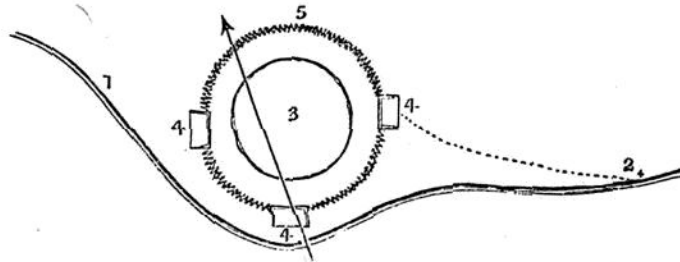


The golden plover is very abundant on the plain, as every where else; but is said to quit the islands in the breeding season. No geese were seen on this mountain; but many small birds appeared as high up as the mamance trees. They also saw hawks, which, by a perversion of language, are called "crows."

They then went towards "Ned's House," (now deserted,) and took the path leading in a southeast direction, along the margin of the woods. This was the route that Douglass followed, when he left Ned's House, on the morning of his death. In about three quarters of an hour, they arrived at the pits; in one of which he was found dead. They are situated in an open clearing, in the centre of which is a low marshy spot, sometimes containing water, which the cattle come in search of. The annexed diagram will give an idea of the locality. These pits are covered with raspberry and other fragile bushes; which are covered again with soil, and the hoofs of cattle imprinted on them, to deceive.



SKETCH OF CATTLE-PITS.

1. Path leading from Ned's House. 2. Place where Mr. Douglass left his bundle and dog. Track towards the pit in which he was found with the bull, gored to death. 3. The pool of water. 4. The three pits. 5. The fence which surrounds the pool and compels the cattle to pass over the pits.

The locality of these pits is in a dell, with banks sloping on both sides: the one to the northwest is about twenty feet high, while that to the southeast is about thirty feet. On each side, both above and below, thickets close the dell.

These pits are about seven or eight feet long, and four feet wide, and are walled up: they are placed broadside to the water.

There were many circumstances attendant upon the death of Douglass, leading to the suspicion that he had been murdered by Ned, at whose house he had breakfasted. The general character of Ned gave rise to a feeling that such was the fact, he having been a runaway convict from New South Wales. It seems somewhat singular that Mr. Douglass should have laid down his bundle and returned after passing the pits; and it is remarkable too that his servant, who had parted from him the same morning, should also have perished.