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This property is now known as the Flahay House. Terms Cash.

M. P. HOGAN, PATRICK BLAKE, Executors

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SYNOPSIS.

Peter Clephane and Andrew Kilgour are cousins, students at Edinburg University, between whom is a bitter feud. The former is the son of a rich city lawyer and his cousin is the heir of an estate in the Highlands that has almost passed into the hands of creditors. After a bitter fight with his cousin, Kilgour is on his way home when he falls in with company at the "Hound and Stag" inn at Perth. Arrived home his companion on the journey turns out to be his uncle, Peter Clephane's father. To retrieve his family's fortune Andrew is sent to India.

CHAPTER XV (Continued)

"I'll be damned if I'll meddle with a thing so unethically, but the guards suffered me to have my own way, and I determined to make a good appearance, put my whole soul into the playing.

"We passed along devious passages of treacherous suggestion, then through an open-circular court, whence we had a glimpse of enormous walls, stoutly bastioned and buttressed, and of massive towers flanking arched gateways; then into another large court surrounded by balconies. All the while I blew with unabated defiance and independence, much to the amazement of the assembled people, and to the evident terror of not a few who clearly regarded the skirling of the pipes as the screeching of evil spirits. My tune on entering was the "Highland Laddie," and a very singular figure I must have cut with my bandaged head, my puffed cheeks, and trailing garments. I had a vague feeling of being a second Macpherson marching victoriously to death to my own quickstep, and I dare say the bit of bravado sustained me.

Though it was yet little past the dawn, the court was densely thronged with citizens and soldiers, for the Arabs are abroad with the sun. On a raised seat, facing the entrance, sat the Governor. Benches of stone and beaten earth that ran round the sides were occupied by courtiers, castle officials, and the more prominent citizens, while the common people and the soldiery, some with bristling arms and some without, elbowed each other to find standing room as best they could.

Marching with my proudest step into the centre, I abruptly ceased playing, and saluted my judge. He did not return my salute, but sitting motionless as a statue, watched me with sharp eyes and contracted brows.

For an Arab he was uncommonly handsome. In the prime of life, he was tall, broad-chested, clean-featured, and bore himself with the imperial mien of the Caesars. His hair was jet black; his eyes, also black, were as keen as the falcon's and more determined, and his countenance in general expressed haughtiness and inflexible resolution. Just then it was insuspiciously severe.

He was arrayed with regal splendour. Over a gleaming white shirt, he wore a cashmere robe, richly embroidered by the artists of Delhi, and above that again a small delicately-worked cloak of camel's hair, a distinction reserved for sheiks and princes alone. His tasseled turban was of the finest red and yellow silk, gorgeously brocaded, and was fastened by a fillet of camel's hair, interwoven with gold and silver and blazing with precious stones. His leather girdle, worked with gold and set with brilliant, supported a gold-hilted sword and a steel and ivory-handled dagger, flashing with jewels and embossed and inlaid with the precious metal. His feet were in crimson slippers, on which were bound elaborately-decorated sandals.

There was an uncomfortable silence as he examined me minutely, from head to foot. On both sides of him sat his ministers—ugly, crafty, pitiless-looking dogs, with a sort of grin of expectation on their faces—but none dared to disturb the Governor's scrutiny. Presently he gave a signal, and without a word the guards pushed me closer to him. For a moment he scrutinized me again, and his eyes had in them the leaping lights of a hawk's when it bends over its prey.

"Thou hast the face of a Christian, an infidel, and the garb of an Arab, a believer," he said, sharply, at length. "How comest it?"

"My lord," I replied, with a profound bow, "a generous and charitable man of this town bestowed these clothes upon me."

"His charity was ill at ease, methinks. What is his name?"

I hesitated, not wishing to compromise said Achmet.

"Thou wilt find it best to be quick with thy answers," said Abou Kuram, sternly.

"His name," I replied, "is said Achmet."

"Thou meanest to tell me he sheltered and clothed thee?"

"He succoured thy servant when he was in need," I answered, humbly.

"Go, bring said Achmet," he called out. "We will see into this matter."

Three men instantly bent themselves to the earth and hurried off to arrest my benefactor.

"Whence comest thou and what is thy business?" he asked, turning to me again, and looking rather through me than at me.

As briefly and succinctly as possible I told him my tale.

His lip curled and his eyes danced as he listened.

"It is a likely story," he remarked, with a sneer, when I had finished.

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