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Alison's Ordeal.
(A SHORT STORY)
(Continued)

Dr. Ferguson Mackenzie had fallen deeply in love with the gentle, brown-eyed girl, and his affection was returned. For one happy summer their course of true love ran smooth, then the question of marriage was mooted, and troubles began. Mr. Grant insisted upon a longer engagement; he was not ready to give up his daughter, and stipulated that they must wait until she was of age. A whole twelve months! It looked a lifetime! But they agreed, and Ferguson Mackenzie went away to the distant town where his work lay, and toiled early and late to make a home worthy to receive his bride. But when the time of probation was over, Mr. Grant again objected. He was feeling ill, he was growing old—for he had married late in life—and Alison was necessary to his comfort. He could not spare her. She was young enough to wait a while; it would not be long. A few years at most would set her free. In vain Ferguson Mackenzie urged him to become an inmate of his daughter's new home, in order that he might still have her care and attention. Nothing would induce him to leave his own home; he was too old, too feeble to change, he said. Then, after some stormy protestation from the younger man, another year of waiting was entered upon, and, during those weary months, Alison's smile was seldom seen, her footsteps became slower, and her eyes grew sad and wistful, for hope was dying in her heart. The net of filial duty was closing tightly round her life, and she knew its meshes would be hard to break. And then Mr. Grant had a slight stroke, and nothing must be said or done to worry or agitate him. Terrible indeed was the conflict between love and duty! It seemed to Alison, in after life, that the history of those sorrowful days might be written in three words: "Through much tribulation." From the first she knew that the struggle was hopeless; that waiting would be, to Ferguson Mackenzie, a bitter injustice, because nothing save her father's death could set her free. And so—as the world phrased it—her engagement was broken off, on his part with words of hot accusation that she had never cared for him, on hers with heart-broken silence and desolation. Her girlhood was ended. She became a gentle, silent woman, a patient nurse, good and devoted daughter, but all the brightness of youth was gone. In less than twelve months, she had seen Ferguson Mackenzie's marriage, and—though it was the death-blow to an unacknowledged germ of hope that in the distant future things might come right—thanked Heaven he was happy, and had been able to forget. As Mr. Grant struggled back to partial convalescence, Alison's energies were severely taxed; he was a most exacting invalid, and could not bear her out of his sight. When she told him her engagement was broken, he made no remark, beyond a sigh of satisfaction, but when the news of the marriage came, he watched her with furtive anxiety. Thus the days, and weeks, and months, and years passed slowly and monotonously away, and Robert Grant, experiencing daily the love and devotion of his child, came to believe in the love of Christ, and to feel his own need of forgiveness. He tried to express his remorse for having spoiled her life, but she would not listen. It was over—was a thing of the past—she was perfectly happy now that the crowning joy of her father's salvation was given. His last words, spoken in an interval of pain, would always be a precious heritage: "You have been a good daughter. Heaven bless you, my Alison!"

The funeral was over, the few guests, including the doctor, had departed, and Mrs. Sanderson and Alison sat together, talking in subdued tones of the dead, and making plans for the future. "Of course I must do something to earn my living," said Alison wearily. "I shall have thirty pounds a year from some money of my mother's settled upon me, but, though my wants are small, I cannot live upon that. I think I could teach little children, or I might be a companion to an elderly or invalid lady." She looked very white and fragile in her black dress, leaning against the cushions of a big chair, in an attitude of utter weariness and desolation. "Miss Alison, my dear bairn, you must not think of work for the next few months," said Mrs. Sanderson earnestly. "At this present moment you are fitter to be in your bed than sitting here worrying your head about how to earn a living. Now listen to my plan. We will leave the lawyer and Dr. Jones—who is quite willing to settle up your father's affairs, sell the furniture, and put matters in order, and you must come with me next week to Greystone, and be my guest for a while, until you can look round and decide what you wish to do. My husband sends you a cordial invitation; he's a good soul, is Josiah. You will not be called upon to sit with us, except when you feel inclined. We have a nice little sitting-room, which shall be your

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Chilian	" "
BIRDSEED—	
Per 10 kilos.	0.81
BRAN—	
100 kilos with bag.	1.30
FLOUR—per 100 kilos.	
Extra mark O.	0.57 to 0.58
First class, sifted	" "
Medium	" "
Second class.	" "
HAIR—per 10 kilos.	
Horse, superior.	4.20 to 4.25
" medium.	4.10 to 4.15
Cow, washed.	4.15 to 4.20
" dirty.	4.05 to 4.10
HIDES—	
From camp and slaughter house, per 10 kilos.	2.80 to 2.90
Culls	" "
Kips	2.35 to 2.45
" culls.	" "
Horse hides	2.50
" inferior.	" "
" camp dried	" "
LINSEED—per 100 kilos.	" "
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In spike	" "
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" 1/4 to 1/3	" "
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" denia borrego	" "
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Lamb skins, culls, per kilo	" "
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