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## THE GUARDIAN

BY FREDERICK ORIN BARTLETT

The sky was losing its starkness when Nat started home again. In the distance he heard the jingling of the cowbells as the kine edged nearer and nearer the pasture bars. But he hadn't gone more than a hundred yards before he heard in the bushes back from the road another sound—the broken sobbing of someone trying hard to control his grief. He paused a moment and listened, and then in half a dozen strides forced his way through the undergrowth, where he found himself confronting the frail figure of in half a dozen strides forced his way through the undergrowth, where he found himself confronting the frail figure of Tommy Flint, who with clenched fists faced the intruder aggressively. The boy's cheeks were stained with tears, and his lower lip was still trembling. In spite of this, the lad looked so pugnacious that Nat could not refrain from smiling. "Both of ye had better go home and uneasily over his shoulder."

"Just cryin' for the fun of it?" inquired to the city council last evening signed a contract to take pray," answered Tommy. Flint finished lacing his shoes. Then he rose determinedly. "Well," he avowed with conviction. "ye oughter know how to pray. I reckon I'll send you and your ma to meetin' tonight."

Tommy looked uneasy. "I don't mind the whalin' none," he declared. "Both of ye had better go home and stay there," put in Nat. "I've got to run along now. Are you straight against the control of the pray in the last evening signed a contract to take pray," answered Tommy.

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Nat.
"Who's bin cryin'?" Tommy challenged
his lip beginning to tremble again.
Nat looked away from him.
"Maybe it was a chipmunk I heard."
"It waren't" confessed Tommy. "I

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was, me."
"So?" Nat inquired indifferently.
For a moment Tommy stared at his toes, then he blurted out:
"Dad's in yonder."
Nat looked up quickly.
"Well?" he asked, with a frown,
"He's goneter git converted," whimper-

ed Tommy.
"Well, don't cry about that, son. reckon it won't hurt him none."

"It ain't that," sobbed the boy, "but he's so darned happy bout it he's got drunk as hell."

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"Look a-here," protested Flint, "it ain't time to be baptized yet. It ain't fair to baptize a feller afore megtin."

"I reckon it won't hurt you none to be baptized afore and after," replied Nat Flint obeyed reluctantly, for he had been in Nat's hands before and knew the uselessness of argument. Nat led him to the pool and ducked him three times in as matter-of-fact a fashion as he might duck a puppy, and after this made him run ten times in a wide circle around a big pine to bring his blood to the surface once more. By the time Flint was in his clothes again he was as sober as a judge. "Now," said Nat, "you're fit to go home and you're fit to go to meetin'."

Old Flint shook his head.

"Ye lost the hankerin," he affirmed.

"For what?" inquired Nat. "Rum or eligion?"

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He brought his brows together in deep thought, as though the date were so far back in the past that he couldn't off-hand remember it. "Then," advised Nat, "I'd quit religion.

## Rheumatism

Is A Constitutional Disease.

It manifests itself in local aches and pains,--inflamed joints and stiff muscles,-but it cannot be cured by local

It requires constitutional treatment, and the best is a course of the great

the blood and builds up the system. everywhere. 100 Doses One Dollar.

The sky was losing its starkness when And I wouldn't whale the boy any more,

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Flint stepped back hastily from the edge of the brook.
"Never straighter in my life," he answered quietly. "Watch me walk. Come on, Tommy." swered quietly. "Watch me walk. Come on, Tommy."

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He started off at a brisk gait, with Tommy at his heels. With exaggerated eagerness to prove his point he walked a plumb line. Nat watched the two disappear, and then started on.

As he neared the Miller place his steps lagged. His eyes swept every window in the hope that he might catch a glimpse of Julie, but he looked in valu.

The old Page house stood just below the crest of Hio Hill, exactly as built seventy-five years before. Except for a few shingles and clapboards, nothing within this period had been added to it. It was an unpainted structure a story and It was an unpainted structure a story and a half high, with a long shed connecting the barn three times its own size. The "Where is he?" Nat asked quickly.
Tommy pointed to a clump of bushes just beyond. Nat strode over there and almost tripped over the prostrate form of the boy's father. The latter roused himself sleepily.
"Tommy," he mutteded with profound gravity, "Tommy, ye've gotter be saved, He tried to make his elbow, but at sight of Nat dropped back again.
"Hello!" he greeted the latter affably.
"Ye'd better get up and get home," suggested Nat.
"Don't bother me," answered Flint.
"Tve gotter go to meetin' tonight. I've gotter git saved tonight."
"Tonight" answered Nat. "Then ye roused him buildings as all ver-gray. The wind and the rain and the run had stained the buildings on the roof were warped and mossy, and many of the clapboards had worked free from their rusty iron nails. The door-sills were worn deep and the windows rattled loosely. And yet, in spite of all these evidence of decay, the old buildings did not suggest decay so much as mellow ripeness; they did not suggest poverty so much as substance. One felt was the land around the buildings that gave an index to the owner's financial standing, and these spoke well for the Page family. Twenty acres were under cultivation, ten more were in orchards

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"Don't bother me," answered Flint.
"Tonght?" answered Nat. "Then ye haven't more'n time to git sobered off." Grasping the man by his shoulder, he helped him to his feet. Tommy began to sob again.

"Don't hurt him," pleaded the boy. "He didn't do nothin' to me. Honest, he didn't."

"T'm not goneter hurt him," answered Nat, "but he can't go home this way."
This wasn't the first time that he had brought the old man home sober, and the gentle faded eyes of the wife always repaid him for his trouble. He steadled Filint down the hill and then into the woods, where the brook made a good-sized bathing pond.

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Gene lifted his head with interest. "Gene lifted his head with interest.
"What for?" he demanded, as he scented a chance for argument.
"They say that revival preacher is
doin' a mighty work," she answered.

"Gideon?"
"The Reverend Ellisha Gideon,"

answered with mild rebuke.
"Didn't know preachers ever worked," Gene replied.
"It's work for the Lord," returned Mrs. Page simply. "They do say that over twenty have bin washed in the blood. Even old John Flint is cavin'—so Deacon "Has the Deacon himself been washed yet?" inquired 'Gene with a grin.

"Gene!" protested his mother.

[To be Continued.]

SECRETARY RESIGNS.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Harriston, Dec. 20. — A mark of esteem was paid last night in the Carnegie Library to L. W. Wright, late which corrects the acid condition of efficient secretary of the board of trade, who resigned ffice prior to his Get it today. Sold by all druggists removal to the west, when the members presented him with a gold chain

### WINDSOR TO TAKE POWER FROM FALLS

Council Signs a Contract For 2,500 Horsepower—Ready Next Year.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Windsor, Dec. 21.—The city council

assurance that work on the transmission line from St. Thomas will be started as soon as weather conditions permit in the spring, and that power will be turned on not later than a year hence. Further-

## FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Calgary, Dec. 20. - Alfred Henry rvine (formerly of London, Ont.) was committed for trial this afternoon by Inspector Duff, on a charge of manslaughter. Irvine's wife starved to death trying to restore their child to life by the power of an occult charm to be derived from religious fanaticism. The testimony at the preliminary hearing showed that the child's dead body had been kept under the woman's pillow for two months.

### MOULTON---LUCAS

Pretty Ingersoll Girl Becomes Bride of Edmonton Man. [Special to The Advertiser.]

Ingersoll, Dec. 21.-The marriage of Sarah Elizabeth Moulton, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Moulton, to Norman Joseph Lucas, of Edmonton, was quietly solemnized by Rev. C. J. McLean. Miss Ruby Bowman, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid. while Mr. Harvey Moulton, brother of the bride, was best man. Only the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties were present.
After a honeymoon trip to United
States points, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas will proceed to Edmonton, where they

STRICKEN SUDDENLY, [Special to The Advertiser.] Aylmer, Dec. 20.—Word was receiv

ed here last night of the sudden death of Mrs. Fowler, of Woodstock, which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Taylor, Lorne Fowler and Mrs. C. A. Filby, of this place, are a son and daughter of the deceased.

A Smooth, White Skin That Defies Weather

[From The Woman Beautiful.] During the coming months of biting winds and intense cold, you who would keep your skins smooth, white and velvety, should turn your attention to mercolized wax. Nothing else will so offectively remove a channel representation to mercolized way. velvety, should turn your attention to mercolized wax. Nothing else will so effectively remove a chapped, roughened or discolored surface. By gradually absorbing the weather-beaten cuticle, the complexion is kept in perfect condition, and even the beauty of expression appears more pronounced. If your skin be blotchy, pimply, freckled, coarse, sallow or over-red, why hot shed it? One ounce of ordinary mercolized wax, to be had at any druggist's, will complexion in less than a fortnight. Use the wax nightly, like cold cream, washing it off mornings. If weather, age or poor health has marred your face with wrinkles, here's good news. You can quickly remove every line by using a harmless, refreshing face lotion prepared by dissolving one ounce powdered saxolite in half pint witch hazel. The firmer, smoother skin, the more youthful appearance, even after one application, will astonish you.

### REAL ESTATE OWNERS COMMEND PHONE PLAN

At the regular meeting of the Real Estate Owners' Association held on Friday evening a strong resolution commending Ald. Johnston's attempt to inaugurate a municipal telephone system was passed unanimously. The opinion of the members was that

"Resolved, that the R. E. O. A. think that the move of Ald. Johnston for municipal phones should appeal to every user in the city, and, provided hydro poles can successfully carry both lines, it would appear that time dollar-a-month phones was near at hand. The citizens own the streets and the poles, hence there does not appear any logical reason why we should not have a municipal service at one-half the cost of the

The association passed two other esolutions, one condemning Mayor Graham for spending the citizens' money for deputations when he was given a salary to cover the expenses of the office, and the other advocating a head engineer, and condemning the water commissioners for tearing up

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this association the sum given annually to the mayor of the city is supposed to be expended in keeping up the dignity of the position, and was not intended to go into his pocket and be appropriated to his own use, and unless men can be elected to the mayoralty chair who will so use it, then we recommend that the council reduce the amount or clearly define the purpose for which it shall be

"Resolved, that no more shameful illustration of the want of a one-man engineer for general purposes over all departments of civic business than that on exhibition on Ridout street, between the York street main and the Horton street powerhouse, where the acting city engineer had no sooner graded the roadbed than the water department ripped it all up to put in a new main, making a deliberate waste of citizens' taxes."

VICTOR CHRISTMAS RECORDS. The Victor catalogue contains a large

number of beautiful records that are particularly appropriate for this Christmas season. Ask our attendants to play for you the superb "Trinity Choir" Christmas records, and also hear some of the chime and bell selections. Every Victrola collection should contain several of these fine records Mason & Risch, Limited, 248 Dundas street.

### BOOST WYOMING

Board of Trade Was Organized at

there has been a feeling throughout the locality that Wyoming, for its location and advantages, is not holding its own as it should, and that an effort should be made to improve mat-

men, who have the interests of town

lent Musical Program.

of appropriate gifts, indicative of esteem and appreciation.

## Ald. Johnston's Scheme Indorsed at

Meeting Friday Night.

last evening signed a contract to take cheap telephones were near at hand. 2,500 horse power from the hydro-elec-

present system." the city streets. They were as fol-

Well-Attended Meeting. [Special to The Advertiser.]

Wyoming, Dec. 21.-For some time

Consequently a meeting was held last evening and fairly well attended, when a board of trade was formed with John E. Anderson, Dr. Kidd, H. G. Taylor and several other prominent

Ingersoll School Children Rendered Ex-

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, Dec. 21. - This has been a very interesting week with the pupils of the several rooms of the Central school. The Christmas spirit has asserted itself in a very striking manner. Excellent programs of music, etc., have Excellent programs of music, etc., have been furnished, and practically all of the teachers have been the recipients Sussex.

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conducted in St. Paul's Church tomor- sity, Kingston, is spending the holiday row. Music of a special nature will, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Georg be rendered by the choir, under the Beck. leadership of Mr. Wm. Brown. Archie Daniel, of Toronto University Clinton G. Beck, of Queen's Univer- is home for the holidays.