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THE TORQUE

I

NO man could tell how long the family of Tregoning had lived at Carn Dhu. They had been notable people in the district from the very beginning of time, and the house they inhabited seemed to have a history co-extensive with theirs. But about the year 1660, the family having achieved a greater prominence than was ever theirs before, it was resolved to build a new and larger house of granite at a little distance from the old. The resolve was natural enough, seeing to what a position the yeoman, John Tregoning, had risen; yet there were many who found his intentions altogether laughable. For, though he had all else a strong man could desire, there had been no child born to him during the ten years of his married life.

He bore his trouble in proud silence; but the neighbour folk, who had known him all his days, and perceived how little the sad serious-