

Literature.

The Longest Night in a Life.

It was one of those old-fashioned winters in the days of the Georges, when the snow lay on the ground for weeks, when railways were unknown, and the electric telegraph had not been dreamed of...

Among the first ladies who undertook the journey from the west of Scotland to London at this time, was a certain Miss Stirling, who had, for weeks past, desired to reach the metropolis...

So, she kept to her purpose, and early in February took her seat in the mail for London, being the only passenger who was looked for the whole journey.

The tiaw had continued for some days; the roads though heavy were open; and with the aid of extra horses here and there the first half of the journey was performed pretty easily though tediously.

The second day was more trying than the first, the wind blew keenly and penetrated every crevice of the coach; the partial thaw had but slightly effected the wild moorland they had to cross; thick heavy clouds were gathering round the red rays of sun; and when on reaching a little roadside inn the snow began to fall fast...

A sudden rattle awoke her; and she soon learned that the light streamer from the snow-drift, and that no effort was made to clear the road; and that the tired horses could extract the coach from its unpleasant predicament.

The coachman's expectations were fulfilled. Within an hour the distant look of the sledges being heard, and lights were seen gleaming afar; they rapidly advanced nearer and nearer; and soon a heavy voice was heard calling them. A party of men with lanterns and shovels came to their assistance; a strong arm lifted Miss Stirling from the coach, and supported her leaning on the sledges close at hand; and almost before she knew where she was, she found herself in a large hall brilliantly lighted by a blazing wood fire.

"Ay, my Mary," said her host, addressing his wife. "I told you that the sleigh would have plenty of work this winter, and you see I was right."

The fire was really all the accommodation cared for, as she wished to be in readiness to pursue her journey as soon as the coach could proceed.

"We shall be able to do better for you than that, Ellen," Mrs. Atherton answered cheerfully. "I cannot, it is true, promise you a 'state-room,' for every bed in the house is full, and I know you will not allow any one to move for your convenience; but I have one chamber still at your service which, except in one respect, is comfortable enough."

"Oh! no, no, it is not that I had it fitted up for my brother William when he was here, and he used to go frequently then; and late, and it is often occupied by gentlemen when the house is full; but, as it is detached from the house, I have, of course never asked any lady to sleep there till now."

"Oh! if that be all, I am quite willing to be accommodated by it," said Miss Stirling heartily. "So the matter was settled, and orders were given to prepare the Pavilion for the unexpected guest."

The evening passed pleasantly; music, dancing and ghost stories made the hours fly. It was long past ten—the usual hour for retiring—when Miss Stirling, under her hostess's guidance, took possession of her outdoor chamber. It really was a pleasant cheerful little apartment. The crimson hangings of the bed and the windows looked warm and comfortable in the flashing firelight; and when the candles on the mantelpiece were lighted, and the two easy chairs drawn close to the hearth, the long-parted friends found it impossible to resist the temptation of sitting down to have, what in old days they used to call a "two-handed chat."

Very well, then you had better not fasten the bar at all, and I will send my maid with the key at eight precisely. Good night."

They parted; the door was locked outside, and the key taken out, and Miss Stirling, standing by the window, watching her friend cross the narrow black path, which had been swept clear of snow to make a dry passage from the house to the street, she had no objection to remain in this particular position, as she wished to rise in reasonable time.

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SPLENDID Farming Property FOR SALE. ALL that Valuable Landed Estate, being the River and Farm in the Parish of St. John's, County of York, containing about 1000 acres of land, situated on the River Kennebec and about three miles from the mouth of the River.

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JUST OPENING! ANOTHER LOT of three perfect fitting Cross and Star WHITE DRESS SHIRTS, which we sell from 25 cents to 50 cents.

Our Custom Shirt Department. Is now in full running order, and gentlemen wishing a comfortable fitting, and within five days a call as we use the best materials, and guarantee a perfect fit.

FOR SALE. THAT DESIRABLE RESIDENCE and BURNING STATION, situated on the Kennebec River, about three miles from the mouth of the River at the Kennebec Falls.

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First Premium, Provincial Exhibition 1878! REED & REED. WOULD respectfully call the attention of the GOOD HOUSEWIFE to the superior quality of their BROOMS & WHIPS.

CORSETS! 40 doz. Corsets, Received this day, from 25 cents up. DEVER BROS. STEAMER FLORENCEVILLE. Until further notice the Steamer Florenceville will leave Fredericton for Woodstock, TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY mornings at 8 o'clock, returning with WOODSTOCK for Fredericton, on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY mornings at 8 o'clock.

WILCOX & WHITE ORGANS. A student requiring a really good organ must examine the one on exhibition at my store, as it is the best of the kind, and of superior design and quality of tone.

NEW RICH BLOOD! MAKE HEN'S LAY. An English Veterinary Surgeon, who has spent many years in the study of the diseases of the horse, and who has been successful in curing many of the most obstinate cases of the disease.

JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT. For Internal and External Use. CHRONIC RHEUMATISM, GOUT, BRUISES, SWELLINGS, SPRAINS, LAMENESS, SORE THROAT, HOARSENESS, BRUISES, SWELLINGS, SPRAINS, LAMENESS, SORE THROAT, HOARSENESS.

CITY TAXES. THE ASSESSMENT ROLL for the YEAR 1879, is now in the hands of the City Treasurer, and all persons liable to pay the same, are requested to call on him at the City Hall, Fredericton, on or before the 15th day of August, next, after which date no objections will be received.

Jas R. HOWIE. HIS assailable goods and is prepared to give the best attention to the requirements of his numerous customers and the public generally.

Light One Horse Sledge Wagon FOR SALE. A good quantity of Goods having been brought through the late fire, will be sold at a great discount.

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