

out of sight. He succeeded, however, in laying hold of the half-drowned man, and striking with him from out the perilous tide-way into an eddy, with a Herculean effort he regained the quay. On reaching it, however, his wife lay insensible in the arms of her mother; and as she was at the time in the delicate condition incidental to married women, the natural consequence followed, and she never recovered the shock, but lingered for more than a twelvemonth, the mere shadow of her former self; when a second event, as untoward as the first, too violently shook the fast-ebbing sands, and precipitated her dissolution.

A prolonged tempest from the stormy north-east, had swept the Moray Frith of its shipping, and congregated the storm-bound vessels by scores in the noble harbor of Cromarty, when the wind chopped suddenly round, and they all set out to sea, the sloop of the master among the rest. The other vessels kept the open Frith; but the master, thoroughly acquainted with its navigation, and in the belief that the change of wind was but temporary, went on hugging the land on the weather side, till, as he had anticipated, the breeze set full into the old quarter, and increased into a gale. And then, when all the rest of the fleet had no other choice left them than just to scud back again, he struck out into the Frith in a long tack, and, doubling Kinnaird's Head and the dreaded Buchan Ness, succeeded in making good his voyage south. Next morning, the wind-bound vessels were crowding the harbor of refuge as before, and only his sloop was missing. The first war of the French Revolution had broken out at the time; it was known there were several French privateers hovering on the coast, and the report went abroad that the missing sloop had been captured by the French. There was a weather-brained tailor in the neighborhood, who used to do very odd things, especially, it was said, when the moon was at the full, and whom the writer remembers from the circumstance that he fabricated for him his first jacket, and that, though he succeeded in sewing on one sleeve to the hole at the shoulder, where it ought to be, he committed the slight mistake of sew-