THE

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

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### CHAPTER XII.-(Continued.)

"Will she listen?" I asked. "She dares not," answered Margaret, with a smile; "she has a terrible idea of my powers."

Janet obeyed without a word of reply, and we were left once more alone, lighted only by the dull glow of the fire. The night had gathered cloudy and dark without, reminding me of that night when she told me the story of the two brothers. But this time no storm disturbed the silence of the night. As soon as Janet was gone, Margaret said:

"Will you take the pillow from under my head, Duncan, my dear?"

I did so, and she lay in an almost horizontal position. With the living hand she lifted the powerless arm and might now be at Hilton Hall. drew it across her chest, outside the bedclothes. Then she laid the other arm over it, and, looking up at me, said:

"Kiss me, my bairn; I need strength for what I am going to do for your sake.'

I kissed her.

"There now!" she said, "I am ready Good bye. Whatever happens do not speak to me; and let no one come near me but yourself. It will be wearisome for you, but it is for your sake, my Duncan. And don't let the fire out. Don't leave me.'

I sat thus for a long time. I had again replenished the fire-that is all I put a name. It does not even seem a know about the lapse of the timewhen, suddenly, a kind of physical repugnance and terror seized me, and I I am then in, for I feel a kind of resome-shall I call it presence?-in the of course I should see no reflection of at hand. Like Macbeth, I only inhab- ures on it. It might be something else, ited trembling; I did not tremble. I had though, altogether." withdrawn my gaze from the fire and fixed it upon the little window, about two feet square, at which the dark night looked in. Why, or when I had done so I knew not.

I saw two fiery eyes looking in at the window, huge and wide apart. Next, I saw the outline of a horse's head, in which the eyes were set; and behind, the dimmer outline of a man's form seated on the horse. The appari-tion faded and reappeared, just as if it Janet to you come at once. And, Dunretreated, and rode again up close to can, wear this for my sake." the window. Curiously enough, I did not even fancy that I heard any sound. Instinctively I felt for my sword, but there was no sword there. And what would it have availed me. Probably ed it to my heart. draught. But the moment I put my hand to the imagined sword-hilt, a dim former to the imagined sword-hilt, a I was more in need of a soothing dim figure swept between me and the part with it? It has been in our family horseman, on my side of the window- for many long years." a tall, stately female form. She stood facing the window, in an attitude that seemed to dare the further approach of a foe. How long she remained thus, or he confronted her, I have no idea; for when self-consciousness returned, dow from which both apparitions had it. She smiled feebly, closed her eyes, vanished. Whether I had slept, or from and went with the sun down the hill the relaxation of mental tension, had of night. But down the hill of night only forgotten, I could not tell; but all fear had vanished, and I proceeded at once to make up the sunken fire. Throughout the time I am certain I never heard the clanking shoe, for that therein lay some communion still with I should have remembered. The rest of the night passed without any disturbance; and when the first hand in my wram grasp? Had I not rays of the early morning came into the room they awoke me from a com- hausted the last remnants of her life forting sleep in the arm chair. I rose and approached the bed softly. Margaret lay as still as death. But had yet to discover. Perhaps she knew having been accustomed to similar con- now. mured my name. I hastened to her. "Call Janet," she said.

down. She took my hand and said: ple were sitting about it. They made "Duncan, my boy, I fear I can give room for me, and I took my place by you but little help; but I will tell you a table on one side. I soon discovered all I know. If I were to try to put the gardener, although time had done into words the things I had to en- what he could to disguise him. Wood counter before I could come near her, came in presently, and, loitering about, you would not understand what I began to talk to him. meant. Nor do I understand the things "What's the last news at the Hall,

myself. They seem quite plain to me, William?" he said. at the time, but very cloudy when "News?" answered the old man, I come back. But I did succeed in get- somewhat querulously. "There's never ting one glimpse of her. She was fast nothing but news up there, and very asleep. She seemed to have suffered new-fangled news, too. What do you much, for her face was very thin, and think now, John? They do talk of as patient as it was pale." turning all them green-houses into hothouses; for, to be sure, there's noth-"But where was she?" "I must leave you to find out that, if ing the new missus cares about but

you can, from my description. But, just the finest grapes in the country; alas! it is only the places immediately and the flowers, purty creatures, may about the persons that I can see. Where go to the devil for her. There's a lady they are, or how far I have gone to get | for ye!" there, I cannot tell."

"But you'll be glad to have her at She then gave me a rather minute home, and see what she's like, won't description of the chamber in which you? It's rather dull up there now, the lady was lying. Though most of isn't it?"

the particulars are unknown to me, the "I don't know what you call dull," conviction, or hope, at least, gradually replied the old man, as if half offended dawned upon me, that I knew the at the suggestion. "I don't believe a room. Once or twice I had peeped insoul missed his lordship when he died; to the sanctuary of Lady Alice's cham- and there's always Mrs. Blakesley and ber, when I knew she was not there; me, as is the best friends in the world, and some points in the description Marbesides three maids and the stableman, garet gave, set my heart in a tremor who helps me in the garden, now there with the bare suggestion that she is no horses. And then there's Jacob, and-

"Tell me, Margaret," I said, almost interrupting him, "that there's none o' panting for utterance, "was there a mirror over the fireplace, with a broad, the family at home now?"

gilt frame, carved into huge representations of crabs and lobsters, and all crawling sea-creatures with shells on hardly counts now-bless her sweet them-very ugly, and very strange?" face

"Is she quite crazy?"

instead of a mad woman. But not a

vacant space to me. A mirror must this to be the end of all? Were it not have nothing in common with the state better she had died? For me, life was worthless now. And there were no sat upright in my chair, with every pulsion from it; and, indeed, it would wars, with the chance of losing it be rather an awful thing to look at, for honestly.

neighborhood. But my real self re-pelled the invading cold, and took some bread big gilded thing with for courage for any contest that might be some broad, big, gilded thing with fig- Lady Alice after all that the old man "I will go in hope," I answered, ris-

"Not already, Duncan?" "Why should I stay longer?"

ing at once.

"What is the use? I cannot."

GRAND OLD PARTY. effect of this appreciating measure of

DEMOCRATS WANT HELP FROM THE REPUBLICANS.

Sitting Helpless in the Wreck and Ruin They Have Created-Shrinkage in Farm Values-A Democratic Imposvalues. sibility-Jerry's Pitiful Plight.

Still Whining. "Republicans block the way, but propose nothing. They show how bad every measure is that Democrats atplaint of some journals and of incompetents at Washington. But it is false. The Republicans have shown Republican laws alone, says the New York Tribune. The men who insist upon repealing or altering those laws, malignant prejudices, must themselves face the responsibility of

sure. But why need they try.

has stood unshaken through all the every year except as it has been moai- in fact overthrown. fied or threatened by Democratic op-

position. The men who propose to telligent classes of the islands are tle, you would think she was an angel change it ought, in common decency, capable of self government and are to be required to submit something fully competent to cope with all doradically better and at least equally safe. But instead they insist on smashing the system which Republicans have framed, and which many years of experience have justified, and but recent developments have conthen whine because Republicans will firmed the fears which first prompted

safely. Here is a tariff system which has helped the country to the greatest development ever known in any land direction of Democratic theories in | tainty. 1883, it worked less wholesomely. tion of more vigorous protection, it ed: "A love story, that came to a bad realized benefits quite unprecedented. The men who overturned it were,

with perfect justice. compelled by Republicans to take the entire responsi-

values. The shrinkage which was sure to come sooner or later was Strengthen and invigorate your nerves merely postponed. It has come now, however, because the evil results of the appreciation of the gold value have become so general as to be almost universally felt wherever gold reigns as the sole measure of property

# Hawalian Annexation.

The revival of annexation talk promises to again bring the Hawaiian question to the attention of the government at Washington. The captious course adopted by the present tempt to pass, but suggest nothing administration in the withdrawal better." Such is the babyish com- from congress of the proposition of President Harrison, had nothing whatever to do with the main question at issue, and the trumped up objections for thirty years how the treasury can to the further consideration of the be projected from danger, how the subject having been settled past recurrency can be made sound, and how call the way is open to the discussion industry can be made prosperous. of the question on its merits when-Nothing is necessary except to leave ever it shall be officially presented. It will remain to be seen how much of sincerity there was in the assumed indignation with which Cleveland and to suit their own ignorant notions or Gresham refused their countenance to the appeal then made.

The question will come up, if at all, making changes, destructive or other- on the same ground that was then wise. They do not know how, to be presented. The only difference is that it has been clearly demonstrated Here is a monetary system which that the rotten royal government of the islands was not only repudiated, financial storms of many years, and but that the people there had the has been growing safer and stronger power to overthrow it and that it was

It has also been shown that the inmestic problems.

If protected from the plots of foreign schemers they can answer for the peace and prosperity of the people, not show them how to do that thing the appeal made to the United States. To be continually harrassed by plots from without would perhaps disastrously curtail the possibilities for advancement and keep the country in a continual state of unrest and uncer-

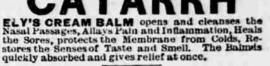
President Cleveland will have no Modified again in 1890, in the direc- other excuse for refusing his countenance to any advances that may now be made, however much he may be averse to annexation. But if it comes to a question of a union of these islands with this country, says the bility of providing a better system. Kansas City Journal, that is a subject They tried, and with the aid of sugar that is not for executive decision and It was a lovely morning in autumn, speculation and a corruption fund it will have to be left with congress,

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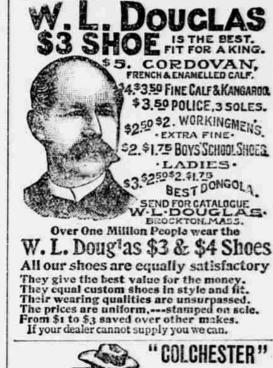
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"Do you ever see her?" interposed one of the by-sitters. "Sometimes."

trances, or whatever you please to call "Altogether; but that quiet and genthem, did I ever see a mirror. It has struck me before as a curious thing, that a mirror is then an absolute blank notion has she in her head, no more

to me-I see nothing on which I could than the babe unborn." It was a dreadful shock to me. Was

> I rose, and went to my own room. spoke about. That moment a tap or any age. Modified a little in the came to my door, and Wood entered. After a few words, I asked him who

was the lady the gardener had said was crazy.

"Stay over to-night."

She would have interrupted me be

"I must tell you, my dear Duncan,"

she answered, "that in none of these

fore, but I would not be stopped.

the rights of it." "Yes, dear Margaret, for your sake.

"Thank you," she answered. "I will not keep you longer now. But if I send

"Lady Alice," he answered, and add-

end up at the Hall, years ago. A tutor

"For my sake, Duncan." was in it, they say. But I don't know

Yes, surely.'

"But you don't mean," said Wood,

"No. Who should there be? Leastways, only the poor lady. And she

frightened and relieved.

"Get me some tea," said Margaret. After she had drunk the tea, she looked at me and said:

gether different sleep from the for- yard gate, and set out for Hilton Hall. mer, if sleep that could in any sense be called.

As I walked home, before I had gone many hundred yards from the cottage, I suddenly came upon my old Conand he followed me like a dog, with the old fashioned place had he walked much better.

the measure by which the shrinkage After removing the anxiety of my Surveys made at different times duris determined. It is the measure that France. Queen Ran. might learn of "I know you perfectly, Wood; but hostess and partaking of their High-147-149 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. ing the last fifty years are taken as has really changed. And that measland breakfast, I wandered to my you must not know me. I will go with something to her advantage by ad-ACRE APPLES, \$1,493 Write NTRSERIES, Louisiana, No., for free sample copy telling about it, A practical Fruit and Farm paper, published by Stark Bros., 40c a year; circuistion, 660,000 coples. The "Cream of the Cream"-gives the busy Fruit Grower or Farmer, who hasn't the time or the money to buy and read a great mass of papers, what is beest from them all, what he wants to know, what would take him days to search out for himself. the basis of Prof. Spencer's calculaure is the real standard of values that dressing a note of inquiry to ex-Queen ancient haunt on the hill. Thence I you to the stable." tions, and lead him to conclude that has been forced upon the country and Lil., late of Hawaii.-Times-Star. could look down on my old home, He led the way instantly. for about 11,000 years a small stream. "Wood," I said, when we had reachwhere it lay unchanged, though not one which is to be made permanent if it falling about 200 feet, made a fall ed the shelter of the stable, "I don't human form, which had made it home A Democratic Impossibility. is within the power of the money lords to me moved about its precincts. I want to be known here, for reasons nearly like the present American fall, but not so high. Then the height was of the world to do it. It will occur to many persons that went no nearer. I no more felt that which I will explain to you another slowly increased and the stream en-larged, and the three cascades that for-in the value of gold, says the Kansas less if our ambassadors would live "our national dignity" would suffer that was home than one feels that the time." form in the coffin is the departed dead. "Very well, sir. You can depend on me, sir." "I know I may, and I shall. Do you "The reged into one great cataract than the present cataract the present cataract than the present cataract sat down in my old study chamber me, sir." among the rocks, and thought that if much greater than the present one. that gold never changes in value. But | -- and make a less palpable and pitiknow anybody about the hall?" much greater than the present one. "Yes, sir. The gardener comes here in the second process took about 17,000 the last 3 000 years or so I could but find Alice, she would be know anybody about the hall?" my home-of the past as well as of the future; for in her mind my necroman- sometimes, sir. I believe he's in the years, and for the last 3,000 years or so soil and of labor are the source of all Sam.-New York Advertiser. tic words would recall the departed, house now. Shall I ask him to step the falls have been reaching their THOSE WHO HAVE **CLAIMS** against the Government will write to NATHAN BICKFORD, Pension & Patent Att'y, 914 F St., Washington, D.C., they will receive a prospt reply. wealth and the true measure of all present condition .- Springfield Repubthis way, sir?" and we should love them together. property values. Cur Extensive arkets. lican. Toward noon I was again at the cot-"No. All I want is, to learn who is Gauged by this standard the value The present administration started tage. Margaret was sitting up in bed, at the hall now. Will you get him to A New Jersey justice of the peace of gold has appreciated in the last out boastfully "to extend American waiting for me. She looked weary, but talk? I shall be by, having something has just administered a dose of "Jer- twenty years by an average rate of markets." A curious extension that, ROUP A positive Cure and Preventive. Sam le FREE for 10 cents to pay postage. W. C. ASHTON CO., 35 S 12th St., Omaha cheerful; and a clean white mutch gave to drink." her a certain company air. Janet left I went in, and, with my condition for sey justice" to two judges of the su- 21 per cent per year. Various in- which has closed every port of contithe room directly, and Margaret mo- an excuse, ordered something hot by preme court of the state who were fluences kept farm values in Ohio and nental Europe to much of the stuff we AGENTS WANTED to every Locality to handle SO to SO our A uning to Notions Can make for ALUMINUM NOTION CO. 96 % Ht h. t. Om the Net Several country peo- caught illegally hunting ducks. elsewhere from the natural resultant ' wish to market. tioned me to a chair by her side. I sat the kitchen

She put into my hand an ancient gold cross, much worn. To my amazement

"I am a Catholic; you are a Protest

"Not while I live," I answered, and went out, half wild with hope, into the keen mounain air. How deliciously it breathed upon me! \* \* \* \* \* \* Margaret sat, propped with pillows, I saw some change had passed upon her. She held out her hand to me. I took is up the hill of morning in other lands, and no doubt Margaret soon found that she was more at home there than here. I sat holding the dead hand, as if the departed. Perhaps she who saw more than others while yet alive, could see when dead that I held her cold

good cause to love her? She had exin that effort to find for me my lost Alice. Whether she had succeeded 1

ditions in my Alice, I believed I saw I hastened the funeral a little, that signs of returning animation, and with- I might follow my quest. I had her drew to my seat. Nor was I mistaken; grave dug amidst her own people and for, in a few minutes more, she mur- mine; for they lay side by side. The whole neighborhood for twenty miles round followed Margaret to the grave. I opened the door and called her. She Such was her character and reputation, came in a moment, looking at once that the belief in her supernatural powers had only heightened the notion of

her venerableness. When I had seen the last sod placed

She closed her eyes once more. I sealed the truth of her last vision. 1 waited till I saw her fast in an alto- mounted old Constancy at the church

# CHAPTER XIIL

#### HILTON.

It was a dark, drizzling night when 1 stancy. He was limping about, pick- arrived at the little village of Hilton. ing the best grass he could find among within a mile of the Hall. I knew a the roots of the heather and cranberry respectable second-rate inn on the side them when the St. Petersburg railway farm products are down. The prices bushes. He gave a start when I came | next the Hall, to which the gardener upon him, and then a jubilant neigh. and other servants had been in the hab- better paid, when the children are to profits of all other callings are down. But he could not be so glad as I was. it of repairing of an evening; and I When I had taken sufficient pains to thought I might there stumble upon let him know this fact, I walked on, some information, especially as his head at my heels, but as he limped large kitchen in which all sorts of might take that as established if they much I turned to examine him, and guests met. When I reflected on the found one cause of his lameness to be utter change which time, weather, and come, passing up that way on their pilthat the loose shoe, which was a hind a great scar must have made upon me, grimage to the Holy Isles.-Longman's one, was broken at the toe, and that I feared no recognition. But what one-half, held only at the toe, had was my surprise when, by one of those turned round and was sticking right coincidences which have often happenout, striking his forefoot every time ed to me, I found in the hostler one he moved. I soon remedied this and of my own troop at Waterloo! His countenance and salute convinced me that he recognized me, I said to him:

I walked to the Hall. I entered at the same gate by which I had entered first, so many years ago. But it was not Mrs. Blakesley that opened it. I inquired after her, and the woman told me that she lived at the Hall now, to take care of Lady Alice. So far,

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this was hopeful news. I was shown to a room. None of the sensations I had had on first cross- sist upon running things until that ministration. Mr. Cleveland domining the threshold were revived. I re- time in defiance of the declared wishes ates his cabinet and the men who are membered them all; I felt none of of the people, do not have the impu- trying to cast the whole burden of this them. Mrs. Blakesley came. She did not recognize me. I told her who I was. .She stared at me for a moment, seemed to see the same face she had known still glimmering through all the changes that had crowded upon it. held out both her hands, and burst in finance or taxation by putting the into tears.

"Mr. Campbell," she said, "you are changed! But not like her. She's the same one to look at; but oh, dear!" We were both silent for some time.

At length she resumed— "Come to my room. I have been mistress here for some time now." I followed her to the room Mrs. Wil-

son used to occupy. She put wine on the table. I told her my story. My

labors, and my wounds, and my illness, slightly touched as I trust they were in the course of the tale, yet moved all her womanly sympathies. "What can I do for you, Mr. Campbell?" she said.

"Let me see her," I replied. She hesitated for a moment. "I dare not, sir. I don't know what it might do to her. It might send her raving; and she is so quiet."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

#### They Don't Talk Politics.

Nowhere in Russia do politics enter into the life of the people. Politics in Russia is the czar, and watever he on her grave, I turned and went, with does is right. You cannot induce a "Go home, now, Duncan, and come a desolate but hopeful heart. I had Russian, at least an archangel, to touch back about noon. Mind you go to bed." a kind of feeling that her death had on politics even in friendly conversa- that is worrying the foolscap econotion. When the czar's "name-day" comes round, as it did the other day, the houses are decorated for the event. But even this is controlled by the au-

thorities. "Two flags for this house, three for yours, hang them out of the window," and it is done.

They worship the late czar-they have made him a saint, as they have made a messiah of Alexander III. Ask | farms are down because the profits of is to be made, when the poor are to be of farm products are down because the play in the sunshine instead of slaving in gangs in the ships-"When the czar comes," is always what they say. The czar will never come. I think they would, though the other czars have Magazine.

of farm values. Supposed Age of Niagara Falls. Niagara Falls are about 31,000 years old, according to the conclusions of Prof. Spencer and other geologists.

made a new tariff, and now they where it should have been determined whine because Republicans are not when it was first proposed. ready to help them doctor it.

President Cleveland to Blame. Get out, Messrs. Democrats, or else do your work yourselves! The coun-Great though Mr. Carlisle's blun-

try has told you that you are dis- ders have been it is absurd to hold him gracefully incapable, and must get out responsible and acquit Mr. Cleveland in any case after March 4. If you in- | for all the financial folly of this addence to ask Republican help. Botch blundering administration upon and muddle, if you must, but take the cabinet officers know that this is true. blame and the consequences. A grain Mr. Cleveland is primarily to blame. of common sense would enable you to He is the chief blunderer, and he canavoid further disastrous experiments not be excused for mistakes that he personally has made by saying that he blundered in the first instance when responsibility upon the people, where it belongs, and leaving the party they he selected his cabinet. Of course he have chosen to determine what meas- did that, but since then he has not ures if any, shall be passed at this ceased to blunder.-Denver Republisession. Democrats who have not can.

sense enough for that course will naturally continue to curse the country by legislative attempts as childish as the passionate endeavor of the infant topluck the moon from the sky. But the country has to stand it, for it elected them.

Shrinkage in 'arm Values. It seems to be inexplicable to cer-

the farming industry. The prices of

Who can name a product of Amer-

ican soil or American labor that has

not shrunk at least three per cent in

value during the last year? Local in-

fluences or peculiar conditions may

have sustained or even advanced val-

ues of certain commodities, but the

downward tendency of all has been

his labor and there is no excuse for tain political essayists that farm such extravagance. His daily salary values should share in the general would have paid all his weekly exsuffering from hard times. A recent penses for comfort in Washington. official statement shows that in the Jerry gets \$13.60 per day for the ensale of a million acres of land in tire 365 days of the year.-Chicago sixty-two counties in Ohio last year Inter Ocean. there was a shrinkage of \$3 per acre.

# Its Greatest!

Sock'ess Jerry on His Uppert.

Congressman Jerry Simpson has

been living too high. He says he will

leave congress a bankrupt; that he

has spent every dollar he had, and all

he has made, even going so far as to

mortgage his home. Jerry never in

his life received so much money for

as compared with the values of the "The administration," says a Washprevious year. If the data were at ington correspondent, "undoubtedly hand to show the results in other holds its management of affairs relatstates there can be no doubt a similar ing to the Nicaraguan controversy to decrease in farm values would appear. be its greatest diplomatic success." But it is the cause for this falling off Its greatest? If it was any success at mists, whether it is overproduction; all it was unquestionably its greatest. The utter failure of the administraunderconsumption or poor cultivationtion's whole foreign policy could not There is really no mystery in it, be announced with distinctor emphasis however, for the influences that are than to point to the outcome of the responsible for the shrinkage of all little Elucfields affair as its leading other values are legitimately chargeable with the distressed condition of diplomatic triumph.

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Most folks that do some talkin' Know what they're talkin 'bo it

But them thar chaps in congress, They're mighty hard to heat An' every time they take a drink The country has to treat

They don't know they're a-livin' Nor what they're thar to do It's talk an' talk, an' take a walk, An' the devil take care o' you!

in and about the same degree as that She Does Not Read the Papers. Queen Ranavalona III. of Madagas-The trouble is not so much with car has, it is reported, appealed to the commodity itself, however, as with President Cleveland to protect her island from the encroachments of



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