

ANNABEL

OR THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XIV.

MRS. LANGTON DEVISES A SUBTLE PLOT, WHICH MEETS THE APPROBATION OF BARNARD HAYES, AND OPERATIONS ARE BEGUN TO CARRY IT OUT.

"It must surely be a very strange out-of-the-way place," said Mrs. Langton, with an air of keen curiosity. "No society, you say, no houses near it; no public thoroughfare in its neighbourhood. Why, it must be quite hidden and unknown."

"Not quite that, ma'am. There is a large village five miles away, and sometimes one or two people wander as far as Dugden—that is the name of the place—in the summer in search of wild berries. Sometimes, too, in winter a hunter will venture across the wold and through Forsley Wood, which is on the other side of Dugden, but for weeks and months together not a human being is to be seen."

Mr. Langton listened as one who was deeply interested in this description. The singular loneliness and solitude of Dugden appeared to impress her in a strangely powerful way.

"Who lives at it now?" she inquired.

"No one," answered Ellen. "The house is quite shut up. It is a large, old-fashioned, strongly built place, with thick oaken doors and small windows. It is heavy and gloomy enough, and must, I think, have been built as a place of defence in the olden time."

"It is shut up, you say. No one lives in it?"

"No one! The land is let to the tenant of the adjacent moor, who does not require the house, and no one would think of renting such a place. Again there was a short period of silence, for Mrs. Langton had relapsed into her former absorbed state of thought. Ellen, too, became silent and thoughtful, for the conversation had brought before her mind a vision of her former home, and all the joys and sorrows of her domestic life. Gloomy and solitary as the old house was, she had never thought it so, or longed as her wild, unruly brother did to break away from parental restraint. Freedom, innocence, and sweet and simple enjoyments were connected with that happy time—memories also of a father's affection and a mother's tenderness—of sorrow, suffering, and death—of all that had made her past life bright with hope and love, or dark with fear and grief. Then followed, in natural sequence, thoughts of her present state, of her weakness, her disease, and the early coming of death. Youth is hard to be reconciled to relinquish life and its high prospects when these are brightest and most alluring, but Ellen had by this time become quite resigned to this fate, and contemplated it calmly. It made her more than usually grave, no doubt, for it strangely and mysteriously separated her from others whose hopes and expectations were turned earthward, and it was her natural custom to retire by herself to muse over the dark yet faith-illumined futurity which she knew she was soon to enter.

Her mistress had thoughts of a very different description during this interval of silence—thoughts altogether worldly, selfish, and deceitful. Her plan was rapidly assuming form in her mind now, this conversation with Ellen having given it coherence and practicality. "Do you know where your brother may be found?" she suddenly inquired. Her voice brought Ellen's thoughts back from the direction of the grave, whither they had travelled, and it was a moment or two ere she comprehended the question.

"My brother?" she repeated. "No, I am wholly ignorant of his haunts."

"How very unfortunate," rejoined her mistress.

Ellen's large bright eyes turned to Mrs. Langton's face with a look of wonder. "I will tell you why," was the answer which the latter gave to the questioning look. "I think an effort might be made to reclaim him."

"An, ma'am, I have prayed night and day for his reformation," responded Ellen, the tears starting as she spoke, and a deeply yearning expression coming over her face. "To die and leave him a reprobate is my one sorrow. Oh, if I could only meet father and mother in the better land with the tale of his repentance."

"Yes, indeed, I am sure you would wish that, and I have thought of a plan for trying it. Seeing you are so poorly, I shall carry you abroad to the warmer climate of France. I think Miss Annabel will be the better of the change, too, and if your brother could be got he might be prevailed upon to accompany us, and perhaps our combined influence might operate to wean him from his present evil ways."

Nassagaweya Council.

This Council met, at the call of the Reeve, on Monday, 7th April. Members all present—The Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Kohn, that the Council be now constituted a Court of Revision and Appeal, and that the Reeve occupy the chair. Carried. The following appellants were present, viz:—E. Hunter, D. Wacchighan, D. Robertson, D. McCarty, Hutton & Wilmott, H. Carrill, S. Donaldson, D. Scott, R. Irving, T. E. (J. W. Job, E. Red and H. Wallace. The several cases, after being duly considered, were ordered to lay over until the next meeting of the Court. On motion the court adjourned, and the Council resumed business, with the Reeve in the chair. Mr. Eastbrook moved, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the petition of Isaac Smith and fifteen others for the building of a bridge, and the opening up of the road at the east end of the Nassagaweya Mill, be received and read. Carried. Petition received and read, and ordered to lay over. Mr. Eastbrook moved, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the amount of T. J. Day for blank assessment rolls, &c., amounting to \$7.50; also the account of J. Jones, for printing Pathmasters schedules, amounting to \$5, and the account of J. B. Matheson, for printing, amounting to \$5.38, be paid. Carried. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Eastbrook, that the sum of six dollars be paid to James Menzies in aid of widow Bain a poor person in destitute circumstances. Carried. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Eastbrook, that Joseph perform his statute labor, due for the year 1872, for the east quarter of lot 27, 2nd Con., under the supervision of William Watson, and that James Campbell perform his statute labor for the east quarter of lot No. 9, 1st Con., under the supervision of John Larkin. Carried.

A telegram from St. Petersburg informs us that news had been received there from Khiva to the effect that serious internal dissension had broken out in that country, and that the Russian prisoners had been released and sent home. The Khan had executed his chief counsellor and imprisoned several influential persons who were enemies of Russia.

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Also, another Lot of Lace Collars at Half Price.

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At Decided Bargains!

Piles of Scarlet Flannel at 25c

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CASH, CASH, CASH!

GRAND SHOW ROOM

OPENING WITH ALL the NOVELTIES of the SEASON!

French Pattern Bonnets, French Pattern Hats,

MANTLES, JACKETS, COSTUMES, &c.,

Making the finest stock ever shown in Guelph, and AT MODERATE PRICES.

R. CLAYTON,

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P. S.—I have secured the services of Miss Moore to manage the Millinery Department.

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TWEEDS FOR SUITS!

Gentlemen requiring medium heavy suits for spring wear will find at the

GUELPH CLOTH HALL

An unusually attractive stock to select from.

SHAW & MURTON,

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Guelph, March 15, 1873

GREAT SALE OF BANKRUPT STOCK!

The whole stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES

Belonging to the insolvent estate of John A. McCullough will be sold at a tremendous sacrifice. The name stock, amounting to \$8,000.

Must be Cleared Out within ONE MONTH!

The greatest bargains ever offered in Guelph!

Special inducements to retail merchants and jobbers, who desire to secure job lots.

The sale is now going on at the old stand, Wyndham Street.

W. M. McLaren, Assignee.

Guelph, Feb. 22, 1873.

NEW Confectionery Store.

The subscribers beg to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that they have opened a new Confectionery Store in J. B. Purter's old Watch and Jewellery Store, Wyndham Street, where they will always have on hand Cakes, Candies, and everything in the Confectionery Line.

Bridal, and other Cakes.

Made to order on short notice, and in first-class style.

They will shortly fit up and open Coffee and Ice Cream rooms up stairs, of which due notice will be given.

They hope by promptly attending to all orders, and living satisfaction to their customers to merit a share of public patronage.

WARNER & SUTTON, Guelph, March 26, 1873.

THE MEDICAL HALL GUELPH



JUST RECEIVED, an assortment of

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Ribbon of Bruges,

For fumigating Sick Rooms, &c.

Arcadian Pink,

The most fragrant and lasting perfume manufactured.

Ladies Cachous

For imparting an agreeable odour to the Breath.

E. HARVEY & Co.,

Dispensing Chemists, Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell-streets, Guelph.

Guelph, Mar 25, 1873.

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The most elegant and fashionable Perfume of the day.

PIESSE & LUBIN'S

RIBBON OF BRUGES,

A very fragrant Fumigator

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MEDICINE SPOONS, TEA AND DESSERT SPOONS,

A fresh supply at the Medical Dispensary.

G. B. McCullough,

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Suitable for the Season.

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Guelph, Jan. 23, 1873.

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PRACTICAL Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

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Next the Post Office,

FOR ONE MONTH LONGER.

As the balance of the stock must be cleared out in that time, the goods will be sold at

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Guelph, March 4, 1873.

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IS NOW IN FULL OPERATION

affording an opportunity to intending purchasers of inspecting the construction of these celebrated instruments.

All new instruments

Warranted for Six Years;

Tuned (if in town) free for one year. Second hand taken in exchange or repaired.

TUNING ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY

Prices lower than any imported, and quality and finish unsurpassed.

Show Rooms and Office, WEST MARKET SQUARE,

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JOSEPH F. RAINEL, Proprietor

Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872

THE GUELPH "M. P. C." Cigar Factory.

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Ask for the "M. P. C.," the best Cigar in the Dominion.

S. MYERS, Proprietor

Guelph, Dec. 4, 1872.

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Carefully attended to, and satisfaction promptly secured.

Family and Fall Flour, Graham Flour, Cracked Wheat, Corn Meal, Chopped Corn, Feed and Millers' Opals

Of all sorts for sale at the old Stand, Upper Wyndham Street

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