

[From Blackwood's Magazine.]

But I am fleeing awa like a shuttle frae the subject on hand. Weel, it turned out in this manner, as ye shall hear. Ae afternoon towards the gloomin, I was obligated to tak' a stap down to the Cross, wi' a web under my arm, which I had finished for Mr. West, the muslin manufacturer. By way of frolic, a gayan foolish ane, I allow, I brocht Nosey along wi' me. He had on, as for ordinar, his Heeland dress, and walkit behind me, wi' the stick in his hand, and his tail sticking out fra below his kilt, as if he had been my flunkv. It was aften a' a queer sight, and, as may be supposed, I drew a haill crowd of bairns efter me, bawling out, "Here's Willy M'Cee's monkey," and gieing him nuts and gingerbread, and makin' as much of the creatur as could be; for Nosey was a great favourite to the town, and every one likt him for his droll tricks and the way he used to grin, and dance, and tumble ower his head to amuse them.

“Got taim ye, ye auld scoundrel,” said the man, “do ye mean to ask my money frae me? and he lifted up a rung big enough to sell a sot, and let flic at the monkey; but Nobby was ower quick for him, and, jumping aside, he lashed on a shill before ane could say Jock Robinson. Here he rowed up the note like a baw in his hand, and put it into his coat pouch like ony rational crawler. Not only this, but to mock he Heelandsman by a manner of means, sticking out his tongue at him, “pitting at him, and grining at him, wi’ his queer outlandish physionomy. Then he

'Ye scoundrel,' said Donald, seizing Mr. Welf by the throat, and shaking him till he tottered like an aspen leaf, 'say ye mean to speak ill of us grace the Duke of Argyle?' And giv'd him another shake—then, laying hand of his nose, he swore that he would put as long as a cow's tail, if he didna that instant restore him his lost property. At this sight I began to grow awfully, and now saw the necessity of stepping in, and saving my employer free from damage, bodily and otherwise. Nae sooner at I made my appearance than Donald let go his grip of Mr. Welf's nose.

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