alone can be moulded to shape and put on like a glove, on we described it as bellowing and a nuidone; while the mountains, hiding their and are laced up at the back with silk sance of the first order. - Cor. London Standnative crags among the mists, or clad in twist.

tionally fertile, and pasture might be found in abundance enough to feed the combined flocks of Nathan and Jacob But such rich moorlands are not too plentiful. I have lately been staying in a typical highland valley, as barren as beautiful, and where Theatre Comique, gave a performance immemorial freedom wonders vaguely at Wednesday night that the audience in the the rumors of crofter claims elsewhere. It front of the house did not witness. The was situated at the western end of Loch auditorium was empty, but the perform-Katrine, that gem of the Highlands, and was held just the same, and without a the house of the laird which formed the rehearsal, too. It was investigation, but centre of quite a little gathering of depend- not the kind in which Messrs. Harrigan ept gillie cottages, had been the stronghold and Hart figure. The investigation was of the famous Roy Roy, to a descendant of done by a dog, and he did it well; so well It was a worthy, if impracticable, law whom it now belongs. Avoiding the gaze that the actors were besieging the treasurer existing in that Utopian island of Sir of the world, it nestled among a thick yesterday for an advance on their salaries challenge race for the American cup. She Thomas More's imagination, which decreed belt of trees that, sweeping down a to buy new clothes with. gorge of Ben Dhu, dipped their On the north side of the theatre is an shadows into the calm waters of the lake. alley where the gallery fire escapes Behind the house climbed the great moor. descend. In it are stored lumber, barrels, lands of Perthabire, tumbling in confusion boxes, ladders and all sorts of debris. Some one upon another, and in front more one had also stored a dog there Wednesmountains reared their gaunt barriers day night and fastened him by a rope to a between the solitudes of the glen and the property box. It was a big dog-a cross outer world. In their distant arms they between a Newfoundland and a Shepherdheld the waters of Loch Lomond and and he looked kittenish and playful. He countless smaller lakes and tarns, while, had a double row of double back action joining forces with their opposite neigh | teeth, all the same. In the alley is the bors, they jumbled and mingled their historical "Hole in the Wall," an apermasses in the blue depths of the far glen, ture that opens into an adjoining bar-room, prove a fruitful source for new trouble. where was cradled the small but noisy Gyle | through which are passed foaming tumblers stream which gives the pass its name. And of milk and seltzer to slake the parched the self-esteemed Utopias of Europe a wild, lonely place it was ; wild with the throats of thirsty actors. desertion of its fastness by men'for a cen- At the end of the first sat in " Investigatury, and lonely with the overwhelming tion," Mr. John Sparks, who assumes the sense of loneliness which only mountains role of Lorenz Hogan, makes his exit up give. Except near the lake where the through the flies and does not come on laird's house stood, habitations there were again for nearly half an hour. During this but none, but far up in the gloomy mazes of time Wednesday evening, as was his wont, opinion waxes stronger against the unim- hills showed here and there the crumbling Mr. Sparks went for his usual beverage, ruins of ancient villages which tradition said to be milk and seltzer. He got it, and estates, which, granted to court favorites tells were destroyed by Rob Roy because as he looked through the bottom of the the occupiers failed on one occasion to help glass he saw the dog. drifted down in hereditary succession, him in his fights against "the hireling "Nice old fellow," said Mr. Sparks, absorbing their surrounding satellites and slaves of the king." These were perhaps diplomatically. the rude forefathers of the crofters, but in those days there were no London papers to approached to pat him. The dog jumped the use of Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical moan over their arbitrary expulsion. The up to meet him half way and affectionately Discovery," as thousands can testify. By stones which once formed the homes of nipped Mr. Sparks in the lip, and scratched druggists. these disbanded Celts now lie strewn his face into the bargain. among the moorland grasses, and seek to hide their stormy past under a screen of to a contrary effect, as he rushed back to disturb from the silent helmet a wood duck, curlew or mountain hare, but the place is a Golgotha, tenated only by ghosts and the elves and goblins of the glen. On the mountain sides are several such memorials of days gone by, the dumb records of unwritten history lonely and deserted, "imploring the passing tribute of a sigh." Few are the feet which ever climb to their scattered stones, and fewer as smiling as a day in June. Meantime it the eyes which can distinguish them among the jutting bones of nature. Some | shot. As soon as the performance was wandering sportman, led on by the mythical nymph of the mist, who bewilders the steps of the mountain rambler, may chance upon them; or a shepherd searching for two dogs with one shot, as it were-to get some strayed sheep—for sheep and the rag- | a final milk and seltzer at the " Hole." ged highland cattle roam free o'er these "bonnie braes o' Balquidder "—may hap to stumble over the broken hearth of an his carefully at the dog's head. Mr. Doyle, and talks like he had a mouthful of mush. ancestor; but the sleep of these village the gas man, held a lamp. The pistol Besides, the way he hawks and spits is the rivulet are the only faithful mourners. the bullet had out the rope he disgustedly for that; tell him to take Dr. Sage's Where are those who should rebuild, if the walked away. Then the officer fired the Catarrh Remedy. It will cure him comsurrounding ground be worth tilling? Is the place bedeviled since that wild night when the red-haired Macgregor swooped fire their pistols, but they wouldn't go off. down with his fierce clausmen on the sleeping hamlet, and fluttered its dovecots to sudden wakefulness? In truth it seems so, and the legend says well that tells how Meanwhile pistols were popping and the reduced throughout Utah. the troubled murmur of the Gyle stream, fretfully foaming over its broken bed near by, is the wailing of Macgregor mothers for homes destroyed and sons upon whose graves now grow the heather and the moorland grass. But in spite of factions and the changes of time; it is curious to note how strong is the clannish feeling prevalent with a paper of tacks. When they were Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, for in most localities, and how deeply ingrained fired at the dog they seemed to exasperate this remedy has been tried, proven and in the Scotch tenantry is the desire for him, for he made a dash through the crowd praised for years. a chieftain, who shall be the head and and ran on the stage. He was allowed to leader of all the many minor offshoots of the family. In most high objection. "Texas Jack" climbed land valleys there is the laird par excel- ladder. lence, of whom all the gillies for Not long ago I was in Sutherlandshire, miles around speak with respect, and whose doings are hardly looked upon in the light of tyrannical dog in the manger, who cherishes the silence of the moors during ten secretary, made a wild leap from the stage months of the year in order that for the into a box, closely followed by the dog, then remaining two he may awake their deepest down to the orchestra, and, as trouble echoes in fusilade de jeu. The same old never comes singly, landed on his high clannish spirit, only of more peaceable hat. type, resides in the Dougals and Macraba of to day as in the "good old times," when | the seats, alternately pursuing and pursued the difference of a red or green stripe in the by the company. Through the parquet up curved in the shape of claws, bypocrusy and tartans of chance meeters was sufficient into the balcony and gallery they went, warrant of mutual enmity to send the making a frantic dash at him, and when he hands of the wearers to toy with the hilts turned retreating as fast as the seats would of their claymores. Of course not a few of let them. Johnny Wild said he never saw these lairds owe their position to the recent anything like it since Tommy Shiels played acquirement of wealth, when the respect at being a he-goat. At last the dog got into that is meted out to them is merely a serv. the lobby, escaped through the main ing of mammon and unstable, but in the entrance and vanished down Broadway, majority of cases they represent through while the amateur dog catchers fell long past ages the countless traditions of exhausted against the " Hole in the Wall. the clan. With lairds who trace their ancestors back into the days when chieftains were demi-gods and heroes in the eyes of their followers, small wonder is it that peasantry have not wholly lost their ancient instincts. And such sansoulottic brethren as would tumble down all these mile stones of history, mayhap, will

> modern times, rather than a Scotch oke which may require a surgical operation to For a weary long seven years the kine of the crofters have been lean; but it is in no dream that these same crofters ask if the time has not come when the kine shall stand in full pastures and be fat.

find here, before putting into practice their

cry of the land for the people, a stone in

the machinery which shall prove hard to

extract. Yet grievances crofters undoubt-

edly have, and mightily offensive ones, too.

While deer refuse to fraternize with sheep,

and the rich land-owners insist upon

making Scotland one vast Chevy Chase

the sheep must go. Then comes the

counter claim of the many but poores

classes to have liberty of grazing their

cattle on these zealously protected pleasure

grounds. And so far wealth and power

have conquered; but the oil on the troubled

waters is thin, and a little storm will break

it. It is one of the political riddles

such apology for verdure as the knotted Dr. W. Y. Smith, a Chicago oculist, heather or rank grasses of the morass can proposes to examine 70,000 pairs of eyes in "The Working Girls' Vacation Society" give, have little to offer even to the most Chicago schools, for the purpose of study- is a new charitable society in New York, enterprising of sheep or cattle. In some ing the why and wherefore of the increase of I whose name, at least, is suggestive of places, of course, the mountains are excep. myopia.

The "Investigation" Company Appear in a performance not on the mills.

The "Investigation" Company, at the

"Bless him," said Mr. Sparks, or words peat moss. The wanderer may, perchance, the "Hole" and called for another milk and seltzer.

> "Here, bathe your face in this," said the gasman as he brought up a can of alcohol. Mr. Sparks shuddered and wanted to know false whiskers, so that Mr. Sparks came up before the footlights at the proper time was put and carried that the dog must be over three policeman were called in to do sash draperies, or fine wool foule or cashit. The male contingent of the company mere sash drapery lined with surah. turned out in the alley to help and to kill

more venturesome than the rest simed converse with him; he's as deaf as a post, graves is long and quiet, and the wind and flashed. The dog looked astonished and as disgusting." "Don't break the engagement other barrels, and the dog yelled and pletely." "Well, I'll tell him. I do hate began to jump. The other officers tried to to break it off, for in all other respects he's

> The property room was sacked for fire- his catarrh. arms, and the company appeared brandishing tia swords and wooden muskets. dog was getting lively. In the excitement some one shot the lamp, and in the ensuing do so. No one seemed to have the least

Mr. Sparks tried to crawl through the 'Hole in the Wall." Mr. Gould, the

THE DOG GETS ON TO THEM.

The dog bounded like a hurdle horse over " If I find that dog my fortune is made, said the gas man. "I'd sell him for old lead. He's got twenty-seven bullets in him besides lots of other things."-N. Y. Herald.

journey, away on the other side of the Nile, red gleam in the sky betokens the approach of dawn. I am awakened by the early prayers of my two guides. Kneeling on mats on the ground, and with heads turned toward Mecca, they alternately ory out with loud voices, and alternately mutter their petitions for a successful day's

The Soudan a Praying Country.

Early in the morning throughout my

induced the Hahdendowas to follow him now on their way back to Egypt. first to victory and then to their death. In Suakim itself the moolah in the little mosque began to call the people there to | CORRESPONDENCE

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"Yes; I shall break the engagement, she said, folding her arms and looking Luch policeman drew his pistol. One defiant; "it is really too much trouble to quite too charming." Of course, it cured

The price of labor is being generally

--- The chance concoctions of ignorant confusion and darkness Mr. Harrigan men have sometimes brought disrepute not poured a milk and seltzer down a carbine only on their own worthless medicines that barrel. Mr. Harrigan said he regretted his deserve no credit, but sometimes, with mistake. This gave him an idea. A much injustice, on really reliable preparablunderbuss was brought out and loaded tions. Ladies should not hesitate about

An Resay on Naile.

"Finger nails," says the Pall Mall Gazette, " according to the experts of the new fad, if long and slender, denote imagination and poetic feelings, love of art and laziness; it long and flat, they are the sign of prudence, good sense and grave mental faculties; if wide and short, of anger and rudeness, controversy and obstinacy; healthy color signifies virtue, health, happiness, courage and liberality; dry and brittle nails are signs of anger, cruelty, quarrel, culminating even in murder wickedness; soft, feebleness of body and mind; and lastly, we are told that short naile, gnawed down to the flesh, signify silliness and dissipation."

The best business man in the city of Albany to-day said yesterday that he spent the most money for advertising when people felt poorest. "That is the time, he said, "when people read advertisements. If they find a store advertising bargains they will leave their old places and go to the newer, and the new one, if it is smart, will keep them every time. The old-fashioned business man will feel that he must do things in a modern style if he wants to swim with the ourrent."-Albany

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The Khedive of Egypt recently became journey. The most praying country in the very hard up, even harder up than usual, world is this Boudan. Quite independent | so he sent two trusted envoys to Paris with of the Mahdi's movement, the people every. a chest of jewels to sell for ready and much where are filled with religious fervor, which needed cash. The day after the envoys it is easy to understand with little effort had sailed a debtor whom the Khedive never may be turned into fauaticism. In his expected to come down with anything rigorous observance of the laws of the dropped in and paid up. Immediately a koran lies in great part the secret of the messenger was sent after the chest of jew-Mudir's power; and Osman Digma, at ele, but, before they were overtaken, the Suakim, by dressing like a fakir, in a single envoys had pawned them to an Avenue dirty cotton cloth, and covering himself d'Opera jeweller. They were reobtained, Trinity Medical College, Toronto. Coulistan with dust, and praying continuously, and the three men, with the jewels, are

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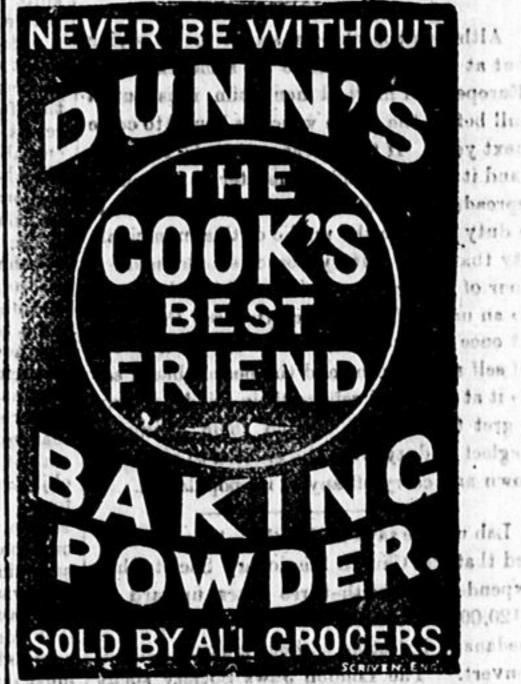
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