

ANNABELL

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER IX.

And then it was that Philip pressed her hand to intimate how cordially he approved of her decision.

She quitted her lover's side and followed Mr. Langton upstairs to the door of Mr. Seymour's chamber. It was a few inches ajar. He pushed it silently open and motioned Annabel to enter. Then, waiting only till he saw her approach the bed towards the outstretched arms of the dying man, he closed the door, and returned to the library to rejoin Philip.

If before entering the room Annabel felt kindly disposed towards her uncle, one glance at his white, wistful face, so full of intense pleading anxiety, and at the trembling arms which he stretched towards her, made her doubly anxious to cast away all hard thoughts. She ran to the side of the bed, throwing off her bonnet as she did so, and kneeling there she gazed into his long eyes with a look of pity and affection.

"Annabel," he faltered, "do—do you know—has Joseph—Mr. Langton told you—"

"That you are my uncle? Yes."

"And—and—you have not refused to come to me? Oh, that I had strength enough to throw myself on my knees before you to sue for pardon. But if I do not kneel in body, Annabel, I kneel in spirit. I am dying, and my chief trouble is that I have not your forgiveness—Grant me but that, my child, and I shall depart in peace. I do not deserve it. The wrong I have done your mother—the hardships I have inflicted on you—have been sins beyond expression, heinous. I merit only your scorn and loathing, but I was you who taught me fully to see this; you taught me when I lay helpless in the lane, and in Burwell Row, and now, oh, Annabel—now that I have been driven by the presence of death to reveal myself to you, complete your angelic work, and take away the bitterness of death."

"My poor uncle," said Annabel, "in my mother's name and in my own, I freely forgive you."

The cry of joy, so wildly shrill, that burst from the old man's white lips when he heard the blissful words, was terminated by a gurgle in his throat and a violent convulsive fit, which colored all his frame. In great alarm, Annabel rose to her feet, just in time to receive him as he fell heavily forward. The cry had been heard by others, and in a few moments Annabel knew that several persons had entered the room and were surrounding the bed, but she noted not who they were, so intent was she in doing her utmost to give relief to the dying man.

But, alas, relief was to come no more to him in this life. It was the death struggle which had come upon him—accelerated, doubtless, by the revelation of feeling produced by the assurance of Annabel's forgiveness. It was for this he had been waiting; it seemed that in his anxiety to receive it, he had bribed death to tarry behind his time, who, now that the end was gained, would wait not a moment longer for his prey, but was in haste to claim it.

For fully ten minutes the sore struggle lasted, and most painful, most agonizing it was to witness it. Mr. Seymour remained conscious to the last, and he clung to Annabel, his glazing eyes fixed mutely on her face, and his hands clutching involuntarily at her dress as she strove to support him. Where nature's fight with death is of this violent character, it is at once sad and distressing to those who behold it—distressing because no help can be given, and sad because of the subjection under which humanity is then seen to be to the fell destroyer. No discharge can be had from the warfare, and no victory obtained. Love and sympathy desire to aid and alleviate, but they are powerless. They can only share the agony which they cannot lessen, and are thankful when the contest is ended and rest has come.

It was in this cruel form that death came to Mr. Seymour. The seat of the malady was in the throat—caused originally by the violent composition given by the garrulous and canister swelling, predicted—the doctor said—by the intense emotion which had agitated the mind of the sufferer, issued in a process of suffocation, which had its brief but frightful course to run ere nature yielded and death was triumphant. But at length the former was subdued and gradually the dying one retired from consciousness into the mysterious darkness behind, where he was withdrawn from all common experience and could not be followed, either in thought or sympathy, by those around. But if they could not follow him, they were at least immensely relieved to behold his sufferings lessen as he receded from their ken. The spasms ceased; the death sweat, which Annabel wiped from his brow as it rose, collected no longer; the appealing expression of the eyes was changed for the dull haze of departing spirit; the labored breathing became quiet; the gasping sank lower and lower, and so imperceptibly did the change come at the end, that they could not tell the precise moment when the spirit quitted its tenement of clay. Even the doctor, who was present, scrupled for some moments to announce that all was over, but the awful stillness put doubt at an end, he broke the silence by the solemn intimation that the owner of Rockwood was no more.

"And," he added, "I have no hesitation in saying that his death is due to the violence he received in Liverpool. Our friend was as surely killed on that occasion as if a murderous blow had been priviled him of life. And if the robber had been caught, and were now to stand his trial for the crime, the charge against him would be that of murder."

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THE FIRST ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS

READY-MADE CLOTHING AT GEORGE JEFFREY'S.

THE SUBSCRIBER BEGS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT HE HAS JUST RECEIVED

OVER TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PIECES OF McNAUGHTAN & THOM'S BEST PRINTS

Which he will sell at 12½c. per yard, being usually sold at 16c. per yard, in beautiful New Designs and Colors.

Ladies ought to come early and get a good choice of these

UNPRECEDENTED CHEAP GOODS!

Also, another Lot of Lace Collars at Half Price.

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GUELPH, FEB. 21, 1873.

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No. 1, Wyndham Street.

James Cormack

Has just received a few cases of the newest and most stylish

SPRING HATS.

Also a large stock of hats of all styles and prices.

SHIRTS, COLLARS, TIES, BRACES

JAMES CORMACK,

No. 1, Wyndham St.

PETRIE'S

NEW

DRUG STORE

Nearly opposite the Old Stand.

NOW OPEN.

Mr. PETRIE takes this opportunity to thank the Public for their large and liberal support during the seven years he has been in business in Guelph.

The New Store is the one formerly occupied by Mr. H. Berry, and lately by Mr. J. E. Porter, as a Confectionery Store. The store has been returned and refitted, making it a much more desirable place of business than the old stand.

Having secured the new store for a term of Ten Years, I hope, with the aid of the Public, to present in the future as I have done during the past seven years, any monopoly in the Drug Trade in Guelph.

The old store will remain open for business until the first of May.

By conducting my business in the future in the same upright principle as in the past, I trust to receive a continuance of your generous support.

I am, yours very truly,

A. B. PETRIE.

MCCULLOUGH & MOORE.

Notice of Dissolution.

The partnership heretofore carried on by the undersigned, as Chemists and Druggists, at the Town of Guelph and Village of Rockwood, under the style and firm of McCullough & Moore, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts due to the firm are to be paid to Mr. G. H. McCullough, who will settle all liabilities, and these due to the Rockwood Store to John H. Moore.

Guelph, Feb. 22nd, 1873.

GEO. H. MCCULLOUGH.

JOHN H. MOORE.

Witness, **FREDERICK BISCOE.**

With reference to the above, I beg to inform the patrons who have so largely patronized the late firm of McCullough & Moore, that I intend carrying on the business of the late firm, at the Town of Guelph, and trust, by strict attention to business and keeping all ways on hand the very best articles of every description in the Chemist & Druggist line, to merit the confidence heretofore shown the late firm.

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BUSY STOCKTAKING

FASHIONABLE WEST END!

Extraordinary Bargains for the next Two Weeks.

500 pieces Early Spring Dress Goods to be sold off at once to the Ladies of the Town of Guelph, at 12½c. and 15c. a yard, the cheapest lot of Dress Goods ever shown by a dealer in this town.

1 case Ladies' 50 New Spring Dresses—beautiful designs—1 case Sewed Blouses, Lace Edgings, Fittings, &c. 25 pieces Solid White Cottons, to be sold at 12½c. per yard. 25 pieces Brown Hollands at 15c. 25c. and 25c.

JUST OPENED.

LADIES WILL PLEASE REMEMBER THAT

Our Sale of Dress Goods commences on Monday morning, the 24th inst. And as we are determined to clear the lot within the next two weeks, intending purchasers, if they could get to the store, would be sure to receive decided Bargains.

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment.

Guelph, Feb. 22, 1873.

THE GARDNER SEWING MACHINE COMPANY

MANUFACTURERS OF

The Gardner Patent Sewing Machine

Take much pleasure in directing attention to the fact that notwithstanding the severe tests applied by skillful judges, when in competition with other machines at the Fairs held throughout the Dominion, the

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WAS AWARDED

11 Prizes in 1871

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WHICH IS A CONVINCING

Proof of the superiority over all others for Family Purposes, and Light Manufacturing Work!

In simplicity of construction, strength and durability, recommend it to all classes. A complete set of attachments; is very strong, runs light and easy, and does all kinds of work. Instructions in all attachments given free of charge.

Price \$80. Terms easy.

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Lumgair & Fairgrieve,

AGENTS GUELPH.

GUELPH TEA DEPOT

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For Cheap Groceries.

NEW RAISINS..... 5 cents per pound

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WALKER'S SOAP..... 15 cents per bar

GOOD PRUNES..... 30 pounds for \$1

10 pounds of the BEST BRIGHT SUGAR..... for \$1.

11 pounds of GOOD COOKING SUGAR..... for \$1.

First-class TEAS!

OUR VERY BEST GREEN TEA..... for 80 cents per lb

A VERY FINE BLACK TEA..... for 75 cents per lb

A NICE YOUNG HYSON TEA..... for 50 cents per lb

All orders will be delivered at your houses. Give us a call.

E. O'DONNELL & CO.

Guelph, Jan. 23, 1873

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN IMPORTING HOUSE,

48 and 50 Yonge Street,

TORONTO;

AND

196 and 198 McGill Street,

MONTREAL.

For the following goods of this season's importation or manufacture offered to the jobbing trade by the package, or to general merchants in any part of the Dominion.

Table Cutlery, Pocket Cutlery, Nickel-plated Spoons, Electro-plated Ware, Sterling Silver Spoons and Forks, Dixon's Shot and Powder Flasks, Jammed Trays and Wafers, Walker and Ely's Gun Caps, Toys in wood, tin and iron, Baskets, Fancy and Market.

Celebrated Periscope Spectacles, Musical and Patent Albums, Violins and Accordions, Watches, Waltham and Swiss Clocks, Connecticut and French Gold Bull Chain Strings, Bohemian Glass Ware, German Morocco Pocket Books, Toys in wood, tin and iron, Baskets, Fancy and Market.

Fancy China Ware, Gosnell's Brushes and Soaps, Moerschbaum and Briar Pipe Work boxes and writing desks, Ladies' and Gents' Dressing Cases, Shell and Pearl Card Cases, Jewellery, Gold and Patent, Crystals, Gold and Jet, Crystal Looking Glass Plate

Fancy Goods generally, the largest stock in the Dominion.

ROBT. WILKES.

Sept. 24, 1872. dw

THE MEDICAL HALL

GUELPH

HIGINBOTHAM'S

PULMONIC SYRUP

AN INFALLIBLE REMEDY

Coughs, Colds, Asthma, etc.

and highly recommended by the faculty.

E. HARVEY & Co.

Dispensing Chemists,

Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell streets, Guelph.

Guelph, Feb. 7, 1873. dw

NEW GOODS.

GIFTS

MRS. WRIGHT

Begs to inform her numerous customers and the public that she has just received a nice variety of

Toys and other Fancy Goods

Suitable for the Season.

MRS. WRIGHT,

UPPER WYNDHAM STREET.

Next to the Wellington Hotel.

Guelph, Jan. 25, 1873. dw

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1872

Retail Department

W. D. HEPBURN & CO.

Are now offering for sale an extensive assortment of Strong and Fancy

BOOTS AND SHOES

Suitable for Fall and Winter Wear. We invite careful buyers to our system of doing business, viz.,

Small Profits and but one Price.

W. D. Hepburn & Co. manufacture their own goods and feel they can confidently recommend them as **CHEAP** and **DURABLE** and all they ask is one trial, which will not fail to prove the genuineness of the goods.

HOME-MADE BOOTS AND SHOES.

As we employ over FORTY HANDS we can supply a large portion of Guelph and surrounding country. All kinds of Boots and Shoes made to order.

Repairing done as Usual.

TERMS CASH. Store and Factory Eastside Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, Sept. 27, 1872

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.

The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned has opened a Meat Shop, in Hatch's Block, and will supply customers with meat of the best quality, at the lowest rates. Meat delivered in any part of the Town.

CHAS. FENNELL

Guelph, Dec. 20, 1872. dw

New Dry Goods!

WM. STEWART

Has much pleasure in stating to the public that he has secured many lots of desirable New Dry Goods—under current prices, and they will be offered

At Decided Bargains!

Piles of Scarlet Flannel at 25c

Piles of Grey Flannel at 35c

Piles of Winey from 10c

Piles of Clouds in white, grey, and colors, from 50c

BLANKETS ALL PRICES

All Wool TWEEDS from 50 cents.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872

HART & SPEIRS,

Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance and General Agents,

4 Day's Block, Guelph

In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. J. S. Speirs in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm.

All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and strict attention.

Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, &c., &c.

neatly and correctly prepared. MONEY always on hand in ready cash for borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges. Our list of Town and Farm Property is large and varied, and parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere.

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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,

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JOSEPH F. RAINIER,

Proprietor.

Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872 dw