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Guelph Evening Mercury

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THURSDAY EV'G. APRIL 23, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH

A Tale of the Covenanters

The night was wild as ever. The storm raged with the same impetuous fury, and the wind-chased drift flew hither through the air with unabated strength.

Poor Patie, patient and sagacious, had not moved from the spot where he had been left, but was standing by the low fence, with his tail to the storm and his legs set wide apart to keep him steady; while against his rear a snow-wreath had accumulated that reached to his very haunches.

With a vigorous sincerity, which admirably served to restore his own circulation, Sir Gilbert proceeded to disrobe Patie of his snowy coat, and rub him dry with a wisp of straw—the Hermit being at the same time engaged in providing his start with bedding and his manger with a bundle of fragrant mountain hay.

"Patie will miss his oats-to-night," said the Hermit, as he tossed up the hay before him. "Guid sake!" exclaimed the Baronet, regarding him with an astonished stare. "Hoo dae ye ken my horse's name?"

"You—you called him Patie, did you not?" "No in your hearin', that I mind o'." "Perhaps not," rejoined the anchorite. "But do not be surprised if you find my knowledge more than usually extensive, and seek not to know how I have acquired it."

Sir Gilbert was awed, and made no response. He was not, any more than other men, free from the superstition of his time, and the hints thrown out by the landlord at the village inn were such as to indicate that this singular being was in the possession of supernatural powers—a clear proof of which he had just had in the knowledge of the horse's name.

The Baronet began to feel rather queer in the presence of this "Canny Man," and secretly wished that he and Helen had found shelter somewhere else. But it was useless to think of that now. The same storm which had sent them to his cavern prevented them from leaving it for the present, and they must run what risk there was of being the guests of a man who had more than mortal powers.

Sir Gilbert, however, secretly resolved that he would do nothing to cross or give offence to this extraordinary being, and he met his hospitality not a moment longer than they could avoid.

On returning to the inner chamber, which seemed to be the Hermit's own special habitation, Helen was found to have passed from the oblivion of utter unconsciousness into the less remote oblivion of a deep but calm and untroubled sleep. Warmth and suppleness were fast returning to her benumbed frame; her cheeks, but lately so pale as marble, were flushing with her toy hue and her fair bosom rose and fell with her regular and gentle breathing.

"Heaven be thankit, and you, canny man, next to heaven, for the pair lassie's recovery," cried the Baronet, with great satisfaction. "She may live to curse us for having restored her," said the Hermit, his husky, mournful, and bitter tone returning.

"And what should she dae that for?" demanded the Baronet, in amazement. "Why! Do you ask me why—you who—? He checked himself, and, becoming silent, wheeled about round towards the stone table, where stood a dish of food, and provisions of various kinds. Without a word said, he brought forth an abundance of cold meat and bread, and placed them on the stone slab which served for a table.

As he did this, Sir Gilbert noticed that he was deeply agitated, but he forbore to take notice of this and affected not to see it. The Baronet was making up his mind as to the character of the strange being before him, and he thought he was doing so pretty accurately. He might be possessed of some mysterious occult powers, but his habits as a recluse had made him morose and misanthropic, else why should the sight of Helen have had such a violent effect on him, and caused him to give vent to such bitter thoughts regarding her? Separation and isolation of life had dried up the social affection of his nature, and prompted him to take a gloomy and foreboding view of his fellow-creatures.

While Sir Gilbert was forming this opinion of their extraordinary host, he had to confess to himself that his hospitable behaviour was not in accordance with the theory for which he was proving himself to be kind, thoughtful, and considerate. He placed an ample supper on the stone table before his guest, and entreated him to partake.

"I'll dae that, cried the Baronet, 'for, tae tell ye the truth, I'm devilish hungry—but winna ye join me?" "This he added seeing that the Recluse, on placing the provisions, retired to the dark and distant corner of the cavern, and there laid himself down at full length.

"No," was the reply he emitted from his lair. "I never eat at this hour." The tone was so decided and emphatic that Sir Gilbert did not venture to insist, but commenced eating without any further parley; and while he did so, he kept thinking to himself what a queer fellow the Hermit was.

"And yet," he soliloquised, as he zealously applied himself to the relieving of his hunger. "It's no tae be wondered at if he is queer, for the common creature was live in a cave by himself among the hills. I wonder if he'll ever dee? Tae look at him, as you wad think he's a hummer at least, and yet he is neither frail nor doited. He's as soopie and strong as I am myself, and as gleg o' the een as a man o' forty. Keep me but I never saw a warlock afore, and here we are both in his poo'ie—'Oddsake, puddin' and painches, I hope he'll no cast cantrips or spells ower either Helen or me. I sincerely wish we were back tae Brankswood again."

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April 16. daw tf

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April 11, 1868. daw tf

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W. T. BENSON, 37 St. Peter Street, Montreal, 1st April, 1868. dw-6m

NOTICE.

THE subscriber having purchased from the Executors of his late partner, Mr. Henderson his share of the business, begs to notify his friends and the public that he will continue to carry on the business in all its branches at the old stand, Wyndham Street, Guelph, and would solicit a continuance of that patronage so liberally bestowed on the late firm.

G. B. FRASER. ALL outstanding accounts to be paid in bankable currency to G. B. FRASER up to the 12th of April, any remaining unpaid then will be put into Court for collection, as the books of the late firm must be closed within 90 days after date.

Guelph, 27th March, 1868. d

W. B. COWAN, M. D. HOMOEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and A. C. Conductor. Graduate of New York Homeopathic College, and Licentiate of Canada. Office over Mr. Massie's new store—entrance Macdonnell Street. Guelph, 27th Jan. 1868. daw tf

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GUELPH, ONT. 1868.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT.

GUELPH, ONT. 1868.

JOHN HOGG

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Thanking you for past favors, I remain yours, JOHN HOGG.

Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

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Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

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GEORGE WILKINSON. By Palmer and Little, His Attorneys at Law. Guelph, April 11, 1868. dtf