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TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 7, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUGH
A Tale of the Covenanters.

Walter gave a hurried glance round, then immediately his eye sought his cabinet, and he approached it with a scrutinizing air. It was a large antique cabinet, and had evidently been made for the place in which it stood, for it filled up the whole of the recess, into which it was not set, but built, and was therefore a part of the chamber wall. All the drawers were open, some of them hanging half out, and the looks showing that they had been violently wrenched, not opened with keys. The contents of each, consisting of papers, lay in confused disorder, and not a few were scattered on the floor.

Walter examined the structure with an air of anxiety, then his countenance assumed a relieved expression, and he murmured in a low tone, and with a smile of satisfaction—
"As I expected. He has been making search for the packet, but has failed to find it. He placed his small hand-lamp on the table, and removed the drawers of the cabinet one by one, till a small bundle of papers had been cleared. Then he took up the lamp again, and searched with it all over the surface of the wood. When he found the spot he sought, which was a large knot in the wood, similar to that which he had pressed it with his finger, when a loud whirring noise instantly succeeded, and a panel slid back, making an opening large enough for a man to pass through. The rays of the lamp shining into the aperture showed within the stone steps of a very narrow winding stair leading upward.

Walter was about to pass through, when he was suddenly arrested by a deep angry growl, and turning round, he beheld the fiery eyes and fierce teeth of a dog at the open door of the chamber.

The animal was in an attitude as if about to spring, and yet was kept back by some doubt or hesitancy. He was of huge size and strength, and as an antagonist could not but prove formidable, but instead of making an attack on the intruder, as it was his duty to do, he kept silent after the first deep growl, and stood motionless, gazing fixedly into Walter's face.

"Ha! Rover," said the latter, in a suppressed voice. Instantly, with a joyous bark, the dog was leaping upon him with frantic demonstrations of delight.

"Hush, Rover; down sir—down and be quiet, or you will betray me." But Rover was too excited in the joy of finding his old master to heed the command, and continued to leap up and down and to whine with such vehemence, that Walter became seriously alarmed lest he should rouse the house. This demonstration of Rover's affection, however gratifying, was at that moment very inconvenient, and might result in the most disastrous consequences. There was nothing for it, therefore, but to inflict a sound cuff, accompanied with a stern order to be quiet, and a final vigorous shake, meant to sober him, and convince him that no further nonsense must be indulged in.

Rover was considerably crest-fallen at receiving this vigorous, and to him unexpected treatment, but he understood and obeyed. He whined no more, and stood with his four legs fixed on the ground, but his eyes glistened and sparkled with unmistakable joy, and the rapid shaking of his bushy tail was fully expressive of Rover's strong feelings.

The dog being quieted, Walter resumed the important work which had been so strangely interrupted. He passed through the open panel, and with the lamp in his hand pushed his way up the narrow steps—Rover watching his every motion, and following close at his heels.

The stair led to a chamber immediately above that which he had just quitted, and as this was the only means of access to it, those only who knew the secret of the panel, and the trick of its spring could reach it.

The room which had such a secret communication with the rest of the mansion was also circular, and was nothing more than a portion of the interior of the tower. It contained a cabinet similar to the one beneath, and nothing else.

The drawers in this secret cabinet were all locked, but with a key which he took from his pocket, Walter opened one of them, and proved to have a double side, for at the touch of his hand the click of a spring was heard, and a cavity appeared in which lay something white.

It was LADY HARTON'S PACKET. He lifted it, and was looking at the supercription to make sure of its identity, when a strong grasp was laid on his arm, and a clutch was made at the packet, while a deep voice close beside him exclaimed, "Ha!"

With instinctive promptitude his fingers closed with vice-like strength on the packet, and turning swiftly round, he beheld Charlie Allan half-dressed at his side, gazing at him with scrutinizing amazement.

By the light of the lamp they stood gazing into each other's face for some moments, when suddenly Allan's bewilderment changed into an expression of fish-like and triumphant recognition.

"By heaven, Walter Elliot," was his exclamation—then like a madman he rushed down the narrow stair, shouting—"Sloggan, Jackson, Inglis rouse ye every one, Quick, quick!"

Without a word Walter flew after him to the lower chamber, and Charlie seeing him coming, tried to close the door to prevent his escape, but he dashed the lighted lamp at Allan's face, and bounding past him, dived at utmost speed down the private stair, shot along the passages in the lower storey, and made for the subterranean chambers.

It was pitch dark, but his intimate knowledge of the turnings and windings made this almost no disadvantage, and he flew from room to room and passage to passage with a swiftness which no stranger could have attained. He heard Allan shouting with frantic fury above, and before he got to the entrance to the underground passages loud noises issued from various parts of the building, proclaiming that the inmates were roused, and a hot pursuit would immediately ensue.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Extensive Sale!

OF Farm Stock and Implements.

W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed to sell by public auction, on Lot 2, 8th Concession, Franklin, in the Brock Road, two miles from Guelph.

On Wednesday, 15th of April at 12 o'clock noon, the following property:—1 span of horses, 1 mare in foal, 1 horse four years old, 1 colt, 3 years old, 1 roan oxen, 3 cows in calf, 1 steer 2 years old, 1 heifer rising two years old, 1 steer calf, 1 heifer calf, about 30 ewes in lamb, 1 thorough-bred Cotswold ram, 1 wagon nearly new, 1 iron-axe wagon, 1 light wagon, double sleigh, 2 ploughs, 2 sets harness, cultivator, fanning mill, straw cutter, 2 turnip cutters, &c.

TERMS—Sums of \$5 and under, cash; over that amount 9 months' credit on approved notes.

EDWARD DRAYTON, Proprietor. Guelph, 9th April, 1868. dw

TO PHOTOGRAPHERS.

FOR SALE AT A BARCAIN.

THE subscriber offers for sale at a bargain in a Photographing establishment on Gordon Street, near the Dundas Bridge, in the town of Guelph. The Gallery is a portable one, 25x10, and is complete, being fitted up with all the modern improvements required for carrying on an extensive business. To a suitable party this is a rare opportunity of obtaining a complete outfit at a small cost, as the proprietor is leaving for the old country. For further particulars apply to W. Beattie, at Armstrong & McCrea's woolen factory, Guelph.

Guelph, 27th March 1868. dw

Medical system. The quantities, whose internal doses excite the stomach and paralyze the bowels, must give precedence to the man who restores health and appetite with from one to two of his ordinary Pills, and cures the most violent sore with a box or so of his wonderful and all-healing Salve. These two great specifics of the Doctor are fast superseding all the stereotyped nostrums of the day. Extraordinary cures by Maggell's Pills and Salve have opened the eyes of the public to the inefficiency of the (so called) remedies of others, and upon which people have so long blindly depended. Maggell's Pills are not of the class that are swallowed by the dozen, and of which every full taken creates an absolute necessity for another. One or two of Maggell's Pills suffice to keep the bowels in perfect order, tone the stomach, create an appetite, and render the spirits light and buoyant. There is no griping and no reaction in the form of constipation if the liver is affected, its functions are restored, and if the nervous system is feeble, it is invigorating. This last quality makes the medicine very desirable for the wants of delicate females. Ulcers and eruptive diseases are literally extinguished by the disinfectant use of Maggell's Salve. In fact, it has been announced that Maggell's Biliious, Dyspeptic and Diarrhoea Pills cure where all others fail.—While for Burns, Scalds, Chills, Oint, and all Abrasions of the Skin, Maggell's Salve is infallible. Sold by J. HAYDOCK, 11 Pine street, New York, and all Druggists, at 25 cents per box.

COUGTSERS!—Buy no Maggell Pills or Salve, with a little pamphlet inside the box. They are bogus. The genuine have the name of J. Haydock on box with name of J. Maggell, M. D. The genuine have the Pills surrounded with white powder.

Frightful Burns!—Frightful Scalds!—Dr. Maggell's Salve stops the most violent pain of burns, scalds, etc., it is unsurpassed. Sold in Guelph by A. B. PETRIE, Druggist, Market Square.

ALBION HOTEL!

St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.

MR. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the Albion, he hopes by personal attention to merit the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 12 years.

L. W. DECKER. Montreal, 30th March, 1868. d

PELLATITE

WHO CAN TELL

How Nature Colors the Peach?
How Nature Colors the Plum?
How Nature Colors the Green Grape,
And Berries of various kinds?

The celebrated Portuguese Chemist and Botanist, Professor, Esmeraldo, has contributed one of the most useful and valuable discoveries of the age for the benefit of mankind, and known as

PROFESSOR ESMERALDO'S PELLATITE.

This Pellatite is the Concrete Juice of the Fruit of the Anthesis Pyrethrum, a Brazilian Shrub that grows along the banks of the Amazon River. This fruit and its juice possess the peculiar properties of imparting its color to the Human Hair only, and gives it an Elegant, Soft, Glossy, Brown or Black Color, promoting its rapid and luxuriant growth. It will not stain the skin or clothing. Among Ladies and Gentlemen whose hair is turning or already become grey, the Pellatite stands as

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It differs from all others as follows:
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THE PELLATITE!

Is clean and harmless as water.
It imparts its colour as it is used.
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It softens and glossens the Hair.
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It removes Dandruff and Scurf.
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WHICH WILL YOU HAVE? WHICH WILL YOU USE?

Compare them. Test them and decide. Away with filthy, dangerous Compounds, and use the clean and Harmless Pellatite. At one bound it sweeps the field, and the old foggy crucibles of Minerals are dropped by the public like a red hot iron.

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Important to the Ladies.

BONNETS & HATS

CLEANED, &c.

Mrs. PRINGLE HAS much pleasure in announcing to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that on and after

MONDAY the 6th of APRIL she will assume her old business in all its branches and will be glad to see her old patrons, and all those requiring her services.

F. A. HARRISON RETURNS her grateful thanks to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity for the liberal patronage she has received since resuming business. Having on hand plain and fancy Straw, she is prepared to make BONNETS and HATS to order. Latest styles just received.

Residence—Rose Cottage, Market Street, west of Dr. Howitt's. Apprentices wanted. MISS HARRISON. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw

WALL PAPER!

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FOR Extra BARGAINS In WALL PAPER try SHEWAN'S BOOKSTORE!

Next door to H. Walker's Grocery. Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw

Shoe Tools & Findings

A COMPLETE assortment of the latest patterns of Shoe Tools, Shoe and Machine Thread, Machine Silk, Shoe Pins, Shoe Nails, Shoe Tacks, Heel and Toe Plates, &c., wholesale and retail.

RYAN & OLIVER, 114 Yonge Street, Toronto. Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

TO TAILORS,

AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straight-edges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Barilets' Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIVER, Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

TO MACHINISTS.

STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Ganges, Vernier Callipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Caliper Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-regulating Callipers and Dividers, Stub Files and Tools, Patent Oilers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by

RYAN & OLIVER, General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d-ly

AUCTION SALE

OF VALUABLE

Household Furniture HORSES, CARRIAGES, &c.

W. S. G. KNOWLES will, by instruction from the Trustees for Mrs. Fooley, sell by public auction at Beechgrove,

On Thursday the 9th of April Household Furniture, consisting of Drawing-room, Dining-room, Library, Bedroom and Kitchen Furniture, a splendid PIANO, Pictures, Books, Glass and Chinaware, Silver, Cutlery, &c. Also, 2 horses, 1 cow, 1 buggy, 3 sleighs, Saddles, single and double harness, light waggon, hurdles. Can be seen at 9 o'clock on morning of Sale punctually at Eleven o'clock.

Horses and Cow will be sold at 3 o'clock, p.m. Hoover's Carriage will leave town at a quarter to eleven o'clock on day of sale—Fare, 25c. Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

MONTREAL

Boot and Shoe Store

SPRING ARRIVALS.

now TRUCK ARE PUT UP. They are put in Colored glass Bottles, with the Labels closely pasted around them from cork bottom, in order to hide the demon inside.

NEW GOODS!

FASHIONABLE, SERVICEABLE, DURABLE, COMFORTABLE.

A BEAUTIFUL American Prunella Walking Balmoral, very stylish. Call at once and see them. Lacrosses for sale. TERMS CASH. JOHN McNEIL, Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st. Guelph, 30th March, 1868. dw

FOR SALE.

200 lbs. Honey, Strained or Comb. 500 lbs. Boston Canned Peaches. 200 lbs. Keiller's Dundee Marmalade.

50 lbs. Red and Black Currant Jelly. 100 bushels Dried Apples. French Plums and Prunes.

Anchovy Paste. Bloaters Paste. Maple Sugar and Amber Syrup.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, March 24th 1868. dw

GEORGE PALMER BARRISTER and Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary Public and Conveyancer. Office, N. E. Corner of Block, Guelph.

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

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OF

NEW SPRING GOODS!

WILL BE OPENED

ON WEDNESDAY, THE 17TH INST.

The Subscribers are now paying the Third-half yearly dividend.

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE!

THE undersigned have entered into Co-partnership under the firm of BUCHANAN & CO., Hamilton, Ontario, and of PETER BUCHANAN & CO., Glasgow, Scotland.

ISAAC BUCHANAN. ANDREW BINNY. PETER T. BUCHANAN. Guelph, April 7, 1868. daw

1868. SPRING IMPORTATIONS, 1868.

THE Subscribers have received and are NOW OPENING a portion of their

SPRING IMPORTATIONS

—OF— BRITISH AND FOREIGN

DRY GOODS,

And will have an excellent assortment opened out by the 25th inst., as also of Canadian and American Manufactures.

BUCHANAN & COMPANY. Hamilton, 19th March, 1868. dw

1868. The First Importations this Season. 1868

JUST RECEIVED.



Choice Messina Oranges and Lemons, Cocoa Nuts, Dried Cherries, Peaches, Apples, Imperial Prunes, etc. Wholesale at City Prices

HUGH WALKER, Wholesale and Retail Fruit dealer, Wyndham-St., Guelph. Guelph, March 31, 1868. daw y

GORDON, MACKAY & CO.,

Importers, Manufacturers, and General Warehousemen,

Staple & Fancy Dry Goods

In the Dominion. A large assortment of

Home and Foreign Woollens!

AND TAILORS' GOODS AND TRIMMINGS.

They are constantly receiving Leading Styles from the various places of production.—Terms Liberal. Lybster Mills Sheetings 33 and 36 inches. Also, Lybster Mills YARNS and BATTING. Toronto, 20th March, 1868. dw-1m.

A. R. McMASTER & BRO.

Are now opening out their

Spring Importations!

And will be glad to see their customers and friends at

32 Yonge-st., Toronto.

Toronto, 20th March, 1868. dw-ly

JUST OPENING

AT THE

BRITANNIA HOUSE

A Splendid Assortment of

SPRING FURNISHINGS

2 & 3 PLY CARPETS, Tapestry, Brussels, Hemp, Felt, &c.

Muslin and Lace Curtains, Damasks, Fringes, &c. HEFFERNAN BROS. Guelph, 25th March, 1868; dw

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

OPEN a Savings Bank Department at their Branch in Guelph this day.

The rate of interest allowed on all deposits will be four per cent. per annum, to commence from day of deposit, and five per cent. on all sums remaining in the Bank six months from 3rd of June or 31st of December.

The terms in other respects have been made as favorable as possible to depositors. Further information will be given upon application at the office of the Bank in Guelph. For all deposits made in this Savings Bank, the Canadian Bank of Commerce is fully responsible.

R. J. DALLAS, Cashier. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

In consequence of the rapid increase of the subscriber's business within the past few years, he has pleasure in intimating to his numerous patrons, and the Trade in general, that he has

THIS DAY REMOVED

To a much larger and much more commodious store,

One Door West of the Old Stand,

And directly opposite the front door of the Market House, where he will be enabled to carry on his business on a much more extensive scale, and will be in a position to serve his customers to better advantage to them and to himself.

T. J. DAY, Bookseller, opposite the Market, Guelph. Guelph, April 2, 1868. daw tf

T. BREADON,

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BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding country that he is prepared to create all manner of work in connection with his business at rates as low as

GOOD WORKMANSHIP

And MATERIAL will allow.

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When not at the shop, orders to be left at Mr. Brownlow's. THOS. BREADON. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. 43m-w1m

1868. NEW GOODS. 1868

Mrs HUNTER

HAS pleasure in calling the attention of the ladies of Guelph and vicinity to her extensive and well selected stock of

BERLIN AND FANCY WOOLS

Slippers and Slipper Patterns, Crochet, Knitting and Mending Cottons, Corsets, Braids, Frillings, Edgings, Sewing, Furze, and Embroidering Silks, Floss, Filocelle, Belt and Bonnet Ribbons, Dress Buttons, Toilet Sets, and

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STRAW MILLINERY!

Bonnets and Hats cleaned, dyed and re-made in the newest styles. Hair Hats and Bonnets renewed.

STAMPING

from the newest designs. Remember the Stand—Wyndham Street, next door to Harvey's Drug Store, and opposite the English Church. Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw tf

Insolvent Act of 1864

By Order of E. Newton, Esq., OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE.

W. S. G. KNOWLES will offer for sale by PUBLIC AUCTION, At the residence of MARTIN RYAN, near Allan's Mills, in the Town of Guelph,

On Tuesday, 7th of April Commencing at the hour of 1 o'clock, the whole of his valuable

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

AND EFFECTS,

Comprising Hair-seated Chairs, Sofa, Centre Table, Breakfast and Toilet Tables, Carpets, Ottoman, Looking Glasses, Bedsteads and Bedding, Toilet Sets, Cooking and Parlor Stoves, Bureaus, An Excellent Piano Forte!

Check Kitchen Utensils, &c. Also, a very fine MAKE IN FOAL, Buggy, Cutter, Harness, Buffalo Robe, &c.

TERMS - - - CASH. Guelph, April 2nd, 1868. dw

TOILET SOAPS!

JUST received, a large consignment of English and other Toilet Soaps, At Apothecaries' Hall, Market Square, Guelph. Yardley's, Benbow's, Trinder's Glycerine, Brown and White Windsor, in cakes. Honey and pure Curd Soap, in bars. Also, Robinson's Silver Soap. A. B. PETRIE. Guelph, 27th March 1868. dw