

Guelph Evening Mercury
WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 23, 1868.
OLD GUBBY.

BY CLEMENT W. SCOTT.
She was either not sensitive enough to see that the old man was pained that she did not cling to him, or too willful to own it if she did. The little selfish child who would scamp among the furniture piled up in Old Gubby's curiosity shop, and grin at her father from the top of some carved wardrobe or bookcase, endangering her life, and destroying her father's peace of mind—this wild, undisciplined creature, who would change from an hysterical laughing scene into a passionate fit of crying, grew up and became more and more estranged from her father.
Her companions were none of his choosing. Old Gubby had prayed by the side of her cot, years ago, that she might be in some sort of way the joy of the little back-parlour, and the light of his remaining life. And now look how it turned out. She hated the little back parlour, did Miss Polly Gubbs, and declared it was not genteel to have a father in trade. This cut the old man to the heart, but he still humoured her. He was not a rich man, and a smart acquaintance made him not so well able to attend to his business as formerly. But he gave Miss Polly an excellent education, and, perhaps, by this final act of kindness put a finishing stroke to his misery.
Polly was sharp enough; but the education she received, although it taught her French and Italian, and made her a good singer and pianoforte player, did not teach her that most necessary article—common sense. There was no denying that Polly Gubbs was a pretty girl; but, besides her pretty face and her sunny hair, she had such a grimy little figure and small feet, that she soon began to sigh for that inevitable womanly comfort—dress.
She did not ask in vain. Old Gubby's slender capital, reduced by Polly's education, became smaller and smaller with the constant calls that dress made upon it.
"She looks so sweet," said the old man, as she whisked out of the little shop with one of her smart acquaintances. "What is there I would not give her if I could?"
But there came a day when he was unable to give her some luxury she wished for, and for the first time in the girl's life Polly's father was compelled to say "no."
Then there was a sad scene. Polly was up in arms in a minute; she said hard things about the shop, harder things about her father's position; she actually taunted him with their humble life "after the education she had received;" but, happily, she was not dependent on her father. "She had, however, made up her mind. She would go out as a governess, and see the world." This scene nearly broke Old Gubby's heart. He was unable to move her from her determination, and she only relented so far as to accept a daily situation for the present.
"Don't leave me, Polly!—don't quite leave me," he had said. But the drudgery of a daily governess was too great for Polly. She had heard of governesses who went into good places, and eventually married well; and Polly was a pushing girl.
One night she packed up all her pretty dresses, and her father's presents, and on another night they were conveyed away; and on the third night Old Gubby came home, and found his daughter's nest was empty. His darling daughter Polly had left him; and Old Gubby was alone in the little back parlour!

CHAPTER II.—ONE CHRISTMAS EVE.
It was a terrible blow for the poor old man, and he naturally feared the worst at first.
"What have I done," he kept saying to himself, "that Polly should leave me? Where can I wander to find her? I shall go mad!"
In a few days, however, Old Gubby received a short note, on fine crested paper, dated from one of the most fashionable London squares, written in a fit of Polly's flowing spirit, and telling her father that she had obtained an excellent situation as governess in a rich man's family; where she was very happy, and was thoroughly appreciated. It was the last paragraph of this thoughtless—it would be unfair to call it heartless, when the writer had no affection in her—letter which cut Old Gubby to the heart.
And now, dear father, I hope that you will believe that I am very, very happy, and will not trouble yourself any more about your willful child. The neighbors, I know, will look after you, and I am sure you will want for nothing. Above all things, do not attempt to come and see me. I do not know what would be the consequence if they saw you, and knew what you were. The world is now before me, and it will be my fault if I do not get on. I will come and see you when I can do so safely. Till then, believe me to be, dear old daddy, your affectionate child.
The old man crumpled up the letter, and raged against the selfish folks who had taken Polly away from him. Notwithstanding Polly's wickedness, he had not the heart to scold Polly.
"If they knew what I was," he muttered to himself. "And what if they did? They must be snobs to alter their conduct to her because of my shop, and scoundrels to separate a father and his daughter. And my little Polly is eating these people's bread."
Poor Old Gubby! he could not see Polly's sin. The shock of Polly's sudden disappearance, and the seeming impossibility of his ever seeing her again, except on sufferance, brought on a very serious illness, from which Old Gubby with difficulty recovered. When he rose from his sick bed he was an altered man. His business went to rack and ruin. Besides being disinclined to do any work, he was too weak to attend to it properly.

TO BE CONTINUED.
Ladies' work boxes, gents' writing desks, dolls, ladies' companions, and a large quantity of fancy goods for Christmas gifts, at Day's bookstore, opposite the market.
30 doz. 50c books, 40 doz. 27c books, 50 doz. 40c books, 60 doz. 12c books, 100 doz. 8c books, all suitable for Christmas gifts, just received at Day's bookstore, opposite the market.

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ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM!
FOR THE CURE OF CONSUMPTION!
And all diseases that lead to it, such as Coughs, neglected Colds, Pain in the Chest, and all Diseases of the Lungs.
AS AN EXPECTORANT I HAS NO EQUAL.
It has now been before the Public for a number of years and has gained for itself a
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Physicians recommend it in their practice and the formula from which it is prepared is highly commended by Medical Journals. Call at the Druggists and get a pamphlet. Every Druggist sells the Balsam.
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Is the only infallible Hair Preparation for RESTORING GRAY HAIR TO ITS COLOR AND PROMPTLY TO GROWTH.
It is the cheapest preparation ever offered to the public, as one bottle will last longer and accomplish more than three bottles of any other preparation.
Our Restorer is not a Dye—it will not stain the skin as others do. It will keep the hair from falling out. It cleanses the Scalp, and makes the Hair Soft, Lustrous and Silken.
Our Treatise on the Hair sent free by mail.
P. HALL & CO., Nassau, N. H., Proprietors.
For sale by all Druggists.

BACHELOR'S HAIR DYE
This splendid Hair Dye is the best in the world. The only true and perfect Dye—Harmless, reliable, instantaneous. No disappointment. No ridiculous tints. Remedies the effects of bad dyes. Invigorates and leaves the hair soft and beautiful brown or black. Sold by all Druggists and Perfumers, and prepared at Bachelor's Wig Factory, No. 16, Bond St., N. Y.

OPENING NOTICE.
The GUELPH BAKERY
Upper Wyndham Street.
H. BERRY in taking this opportunity of thanking his numerous customers for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him, begs to intimate that owing to the rapid increase of his Wholesale Confectionery business, he has disposed of his Bread business to ARCHIBALD GILCHRIST, whom he has great pleasure in recommending, and who, he is confident, will do his utmost to give satisfaction to all who may patronize him.

A. GILCHRIST
Has much pleasure in informing the public that he has opened the Store
NEXT DOOR TO M. SODEN'S,
Where he hopes by strict personal attention to business, and keeping a first-class article, to merit the share of public patronage so long bestowed on his predecessor.
A. GILCHRIST,
Fancy Bread, Biscuit & Cake Baker.
Guelph, Dec. 19.

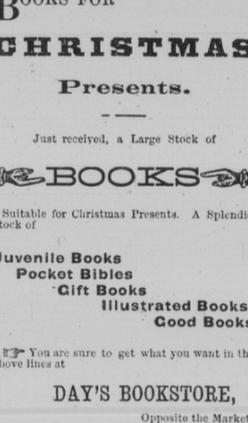
AUCTIONS SALE
OF
BOOKS,
TO-NIGHT,
At M. Shewan's Old Stand,
Wyndham Street, Guelph.

J. B. THORNTON,
Manager of Sale
Guelph, Dec. 8, 1868.

Removal.—Card of Thanks.

Wm. Hoover, Coachman and Livery Stable Keeper, begs to thank his patrons and the public for their support, and to inform them that he has removed to the New Stone Stable, in rear of Miller's Hotel,
WEST MACDONNELL STREET
Orders may be left at his office in the Stable, at his house, near the Alma Block, or at Miller's Hotel, and will be promptly attended to.
THE CAB STAND
For the winter will be at the corner of Mr. Hogg's Dry Goods Store.
Guelph, Dec. 10th, 1868.

Books for CHRISTMAS Presents.
Just received, a Large Stock of
BOOKS
Suitable for Christmas Presents. A Splendid Stock of
Juvenile Books
Pocket Bibles
Craft Books
Illustrated Books
Good Books
You are sure to get what you want in the above lines at
DAY'S BOOKSTORE,
Opposite the Market.
Guelph, Dec. 19.

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH.

CELEBRATED
CARRATRACA WATER!
From the Mineral Springs, Plantagenet, Ont.
A fresh supply
JUST RECEIVED.
This justly Celebrated Mineral Water, so highly recommended by the Faculty, should be found in every family, and in order to meet the increasing demand, the subscriber has made arrangements to supply his customers.
By the Gallon, Quart, or Class.
As a mild Tonic, gentle Purgative, and Alternative. This Water is especially adapted to those suffering from
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The analysis by Dr. Girwood, Military Surgeon, Montreal, shows this water to contain—Chlorides of Sodium and Potassium, Bromide and Iodide of Magnesium, Sulphate and Carbonate of Lime, Carbonate of Magnesia, Iron, &c.
E. HARVEY & CO.,
Sole Agent.
Guelph, December 7.

Executors' Notice.
ALL parties having claims against the estate of the late Dr. Thomas S. Parker, of Guelph, are required to present the same forthwith for adjustment; and all parties indebted to said estate to make payment to the undersigned.
GEORGE ELLIOTT,
NATHANIEL HIGGINBOTHAM,
EDWARD BLAKE,
Guelph, Nov. 6.

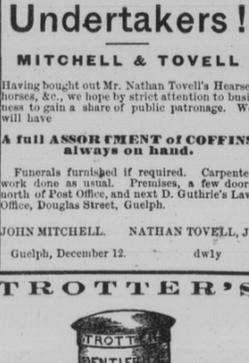
RUTHERFORD HOUSE
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Direct from Labrador,
60 Bbls Prime Labrador Herring
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Fish, highly recommended for table use.
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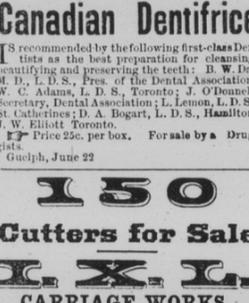
ROBT. RUTHERFORD.
Guelph, November 18th.

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A Very Superior Article
COAL OIL!
NOW ON HAND,
AT PETRIE'S
Drug Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Undertakers!
MITCHELL & TOVELL
Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, horses, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage. We will have
A full ASSORTMENT OF COFFINS
always on hand.
Funerals furnished if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and next D. Guthrie's Law Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.
JOHN MITCHELL, NATHAN TOVELL, JR.
Guelph, December 12.

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Canadian Dentifrice
Is recommended by the following first-class Dentists as the best preparation for cleaning, whitening and preserving the teeth: B. W. Day, M. D., L. D. S., Pres. of the Dental Association; W. C. Adams, L. D. S., Toronto; J. O'Donnell, Secretary, Dental Association; L. Lemon, L. D. S., St. Catharines; D. A. Bogart, L. D. S., Hamilton; J. W. Elliott Toronto.
Price 25c. per box. For sale by Druggists.
Guelph, June 22

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The Subscriber has now on hand a stock of these ELEGANT and SUBSTANTIAL
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Which have taken prizes wherever exhibited, to be sold at LOW PRICES for cash or short credit.
J. B. ARMSTRONG,
Guelph, Nov. 19.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.
The subscriber begs to intimate to the public that he will remain one month longer in Guelph, for the purpose of selling his farm and leasing his hotel. If the farm is not sold by the end of that time it will be let on shares.
JAMES O'NEIL
Guelph, Dec. 11.

BILLIARD HALL!
Adjoining Coulson's Hotel,
GUELPH, ONT.
Four New Belgian Standard American tables.
W. O'CONNOR, Proprietor
Guelph, Dec. 24.

MONEY TO LEND.
The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.
LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers, Solicitors, &c.
Guelph, Dec. 9th, 1868.

The Sale of Cloths, Clothing,
AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS,
STILL GOING ON
AT JAMES CORMACK'S,
MERCHANT TAILOR, No. 1, Wyndham
Street, Guelph.

now on hand the Largest, Best Assorted and
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Being purchased by, and the Cloth manufactured under, the personal superintendence of the subscriber, he can with confidence recommend them to his numerous customers and the public. Another lot of these FINE
BEAVER OVERCOATS
Just made. Will arrive in a few days,
ANOTHER LOT OF THOSE CHEAP SHIRTS AND DRAWERS
For which there has been such a run. Keep up the demand, and I will keep up the supply at as low prices as can be bought at cost or under.
Guelph, December 10th.

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Distinguished Arrivals
AT
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An Immense Stock of **CLOUDS**, in every color, from Three to Six Shillings up.
Another lot of the celebrated
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AMERICAN "FELT SKIRTS,"
Something quite new for Ladies and Misses.
DRESS AND JACKET BUTTONS, a splendid lot just in.
BREAKFAST SHAWLS for \$1 and \$1.25, worth nearly double the money.
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Visit our establishment during the coming week. We are now opening up and showing an immense stock of New Goods suited for the present season, at remarkable prices. Call and see.
A. O. BUCHAM,
Wyndham St., Guelph, December 19.

Sale of Cloths and Clothing!
A. THOMSON & CO.
WOULD intimate that as their Mr. Thomson is retiring from business, the whole of their stock must be sold and the business wound up. To facilitate this, they have determined to
Commence a Clearing Sale on Monday 21st Dec.
When they will offer their immense stock of
Cloths and Clothing,
Shirts, Drawers, Hats, Caps, &c.

AT COST AND UNDER. As this is a rare opportunity of securing first-class Goods at auction prices, they would recommend all to take advantage of the great bargains which shall be given.
There will positively be no credit given during this sale. All indebted to the firm are respectfully requested to call and settle their accounts at once.
A. THOMSON & CO
Guelph, 17th December 1868.

G. B. FRASERS,
CHRISTMAS AND NEW-YEAR'S
GIFT SALE!
WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14.
\$40,000 worth of Dry Goods to be Disposed of.
CHOICE OF EVERYTHING IN THE STORE!
A GIFT FOR EVERY PURCHASE OF ONE DOLLAR and Upwards,
Consisting of Fine Gilt Scarf Pins, Jet Earrings and Brooches, Combs, Brushes, Needle Cases, Cluny Ties, Cluny Collars, Worked Muslin Sets, Ribbon Ties, Cluny Crinolines, Gloves, Stockings, Socks, India Rubber Braces, Breakfast Shawls, Chest Protectors, Hoods, Muffs, Damask Covers, Piano Covers, Table Cloths, Table Napkins, Tiddles, Antimacassars, Buffalo Robes, &c., &c., or
FIVE PER CENT. DISCOUNT WILL BE RETURNED IN CASH ON PURCHASES OF ONE DOLLAR AND UPWARDS.
A PRIZE OF a MILK DRESS OR A SUIT OF CLOTHES
Will be given to the LARGEST CASH BUYER DURING THE SALE, in addition to the GIFT awarded at the time of purchase.
The GIFTS will be given away Pro-Rata, so as not to cause disappointment to either large or small buyers.
The party who receives the PRIZE will confer a favor on the Montreal archouse by an acknowledgement through the public press.
G. B. FRASER,
December 13, 1868.

ESTATE OF LATE JAMES E. LINDSAY.
PEREMPTORY NOTICE.
ALL parties having claims against the above Estate are required to send them in at once.
A. MCORINDALE,
W. C. BAINE,
Guelph, Dec. 18. daw 1w Executors.

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—AND—
AMBER SYRUP
At John A. Wood's.

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—AND—
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Fire Insurance Company
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JOHN M. BOND, Agent, Guelph.
Guelph, 14th Nov. dw

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New RUSTIC Accessories.
He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds
From the Locket to Life Size
Equal as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion—Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.
In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.
Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens and prices.
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WILLIAM BURGESS,
Guelph, December 12.

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(Successor to John W. Murton),
Banking and Exchange
OFFICE,
No. 9, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE, discount Money and Specie bought and sold at best rates.
5-20 Bonds bought and sold at a slight advance on New York rates.
Agent for the National Steamship Company, weekly Line of Steamers between New York and Liverpool. Also for the London and New York Steamship Company, fortnightly Line between New York and London.
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Agent for the Ketchum & Edwards' celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof Safes.
Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 1y

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CANADIAN LINE—Portland to Liverpool every Saturday.
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Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 3m

NOTICE.
SILVER CREEK BREWERY.
Farmers and others having empty barrels in their possession belonging to the Silver Creek Brewery will please return them at once, as any kept an unnecessary time after being emptied will be charged.
GEO. SLEEMAN,
Guelph, Nov. 20. daw 1t