



A Country Walk

DIRECTIONS: Read the passage. Then circle the best meaning for each underlined word.

On the forenoon of the second day, coming to the top of a hill, I saw all the country fall away before me down to the sea; and in the midst of this descent, on a long ridge, the city of Edinburgh smoking like a kiln. There was a flag upon the castle, and ships moving or lying anchored in the firth; both of which, for as far away as they were, I could distinguish clearly; and both brought my country heart into my mouth.

Presently after, I came by a house where a shepherd lived, and got a rough direction for the neighborhood of Cramond; and so, from one to another, worked my way to the westward of the capital by Colinton, till I came out upon the Glasgow road. And there, to my great pleasure and wonder, I beheld a regiment marching to the fifes, every foot in time; an old red-faced general on a grey horse at the one end, and at the other the company of Grenadiers, with their Pope's-hats. The pride of life seemed to mount into my brain at the sight of the red coats and the hearing of that merry music.

A little farther on, and I was told I was in Cramond parish, and began to substitute in my inquiries the name of the house of Shaws. It was a word that seemed to surprise those of whom I sought my way. At first I thought the plainness of my appearance, in my country habit, and that all dusty from the road, consorted ill with the greatness of the place to which I was bound. But after two, or maybe three, had given me the same look and the same answer, I began to take it in my head there was something strange about the Shaws itself.

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- _____ 1. **descent** means: A. to go down B. a downward slope
- _____ 2. **kiln** means: A. an oven B. a cigar
- _____ 3. **firth** means: A. distance B. a narrow body of water
- _____ 4. **regiment** means: A. military unit B. formal group
- _____ 5. **fife** means: A. an instrument B. a leader
- _____ 6. **grenadier** means: A. a kind of drink B. a kind of soldier
- _____ 7. **consort** means: A. to go with B. to follow