A Story of the Inner Vision of the Highlanders, Commonly Called the Second Sight.

By GEORGE MACDONALD.

CHAPTER I.

MY BOYHOOD. My father belonged to the widespread family of the Campbells, and possessed a small landed property in the north of Argyll. But although of long descent and high connection, he was no richer than many a farmer of a few hundred acres. For, with the exception of a narrow belt of arable land at its foot, a bare hill formed almost the whole of his possessions. The sheep ate over it, and no doubt found it good. I bounded and climbed all over it, and thought it a kingdom. From my very childhood, I had rejoiced in being alone. The sense of room about me had been one of my greatest delights. Hence, when my thoughts go back to those old years it is not the house, nor the family room, nor that in which I slept, that first of all rises before my inward vision, but that desolate hill, the top an appointment for me. There was of which was only a wide expanse of moorland, rugged with height and hollow, and dangerous with deep, dark pools, but in many portions purple with large-belled heather, and crowded with cranberry and blueberry

There was one spot upon the hill, half way between the valley and the moorland, which was my favorite haunt. This part of the hill was covered with great blocks of stone, of all sidered rather more than a good founshapes and sizes-here crowded to- dation for classical and metaphysical on the ledge before him. With a supgether, like the slain where the battle had been fiercest; there parting asunder from spaces of delicate greenof softest grass. In the center of one of these green spots, on a steep part of the hill, were three huge rockstwo projecting out of the hill, rather than standing up from it, and one. likewise projecting from the hill, but lying across the tops of the two, so as to form a little cave. This was my refuge, my home within a home, my study-and, in the hot noons, often my him in favor of a Scotch tutor; while sleeping chamber, and my house of

On the opposite side of the valley, hill on which I was seated. It was a chasms and precipices and overleaning | menced. rocks, themselves as huge as hills; here blackened with shade, there over- of my old nurse, to bid her good-bye It must have been by the devil's own measures. On the practical side such spread with glory; interlaced with the for many months, probably years. I slivery lines of falling streams, which, harrying from heaven to earth, cared burga, on ry way to London, whence not how they went, so it was down- I had to repair by coach to my new ward. Fearful stories were told of the abode-almost to me like the land be- the precipice. She had heard her lovgulfs, sullen waters, and dizzy heights youd the grave, so little did I know er's last cry, and although it had conupon that terror-haunted mountain. In about it, and so wide was the separastorms the wind roared like thunder tion between it and my home. in its caverus and along the jagged sides of its cliffs, but at other times Margaret, and to hear the story which no further. He checked his speed, What changes may take place in that uplifted land-uplifted, yet secret and full of dismay-lay silent as a home; I go to-morrow." cloud on the horizon.

One summer evening I had lingered longer than usual in my rocky retreat; I had lain half dreaming in the must." mouth of my cave till the shadows of evening had fallen, and the gloaming had deepened half way toward the

The mountain rose before me a hage mass of gloom but its several and my mother sat beside, never in- dead. I suppose he went mad. He peaks stood out against the sky with a terrupting, but nodding their heads at laid her again across the saddle beclear, pure, sharp outline, and looked nearer to me than the bulk from like the fairy tales, 'Once upon a er. Horse and man, and maiden were which they rose heavenward. One time,' it took place so long ago; but it found the next day lying at the foot out preventing a regulative and stimustar trembled and throbbed upon the very tip of the loftiest, the central a fairy tale. There were two brothers' served that a hind-shoe of the horse in harmony with the principles laid peak, which seemed the spire of a sons of the chief of our clan, but as was loose and broken. Whether this down in the national Republican platmighty temple where the light was different in appearance and disposi- had been the cause of his fall, could form, a patriotic tariff, looking to the worshiped—crowned, therefore, in the tion as two men could be. The elder not to be told, but ever when he races, industrial independence and the indusdarkness, with the emblem of the day, was fair-haired and strong, much as race he will till the day of doom, fancy still in my thought, when sud- too, upon occasion, I dare say, when gallop dealy I heard, clear, though faint, and they made a foray upon the Saxon, to clank of the loose and broken far away, the sound as of an iron-shod get back a mouthful of their own. shoe. For, like the sin, the punishment hoofs of a horse, in a furious gallop. But he was gentleness itself to every is awful; he shall carry about for ages along an uneven rocky surface. There one about him, and the very soul of the phantom body of the girl, knowing was a peculiarity, too, in the sound— was very dark in complexion, and tall that her soul is away, sitting with the a certain tinkle, or clank, which I and slender compared to his brother. soul of his brother, down in the deep fancied myself able, by auricular anal- He was very fond of book-learning. ravine, or scaling with him the topmost although the prices of cotton and ysis, to distinguish from the body of honor in all his dealings. The younger crags of the towering mountain peaks. wheat are extremely low and railroad the sound. A terror-strange even to which, they say, was an uncommon There are some who, from time to time my experience-seized me, and I hast- taste in those times. He did not care see the doomed man careering along ened home. The sounds gradually died for any sports or bodily exercises but the face of the mountain, with the lady ble for a steady advance in all branches and opened in sugar-producing counaway, as I descended the hill. Could one: and that, too, was unusual in hanging across the steed; and they say they have been an echo from some these parts. It was horsemanship. He it always betokens a storm, such as precipice of the mountain? I knew of was a fierce rider, and as much at this which is now raving around us." ne read lying so that, if a horse were home in the saddle as in his study galloping upon it, the sounds would be chair. You may think that, so long reflected from the mountains to me.

I found myself near the cottage of my he rode. From his reading and riding, old foster-mother, who was distantly the neighbors looked doubtfully upon related to us, and was a trusted ser- nim, and whisper d at ut the black vant in the family at the time I was art. He usually bestrode a great, powborn. For some years she lived alone orful black herse, without a white hair | tional dress, has just returned from a in a cottage, at the bottom of a deep on him, and people said it was either green circular hollow, upon which, in the devil himself, or a demon-horse wheel. She suffered no discomfort, production and general trade will exwalking over a heathy tableland, one from the devil's own stud. What fa- either, and she received better treatcame with a sudden surprise. I was vored this notion was, that, in or out her frequent visitor. She was a tall, of the stable, the brute would let no thin, aged woman, with eager eyes, other than his master go near him. days previous en route, who had met and well defined, clear-cut features. Indeed, no one would venture, after Her voice was harsh, but with an un- he had killed two men, and grievously dertone of great tenderness. She was maimed the third, tearing him with his scrupulously careful in her attire, teeth and hoofs like a wild beast. But which was rather above her station. to his master he was obedient as a Altogether, she had much the bearing | hound, and would even tremble in his | of a gentlewoman. Her aevotion to presence sometimes. me was quite motherly. Never having had any family of her own, although his habits. He was both gloomy and attention or creating any remark .- Ex she had been the wife of one of my passionate. Prone to anger, he had tather's shepherds, she expended the never been known to forgive. Dewhole maternity of her nature upon barred from anything on which he had me. She was my first resource in any set his heart he would have gone mad perplexity, for I was sure of all the with rage. His soul was like the night than hunting hidden treasure," said stock market indicating an infusion

help she could give me. entered the little cottage. Nurse was of wrath, and torn by the bellowings lions of dollars in Spanish doubloons cheerful and inspiring. Cincinnati scated on a chair by the wall, with her of thunder passion. He must have his hidden along the Florida coast. Some Times-Star. usual knitting, a stocking, in one hand: but her hands were motionless, and her eyes wide open and fixed. I when he suddenly became aware that knew that the neighbors stood rather the in awe of her, on the ground that she them, who had lived with them for lars down there and a number of other had the second sight; but, although nearly two years, and whom he had pirates used Florida soil as a deposit she often told us frightful enough loved for almost that period, was loved bank. There are people who have stories, she had never alluded to such by his elder brother, and loved him in lived there for twenty years in order ment in relation to the war between a gift as being in her possession. Now return. He flung his right hand above to find the treasure and have impor- Japan and China. Judging by the I concluded at once that she was see- his head, swore a terrible oath, that erished themselves in their search for vehemence with which defense is ing. I was confirmed in this concluit if he might not, his brother should not, this vast wealth. There have never made for official conduct now ac- American securities since the beginsine when, seeming to come to herself rushed out of the house, and galloped been any very large finds but a numsuddenly, she covered her head with off among the hills,

I did not dare to ask her any ques- dark hair, which, when released tions, nor did she attempt any excuse from the snood, rippled down below for her behavior. After a few mo- her knees. Her appearance formed a ments, she unveiled herself, rose, and strong contrast with that of her fawelcomed me with her usual kindness; vored lover, while there was some rethen got me some refreshment, and semblance between her and the youngbegan to question me about matters at home. After a pause, she said sud- fierce selfishness, ground for a prior denly: "When are you going to get claim. your commission, Duncan; do you know?" I replied that I had heard like him should not have had instant nothing of it; that I did not think my recourse to his superior and hidden father had the influence or money to procure me one, and that I feared I might have got rid of his rival with should have no such good chance of far more of certainty and less risk; answer, but nodded her head three but I presume that, for the moment, times, slowly and with compressed his passion overwhelmed his consciouslips, apparently as much as to say, "I

Just as I was leaving her, it occurred to me to mention that I had heard an moment, when he learned their mutual odd sound the night before. She attachment, probably through a doturned toward me, and looked at me fixedly. "What was it like, Duncan, meet her lover as he returned from the

my dear?"
"Like a horse galloping with a loose shoe," I replied.

"Duncan, Duncan, my darling!" she said, in a low, trembling voice, but with passionate earnestness, "you did I dare say." not hear it? Tell me that you did not poor old nurse; some one has been telling you the story!"

The next day a letter arrived, announcing the death of a distant relation, through whose influence my father had a lingering hope of obtaining has lost the marks of its growth. But to lay down the specific lines of Re-

CHAPTER II.

MY OLD NURSE'S STORY.

I was now almost 19. I had completed the usual curriculum of study at one of the Scotch universities and they had now receded; so that he was possessed of a fair knowledge of mathematics and physics, and what I conacquirement, I resolved to apply for the first suitable situation that offered. But I was spared the trouble. A certain Lord Hilton, an English nobleman, residing in one of the midland of the strong man was uttered in one father's sons was desirous of such a situation, wrote to him, offering me the sound of his fall could not reach the post of tutor to his two boys, of the edge of the gulf. Divining in a moages of ten and twelve. He had been partly educated at a Scotch university; Elsie, must have fled in the opposite and this, it may be, had prejudiced direction, he reined his steed on his an ancient alliance of the families by to be the reason of his offering me the another hill lay parallel to mine, and situation. Of this connection, howbehind it, at some miles' distance, a ever, my father said nothing to me, great mountain. As often as, in my and it went for nothing in my anticibermit's cave, I lifted my eyes from pations. I was to receive a hundred the volume I was reading I saw this pounds a year, and to hold in the he compelled him, by means of the mountain before me. Very different family the position of a gentleman, powerful bit, to rear till he stood alwas its character from that of the which might mean anything or noth- most crect; and so, his body swaying ing, according to the disposition of the over the gulf, with quivering mighty thing, a chieftain of the race, heads of the family. Preparations for straining muscles, to turn on his hind Press believes it would be the height seamed and seared, featured with my departure were immediately com-

was to leave the next day for Edin- gallop along that ledge of rock.

you promised to tell me before I left

"Po you go so soon, my darling? Well, it will be an awful night to tell it in; but as I promised, I suppose I

"Yes, indeed, you must," I replied. It has come down through many gen- and stumbled, half-dragging her from will at once preserve the American erations. My grandmother told it to the saddle-bow. He caught her, lift- market to the American workingman me as I tell it to you; and her mother er up, and looked at her face. She was and protect the consumer from the every turn. Almost it ought to begin fore him, and rode on, reckless whithis too dreadful and too true to tell like of a cliff, dashed to pieces. It was ob-I was lying, as I have said, with this given to hunting and fishing; fighting, along that mountain side, his ago, there was not much fit room for The next day, in one of my rambles, riding hereabouts; but fit, or not fit,

"The youth's temper corresponded to around us now, dark, and sultry, and E. M. Martin. "From the stories told of new life and vigor, the promise of I ran down the side of the basin, and silent, but lighted up by the red levin it would seem that there must be mil-

er brother. This fact seemed, to his

"It may appear strange that a man knowledge, by means of which he ness of skill. Yet I do not suppose that he foresaw the mode in which his hatred was about to operate. At the mestic, the lady was on her way to day's sport. The appointed place was on the edge of a deep, rocky ravine, down in whose dark bosom brawled and foamed a little mountain torrent

(Here she gave me a minute descriphear it! You only want to frighten tion of the spot, with directions how

"Whether any one saw what I am going to relate, or whether it was put together afterward I cannot tell. The right direction. The lovers, startled by the sound of the approaching horse, parted in opposite directions along a narrow mountain path on the edge of the ravine. Into this path he struck at a point near where the lovers had met, but to opposite sides of which he soon came in sight of his brother pressed scream of rage, he rode headlong at him, and ere he had time to make the least defense, hurled him over the precipice. The helplessness ment that the lady, whose name was haunches. He could touch the precipracticability alone remained. Turning his horse's head toward the edge, legs. Having completed the half-cir- of folly to divide the party and the cle, he let him drop, and urged him country by premature and unseasona-I set out one evening for the cottage furiously in the opposite direction. care that he was able to continue his

"He soon caught sight of the maiden. She was leaning, half-fainting, against veyed no suggestion of his voice to have been great changes in the ecoher ear, she trembled from head to nomic and industrial conditions of the "I am come to bid you good-bye, foot, and her limbs would bear her rode gently up to her, lifted her unre- the next three years it is impossible sisting, laid her across the shoulders of his horse and, riding carefully till he reached a more open path, dashed work of tariff reconstruction shall again wildly along the mountain side. The lady's long hair was shaken and a Republican president that manloose, and drooped trailing on the date of the people will be carried out "How old the story is, I do not know, ground. The horse trampled upon it, in the enactment of such a tariff as is mingled with the

> (TO BE CONTINUED.) Not in Bloomers.

It seems that English women are not as advanced in their ideas of bicycling costumes as their French sisters. However, one young woman in London, a practical advocate of rasuccessful tour of 1,200 miles on her near future, little doubt exists that ment than did a lady and gentleman improvement. Labor has already this common sense? The McKinley on a tricycle whom she had met a few with the rudest behavior and who had been followed in some places for distances by interested crowds. The lady wore a skirt, and this Miss Bacon holds as a reason for the incivility. She herself rode the whole way in her rational dress and visited cathedrals in schedules are due to the Republican her knickerbockers without attracting victory and the consequent prospective

Treasure-Seekers in Florida. "It is remarkable how many people live in Florida for no other purpose ber of small ones, and the belief that GRAND OLD PARTY

TECTION TO INDUSTRIES. The Time Has Not Come to Discuss

REPUBLICAN RULE MEANS PRO-

Specific Measures for 1897-Secretary Carlisle Has Forgotten Congressman Carlisle-The Good Effect.

Republicans and P. Mection. Nothing could be more unwise or inopportune than the bickerings which have been started among Republican papers, some of them of considerable influence and standing, in reference to the future policy of the Republican party on the tariff question. On one

side we are told that the great victory of November 6 voices the demand of the American people for the reenactment of the McKinley bill. On the other we are treated You know the place, Duncan, my dear, to loud protests against a return to McKinleyism, and admonished that the defeat of the Republican party in 1892 must be accepted as a popular condemnation of the McKinley tariff. Both these assumptions are as unwarranted in fact as they are premature story is like an old tree-so old that it and impolitic, considered as attempts this is how my grandmother told it to publican policy in the future. One nothing left but to look out for a situa- me. An evil chance led him in the thing may be affirmed with absolute certainty of the meaning of the recent state and congressional elections. The overwhelming victory of the Republican party, following the recent bungling attempts to tinker the tariff by the Democratic party, and its threats of further "reforms" in the dibetween them on the path. Turning rection of free trade, was a sweeping his horse up the course of the stream, condemnation both of the theories and the practice of the Democratic party; both of its performances and its promises on this question. Whatever else that victory meant, it was an unmistakable and emphatic popular declaration in favor of the Republican counties, having heard that one of my single despairing cry as he shot into policy of an adequate protection to the abyss. Then all was still. The American industries. But what specific measures will afford adequate protection to American industries it will be quite time to consider when the people shall have placed the Republican party in a position to carry out its pice with his bridle hand half out- policies, by giving it control of the marriage was supposed by my nurse stretched; his sword-hand half out- executive and legislative branches of stretched would have dropped a stone the government. If the popular verto the bottom of the ravine. There dict of November 6 shall be confirmed was no room to wheel. One desperate by the results of the elections in 1896, it will be three years before the Republican party can effect any positive tariff legislation.

> to be won, and the St. Paul Pioneer ble controversies about specific tariff controversies are necessarily futile: because no one can tell in 1894 just what kind of a tariff, so far as the scale of duties is concerned, will suit the needs of the country in 1897. There country in the lasst four years. to foresee. When the practical come before a Republican congress greed of monopolistic combinationsa tariff which will prevent the destructive competition of the foreigner withlating competition. It will be a tariff trial supremacy of the United States

of America. The Gool Effect.

An improved condition of business s noted since the elections. There has been a perceptible revival of activity in nearly all lines of trade, and returns do not show any marked increase the signs are decidedly favoraof production and commerce. This results from the confidence awakened in surp us agricultural products and the business world. The election of a congress overwhelmingly Republican | bounty if it had not been disturbed makes it clear that there will be no for fifteen years would have created a tariff legislation in the next two or vast sugar producing industry in this three years which will have a tendency to disturb our industries.

While there is no indication of anything like a business "boom" in the begun to feel the good effect of the promised restoration of Republican policy, in which the first step was taken by the election of a Republican house of representatives. In some industries wages have been advanced and the proprietors say that "the new increase in profits." With the output of factories increasing, the volume of business constantly enlarging, the tendency of wages upward and the a gradual return of better times is

Mr. Cleveland and the Government. The president and Secretary Gresh- that he got in West Virginia. But he am are reported as deeply incensed at | will doubtless concur in the opinion newspapers that have presumed to that there was not as much of it.—St. criticise the course of this govern-American people to consider their power,

government a public institution sub. ject to their control and not the private estate of public servants appointed for the time to administer it .-Chicago Record.

Has a Defective Memory.

The positive declaration of President Cleveland, right on the threshold of the new bond issue, that there was the utmost harmony of policy and purpose between himself and Secretary Carlisle, seemed to call for some sort of an explanation from the secretary as to his sentiments on the silver question. To forestall criticism when his report, in which he was to promulgate a new currency policy, for the gold ring reaches the public, it was necessary that he should speak out at once. And he did so. He was rash enough to deny that he ever favored the free coinage of silver. There was no quibble in the statement whatever. It was a plain, unvarnished declara-

But he has a short memory. He is taken to be an honest man, and it would not be seemly to say that he deliberately falsified his record. Let us look back in the files of the Congressional Record for 1877 to the record of the passage in the house of Bland's bill for the free and unlimited coinage of silver. He voted for it, says the Record, and when it came back from the senate amended so as to provide for the purchase and coinage of silver by the government he voted against the change; and his course was sanctioned by Bland and all the other free coinage members. It was only a week later that he voted to pass the Bland-Allison bill over the president's veto. In the Forty-sixth congress he voted for the Warner bill for the free and unlimited coinage of silver. And this is not his only silver record. He even voted to require the secretary of the treasury to pay the interest on the public debt and other coin obligations of the government in standard silver dollars as well as gold.

So it will be seen that not only is Mr. Carlisle's memory defective, but right along during his incumbency of nis present office he has been governed by a policy wholly inconsistent with his course as a congressman. If the boasted harmony between the secretary and the president is as sweet and beautiful as Mr. Cleveland says it is, then Mr. Carlisle is most willingly forgetful, and while forgetting he doubtless reasons that he might as well make a clean breast of it and leave no shreds behind to annoy his for \$1.50 express paid. G. G. STEKETEE. Meanwhile those elections are yet leave no shreds behind to annoy his conscience. But in the face of these things is it any wonder that the business public should harbor a profound distrust of the acts of the administra-

tion in regard to the nation's finances? Why did Mr. Carlisle surrender himself to the embraces of the sugar trust? Why has he fallen into the arms of the gold ring?-Kansas City

Cattle frade With Germany.

There seems to be little doubt that the action of Germany in closing her. ports to American cattle is the fruit of the willful and deliberate criminal blunder made by our free trade fanaties now in full control at Washington in dealing with the sugar problem and the reciprocity treaties with

sugar-producing countries. These financial and commercial quacks will cost us hundreds of millions in our foreign trade before we can restore the treaties which Mr. Blaine, with so much labor, patience and skill, negotiated. Merchandise of all kinds is being rushed off to Brazil and Cuba to be rassed through the customs before the treaties with those countries are abrogated. If these treaties are of no value, as is claimed by revenue reformers, why this great anxiety to enter goods under them?

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for raw sugar. We now send to Germany the product of thirteen acres of wheat to pay for the product of one acre of sugar policy must be restored at the earliest opportunity .- New York Advertiser.

The Language is Plain.

This \$50,000,000 of new bonded debt, therefore, would have been \$100,000,000 or more, if the fathers had succeeded in putting the original Wilson bill through congress, with its free iron and free coal and free sugar, and so forth. The first result of the Cleveland tariff legislation is this crazy, stare-eyed plunge into national poverty. Absolute idiocy never before got control of a great government .- New York Sun.

William L. and That Consomme. The soup which Mr. Wilson got at that London dinner was better than Louis Republic, Dem.

Europe has returned \$73,000,000 or her plaid, and sobled audibly, in spite there are large sums hidden seems to be universal."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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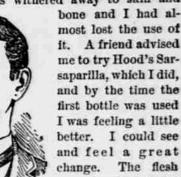
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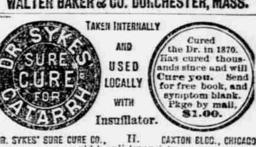
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