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## Cockmylane 1898



**D**uring the recent heavy gales the the building which stood upon the crest of Cockmylane hill in the parish of Lochwinnoch was blown down, and the familiar ruin no longer meets the eye of travellers in the locality.

It may interest readers to know that this ruin originally was a house of two apartments, erected by an enterprising laird Mr. James Adam. It was for more than a couple of years the moorland abode of a shepherd and overseer by name of Matthew Meikle, his wife, and family.

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About the year 1816. however, when many people emigrated from the village of Lochwinnoch to America, the Meikles followed the crowd, and sought their fortunes in Canada.

Less than thirty years ago an unsuccessful attempt was made to pull down their old home, but a local rhymester raised his voice against an act of vandalism and as a result of his protest the house was allowed to stand.

Cockmylane, it may be added, is one of the range of peaks which look down upon the village and rise up tier after tier, all claiming precedence, vis: Hill o' Staik, Misty law, Corby Knowe, Black Nell, Dun Connell, Burnt Hill, Hanna Hill and others.

It commands a prospect of extensive grandeur, which is said to embrace no fewer than twelve counties the Firth Clyde, the Islands of Arran, Bute, and Ailsa Craig, and has long been the favourite haunt of tourists, lovers, picnickers, and valetudinarians.

