

### The Emigrant

She clasped her hands on my sleeve;  
She laid her cheek on my shoulder;  
The tide of her tears fell warm  
On hands that trembled to hold her.  
I left her, I left her,  
At the ship moved slowly apart;  
And the grief of the friends faded  
In choking words of my heart.

For grace in the evening shade  
I purified her needs have been;  
When the love of her life were laid  
With that had known no call;  
But however her heart might yearn,  
Her face was like a frozen rose,  
And the white wave lengthened stern  
On the rolling flood of the seas.

She quenched her tears of pain,  
Uplifted her head from her breast;  
I will take courage, she said,  
Smoothing back her loose-blown hair;  
And a look in the eyes of the wife,  
So dark in the strong sea air,  
And let the old story go on.  
"Buttercups and Daisies."

I never saw a young bird sing  
The starry bunch of white and gold;  
Not a swallow's warmth and health will ever  
Match the beauty of the daisy.  
My smile expands into a sigh;  
I feel a stirring in the eye,  
Till ev'ning hours have come to stay;  
For sooth he will leave me alone,  
To day when I but true life seek,  
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"Buttercups and Daisies."

—Eliza Cook.

### THE SCOTTISH BANKER'S DILEMMA.

#### IN TWO CHAPTERS—CHAPTER I.

Mr. Duff, the worthy and repaid agent of the Central Bank at Tollkirk, was startled by his teller, James Hamilton, coming to him to say, just as the banker had signed the last official letter before proceeding to lock up the safe: "I am sorry to say, sir, the cashiers appear to be one hundred pounds short." James Hamilton was a tall, thin man, and, despite his efforts to prevent it, his voice trembled. "A stranger could not have told whether the youth's agitation was the result of fright or guilt.

Mr. Duff knew him to well to let the alternative dwell in his mind; for even a moment's suspense would have been what infections, and it was with just a little thrill that he replied, "You are joking, Jamie!" Mr. Duff leaned back in his chair and nibbled the feather-end of his quill as he looked at the lad's face.

"I was never more serious in my life," retorted Hamilton. "It is a moment's instant, indeed, upon which I am now resting the poor fellow. 'Have you been very busy at the desk to-day, James?'

"That is the mystery of it, sir; we have not been busy. Hardly three pages of our cashiers' book did I see. I am going upstairs to dinner. In the meantime check your summations and your cash, and by God! I'll come in to look up the safe with you."

The teller went from the banker's room to the outer office with a grave face. Mr. Duff, with his wife, family, and a son in Scotland, the representative of the Scotch branch attached to the bank, and his letters to be copied by the junior clerks, and then went leisurely up stairs to dinner.

Mr. Duff was for a man who does not object to penitentiary service in a garrison town, a raw, cold, hard life, but he did not care for it. He had not been very responsible very heavily. He had a pretty and comfortable home in an old-fashioned country-town, and although his wife lay in the churchyard by the river-side those ten years since the birth of their youngest son, he was financially well off.

"You are late, Mr. Hamilton," (Mr. Duff never in a general way called James "Mr.") "He is doing so now implied misgivings."

"Yes, sir; but I think it won't be long. I'll be perfectly frank with you."

"Not quite. If you are in no hurry, sir, perhaps we can look up the safe with me."

"Very well."

Mr. Duff went up stairs; but on this occasion he did not linger over his meal. When he came down, half an hour later, Hamilton was not ready to look at his head resting on his hands. The banker sat in his chair, and, after a few moments of silence, said: "Look here, old fellow," said Trail, suddenly bursting into laughter. "Look here, I found that in the hour of your piggying this morning; and what is more, I saw them there with their own hands."

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