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Thig best man wins her


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Balquliidder. Helea was a fair, blue-eyed Balqutinder, Helen was a fair, blue-eyec
golden-haired lassie, with whom life ha
been one loag laugh, and to whom the worl seemed to bear neither frowns nor cloud,
Her father, Thun M'Gregor, wis a furmer,
and welloto-do for his stations his sous hel
ed him on the bills, and Helen was a tid ed him on the bills, and Helen was a
thand in the house, quite able to take m
cares from her mother's shoulders,
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tle steading it was, too, with high g
the birch wood, among the branches of which
the soth summer brezes, when they had
kissed the lake into a ripple of delight,
would sigh and whisper their pleasaut songs
of brighter and warneer lands. Tam's cottage had served the wa
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narrow border, and, clustering round

| mirere. Helen, beiag faney-free herself, wis wont to make a joke about love; and not caring for either fair or gatherings, esseaped much of the gossp which attaches to other girls. Yet. quietly as the little maiden lived, she could no more avoid lov- ers than can the violet hide away her trea sures from the bee. "Love will venture in where he darna weel be seen," and accordingly Helen's lovers were neither few nor slack in makiog their way to the farm; while, much to the girl's discoonfort, her mother took pride to herself in counting the stalwart, well-to-do lads who would take a place by the ingle nook, and while talking to the farmer of the ewes, wool and mark- ets, would hope to catch a stray kinder than usual, from Helens who, how- <br> eyen, went on with her spinning as if no <br> such thing as love or wooing. And many <br> a lad doubtless thought, with Hobbie Elli <br> that "whirling a big stick wi' a thread <br> work. <br> One came oftener than the rest, so often that it was whispered about that Helen and Duncan were courting, nor did Duncan attempt to deny what in his inmost heart was true. He had loved Helen long, and only true. He had loved Helen long, and only waited for a farm to enter the lists copenly. Now he had a farm and decent house to take wife to, he thought the right time had |
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