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### Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.  
WEDNESDAY EV'G. APRIL 23, 1868.

## The Maiden's Choice

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

Without a word, Sir Gilbert carried Helen towards the fire, laid her down before it, and began hastily to remove the outer coverings which enveloped her form.

"Are you mad?" exclaimed the Hermit, starting forward between them and the fire. "If you would save the girl, bring her near the heat. A rubbing of snow in your corner is the better restorative. Give the child to me, and I will do my best to bring her round."

Sir Gilbert could make no reply to this, either by word or action, but passively allowed the Hermit to lift Helen, still enveloped in her coverings, and carry her to the corner in which the couch was spread. There, laying her down, he knelt beside her, and silently proceeded to remove her shapings, when, for the first time, her pale face was uncovered and illuminated by the fire-light.

The moment the Hermit caught sight of her white countenance he gave a great start, and fixed upon a strong look of horrified inquiry. Then, his amazed look of doubt giving place apparently to a certainty, he uttered a loud cry, and started away with a recoil, still gazing at the calm, deathlike face like one stupefied.

Sir Gilbert was at the moment engaged in shaking the encrusted snow from his garments, but hearing the cry, and seeing the Hermit start aside with such a horrified gesture, he ran forward in dreadful apprehension.

Before he had time to speak, the Hermit sprang upon him like a wild beast, while his dark eyes blazed like burning coals, and his aspect was one of furious excitement.

"Guilty! he canny, he canny," exclaimed the Baronet soothingly, for he thought he had to do with a madman.

At the sound of his voice and a view of his face, the Hermit's conduct underwent another sudden transition. The intense concentrated aspect of fury left him, and he drew back a pace, as if astonished. The Baronet had scarcely power to observe this, for, at the instant, his eye fell on the ashen face of Helen, and in grief and fear he hung over her, and resumed with frantic eagerness the task of removing her snowy garments.

"Oh, she's no deid," he groaned, "the pair lassie is no deid! For the love o' heaven, canny man, help me to bring her round."

"No, she is not dead," he heard her faintly still, said the Hermit, in a husky tone of mournful sadness. "But the flame of life is flickering feebly in the socket. She is beyond conscious action, and suffering, and why bring her back to this world of sorrow? Rather let her pass in peace than restore her to a life of pain and misery. Leave her as she is, I say, for that is the truest kindness you can do her."

"Puddin's and painches, man, that's a dreadful way to speak," cried Sir Gilbert, whom the Hermit's words filled with mingled sorrow and indignation. "Hae ye nae humanity—nae pity. Ye may think life a burden and a sorrow, but it's different with a young lassie like this, that both loves and hopes."

"But she has no power to love or hope," said the Hermit, bitterly.

"No, so long as she's insensible of course," responded Sir Gilbert, in the same indignant tone. "But if ye kenna her as I ken her, ye wad understand how dear and precious life is to her."

"Is it indeed so?" returned the other. "She is not yet weary of it, then; she believes still in happiness?"

"There's nae nae mair cause—I tell you name, said man; and if ye are no inhuman a' thegither, ye'll help me to save her life." "Be it so, I will restore her," said the Hermit; and without further word, yet with hands that strangely trembled, he removed the outer covering from Helen's form, and gathering up a handful of the snow which had dropped on the floor he rubbed vigorously with it her face and hands.

Her clothes underneath being perfectly dry did not require to be removed, but no sooner did the application of the snow and the vigorous chafing of her limbs bring back the colour to her cheek and quicken the feeble circulation, than from a recess he brought a flask and a glass, and pouring out some of the contents, succeeded in causing her to swallow some of the liquor. He also brought forth an armful of blankets, and, with the assistance of Sir Gilbert, wrapt many folds of them round her, and laid her in a comfortable attitude on the spongy couch.

"She is safe now," he remarked, when this was done, "and you had better attend to yourself. First of all, empty this glass, and then I will see for supper."

"Many thanks," returned Sir Gilbert, "I'll coup the glass, but before I can rest in this snug build I maun see for some shelter for our pair horse."

"Ah, you have a horse. True, I might have known that, and the poor beast needs shelter, too."

"He baith needs it and deserves it," cried the Baronet. "If it hadna been for his wisdom, we ne'er had fa'in on this refuge, and wad hae wandered among the hills till we perished in the snow."

"Your errand must be an urgent one that brings you among the hills on such a night," observed the Hermit as he thrust the end of a pine torch among the burning logs and brought it out in a blaze.

"Troth and it is urgent," replied Sir Gilbert. "But for a' that, had I kenna the storm was to be on sea sune, I wadna stirred frae the ingle-side o' the public at the fit o' the hills."

"Follow me," said the Hermit, "and we shall get the horse cared for."

The Baronet expected that they were to pass out by the door through which he had entered, but his host led the way to the far end of the cavern, and, unfastening another door which was there, entered by a passage between two ledges of rock into another rocky apartment, fitted up as a byre, and here a sony cow stood patiently and placidly eating fodder, while in a neighboring stall two goats lay in loving fellowship.

This apartment had also a door leading outside, and by this door the Hermit and Sir Gilbert issued in search of the horse.

TO BE CONTINUED.

RECOMMUNICATED.—The Lords of the Admiralty have been reluctantly compelled to remove the name of Captain, the Honorable Augustus G. Hobart, brother to Lord Hobart, who has figured as a writer on the Alabama claims, from the Navy List, in consequence of his having accepted an appointment under the Turkish Government, without, in the first instance, having consulted the wishes of their lordships. At the same time we believe that the difficulty of Captain Hobart's position has been well considered at Whitehall. He was on half pay; he could not obtain employment in his own service—his pay was totally inadequate to his requirements—he was desirous of finding a field for the exercise of his professional duties, and an offer (unsought by him) of an appointment in Constantinople having been made to him, he felt that he had no alternative left but to close with it, even at the risk of unintentionally offending his former "lords and masters." The position now occupied by the Captain is a high and dignified one, and whilst he occupies it, he will be enabled to render good service to England by maintaining the efficiency of the Navy of her ancient and always faithful ally.

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A choice lot of Stilton and Pine Apple Cheese.

## E. CARROLL & CO.,

No. 2, Wyndham Street. Guelph, April 20, 1868. daw

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SAL. SODA. CHLORIDE OF LIME. PALM OIL. W. T. BENSON, 37 St Peter Street, Montreal, Montreal, 1st April, 1868. daw-6m

## NOTICE.

THE subscriber having purchased from the Executors of his late partner, Mr. Henderson his share of the business, begs to notify his friends and the public that he will continue to carry on the business in all its branches at the old stand, Wyndham Street, Guelph, and would solicit a continuance of that patronage so liberally bestowed on the late firm.

G. B. FRASER.

ALL outstanding accounts to be paid in bankable currency to G. B. FRASER up to the 12th of April, any remaining unpaid then will be put into Court for collection, as the books of the late firm must be closed within 30 days after date. Guelph, 27th March, 1868. d

## W. B. COWAN, M. D.

HOMOEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and A. Coucher. Graduate of New York Homeopathic College, and Licentiate of Canada. Office over Mr. Miesle's new store—entrance Macdonnell Street. Guelph, 27th Jan, 1868 daw tf

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

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## 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.

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And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

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JOHN MILLER, Proprietor, Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whittly. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. Guelph, Jan. 20, 1868. do tf

## WHOLESALE and RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT.

GUELPH, ONT.

1868. 1868.

## JOHN HOGG AT IT AGAIN.

From unforeseen circumstances, I am obliged to once more plunge into the torments of active business life. It affords me no small degree of pleasure and satisfaction to know that I am still able to serve and be a means of profit to the great mass of the inhabitants of the County of Wellington and its vicinity. I shall in the time to come, as in the past, make it a study and one of the leading features in my business affairs at all times to be in a position to secure Goods in the very best markets, and to offer the best possible advantage. My purchases will all be made for Ready Money—and money will command Bargains such as credit cannot. This advantage will be given to my customers. It is needless to remind my numerous friends and supporters that the immense variety of every description of Goods presented to select from is a very great advantage, together with the undeniable fact that my Goods are all imported from the manufacturers direct, ensures to my patrons a saving of a fair profit over that of any other establishment in the trade. I possess great advantages this season for offering extra inducements to my customers.

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Thanking you for past favors, I remain yo. JO. HOGG. Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

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FIRST IMPORTATIONS OF NEW SPRING GOODS!

WILL BE OPENED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH INST.

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GEORGE WILKINSON, By Palmer and Lillie, His Attorneys ad litem. Guelph, April 11, 1868. do 2w

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