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Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

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Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10.

OVER THE SNOW.

A Christmas Story.

As she spoke, she laid her burden on the table, and letting fall the thick wollen cloak in which it was wrapped, disclosed a baby of three or four months old, whose wide open eyes seemed to testify the utmost astonishment as to how he got there. With motherly instinct, the good soul took the child in her arms, pressing it to her bosom with murmurs of endearment. But David's brow was black as night. "A pretty thing, the shameless jade, to saddle honest folk with her love-brat; but I'll find her out, I warrant—say, that I will, if it costs me twenty pounds!"

"Nay, David, don't see too hard on the poor soul. There's never a sin without sorrow; and she must have had a weary sight of pain and misery before she'd be willing to part with her child." And David's brow was black as night. "A pretty thing, the shameless jade, to saddle honest folk with her love-brat; but I'll find her out, I warrant—say, that I will, if it costs me twenty pounds!"

"Davy, Davy," headed the good wife—"Sure you've forgotten that it's Christmas Eve, and the good words you were reading but now. Oh! maister, don't be angry over much to-night."

David was about to make a stern rejoinder, when his wife caught sight of a small locket of gold and blue enamel, which was hung about the child's neck by a ribbon. With a cry as if she had received a blow, she gasped, "Oh, David, David, look at this! It's hers, it's Ally's, our own child's!"

A flash of indescribable emotion passed for a moment over David Holt's face, and his eyelids quivered. But it was only for a moment, and the stern face hardened again, a shade paler, perhaps, but dark and stern as ever. When he spoke it was slowly and distinctly.

"I don't know of whom you speak; I had a child of that name once, but she brought shame upon us. Take her who will, she's none of mine."

"She's our own flesh and blood, David, pleaded the old woman in an agony of tears. The Lord made her that, and her words won't alter it. Oh! to think that she should have been here, close by our door, and out in the storm! Davy, won't you—won't you fetch her back?"

David sat silent, sullenly gazing into the fire. "Davy, you call yourself a Christian man. You wouldn't turn a dog to door on such a night as this, and yet you'll suffer your own child to be wandering on the moor, without a place to lay her head?"

"She can ask for shelter." "Shelter! Likely that she who dared not face her own father and mother, and seek shelter of strangers!"

As she spoke she opened the cottage door, which, the moment the latch was raised, was flung back heavily by the wind, and a torrent of snow poured in. Like the timid bird, reliant in defence of her fledglings, the mother's gentle nature rose to arms, and battled on behalf of her child.

"Oh David, shame on you! Have you the heart of a man to sit there like a stone image, when your own flesh and blood may be perishing of cold and wet? Let me help! I'm but a feeble old woman, but my only child shan't die outside my door, nor me sitting by the fire within!"

wavering in their onward course. They had reached a considerable distance from the cottage, but still no sign, save the still advancing footmarks of her they sought. Still pressing onward, David spoke, with a strange tremor in his voice. "Tell me what misadventure's there some at what this side—where can the maid be going o' this side o' the moor? There's never a house for miles."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

The *Northern Post* publishes an article upon Napoleon's speech on the opening of the French Chambers. It says:—"Europe, and especially France, in a state of armed peace is a condition of things much to be regretted. It is necessary to take measures for putting an end to this situation as speedily as possible. It would be desirable that France, considering her great influence in European politics should begin the example, and concentrate her attention on internal reforms. Without the fulfilment of this condition no one could view as serious the promise of the Emperor Napoleon to extend trade liberties, which M. Girardin fears, on the contrary, are to be curtailed."

A COLDNESS.—At a dinner party given lately in Chicago, the cold weather had done considerable duty in supplying the conversation, when a plump, happy-looking, lately-married lady made a remark about cold feet. "Surely," said a lady opposite, "Mrs.—you are not troubled with cold feet?" Amidst an awful pause she naively answered, "Yes, indeed, I am very much troubled—but then they are not my own." Her husband lushed scarlet.

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