

**Jeannie Sinclair,**  
OR,  
**THE LILY OF THE STRATH.**

## CHAPTER XXVI.

THE GOLD DIGGINGS—FORTUNE BEGINS TO SMILE  
ON ROBERT DOUGLAS—A CRUEL ROBBERY.

Ascending the slope which bounded the water-course, they came in sight of the wide plain, and the busy scene it presented. In all directions was heard the sound of the pick and the shovel, and heads and shoulders of men were seen above the earth-heaps which they had piled up around them. Everywhere the ground was broken up, as if ploughed by thunderbolts—showing for miles and miles where human hands had been busy searching for the mighty talisman which had brought these thousands to the spot. Picturesquely the tents stood, in their variety of dim coloring, in the sultry light. A few there were whose snowy canvas indicated that they were newly erected, but the majority were soiled and tarnished by exposure to the dust and heat of the plain.

The tent of the three friends was pitched at some distance from any other, with the double purpose of being near to their place of digging, and as far as possible apart from the community in the vicinity of which they were, but with whose rough, incongruous elements they could not assimilate. They had made no acquaintances, and had kept themselves entirely apart, holding no intercourse except what was absolutely necessary for the purchase of their provisions.

As their tent was for the accommodation of three, it was a pretty large structure, and it stood on the brink of a ravine of no great depth, whose sides were covered with thick scrub. The chief advantage of the location was that it was under the branches of an enormous oak tree, which afforded a refreshing shade from the fierceness of the sun. The place commanded a wide view of the extraordinary scene presented on the plain, comprehending as it did gatherings from almost every nation in the world, and representing all degrees of civilization, from the most barbaric to the most refined, and every shade of character, from the decent and respectable to the most degraded and abandoned.

It might be safely said, however, that one common purpose had brought them and was keeping them there—a purpose not peculiar by any means, for it is the very same which animates the frequenters of the Bourses and Stock Exchanges—the pursuit of wealth, the acquisition of gold, the worship of Mammon. Fierce at all times is the struggle, and feverish and determined the efforts, in these haunts of civilization for the accomplishment of the grand end; but a gauzy film of refinement generally conceals the passion, and prevents it from being seen naked and unadorned. Here at the diggings it was stripped of this thin veil of conventionalism, and men revealed without disguise their money-seeking propensities—fooling, cheating, stealing, with a persistency and hardihood which almost broke for a time the human ties which should have bound them together.

With all this William, Robert and Watty had no sympathy. They were among the multitude, but not of it. They shared the common object, doubtless, but had a very different motive. Their bowing down at the shrine of Mammon was no act of worship, and they felt little or nothing of that passion of acquisitiveness which operated so strongly around them.

Therefore they dwelt apart, and strove as far as they were able to avoid, even witnessing scenes which made them blush for their kind.

They gained the tent without, as they supposed, being seen by any one, but the keen eyes of the man lying under the bushes followed eagerly their every movement, and when they left the watercourse he crawled up to the brow of the descent, and lying flat on his belly watched and waited till they entered the tent.

"Ah," he muttered, "See if what you call luck don't change hands soon. I'm not such a fool as to let my bones and melt my flesh by laboring like a horse in one of these holes when I can secure my share of the produce by easier means. While there are geese to pluck and I am able to pluck them, I leave them to do the vulgar laboring work, and stick to the easier and more pleasant operation of the gaming table. But curse it, I have been in ill luck there lately, and got fairly cleaned out. I know how it was. My old fault. I'm an ass to drink till the game is won, for my brain gets muddled, and my hand grows unsteady. Hang me if I forget myself in that way again. I was just thinking how to raise the wind for a new chance when these fellows turned up that nugget; and the moment it was done I said to myself, 'There's my opportunity.' It's devilish dangerous, I know, for if I'm caught they make short work of such things here. But if I watch my opportunity I may do it without much danger. The tent is a long way from the rest. I can reach it by the ravine without being seen, and leave it in the same manner. Yes, by Jove, the chance will be mine again, and see if I throw it away as I have done. Yonder's a clump; I'll just creep under it and watch on."

Little dreaming of the evil which was being meditated against them, our three friends on entering the tent removed some matings which lay near the pole, and concealed a square box sunk in the ground. In this box was a bag, which held the quantity of gold they had accumulated, and in a state of great elation they added to the heap the produce of that day's labour, putting the precious nugget in the centre. Each of the three had by this time gazed on the yellow lump till its shape and form even to the minutest particular had become familiar to them. It was what Watty termed a very kesspeckle lump, on one side of it was a singular likeness to a man's face, eyes, nose and mouth, placed just as they should be—thus making it easily identified among a thousand.

TO BE CONTINUED.

FOR NEURALGIA.—Immeasurably the best known cure for neuralgia, rheumatic pains, headaches and ailments of that nature, that has yet been brought to public notice, is Briggs' Alligator. This valuable compound is prepared by Dr. J. Briggs, the celebrated chiropodist, and like his corn curative is an undoubted success. A very severe case of neuralgia cured by a few applications of the Alligator, came under our own observation within the past week, and we can therefore vouch for its efficacy. The Alligator is for sale at all respectable druggists throughout Canada. Sold by E. Harvey & Co., Guelph. It can also be had from Dr. Briggs at his office, No. 6, King-st., West, Toronto.—London Advertiser.

An attempt was made on the night of April 18th to upset the special train by which the King of Italy was traveling to Naples, but fortunately it was thwarted by the vigilance of one of the men employed on the line. A large quantity of rails had been piled up across the rails, within a tunnel through which the train had to pass, near the station of Foggia. The signalman stationed there discovered the plot, and stopped the train before it had reached the tunnel.

A Professor of magic, while performing at the Cirque Napoleon, in Paris, desired one of the audience to fire a gun at him, which was so effectually done that the poor man fell down bathed in blood. It proved that the ramrod had broken, and a piece was left unobserved in the barrel.

It is probable that Oliver Wendell Holmes will write an ode for the opening of the Musical Festival in Boston, which will be sung by ten thousand voices to the accompaniment of the great organ and an orchestra of a thousand pieces.

Photographers in Chicago and Louisville are taking "spiritual" photographs by chemical methods, and are making money thereby.

It is announced on the authority of Mr. Dickens' doctors that he will not be able to read for several months.

The large and increasing sales of these PERFECTED GLASSES is a sure proof of their superiority. We were satisfied that they would be appreciated here as elsewhere, and that the reality of the advantages offered to wearers of our beautiful lenses, viz: the ease and comfort, the assured and readily ascertained improvement of the sight, and the brilliant assistance they give in all cases, were in themselves so apparent on trial, that the result could not be otherwise than it has, in the almost general adoption of our celebrated Perfected Spectacles by the residents of this locality. With a full knowledge of the value of the assertion, we claim that they are the most perfect optical aids ever manufactured. To those needing Spectacles, we afford at all times an opportunity of procuring the best and most desirable.

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Has always on hand a full assortment, suitable for every difficulty.  
We take occasion to notify the public that we employ no peddlers, and to caution them against those pretending to have our goods for sale.  
Guelph, 4th May.

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Guelph, May 4

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**PEACH BLOW****POTATOES.**

Arrived this day, another car load of those very superior Potatoes. Also, a small quantity of

**EARLY GOODRICHES!**

FOR SEED

These Potatoes are direct from Pennsylvania

**GEO. WILKINSON**

Guelph, 5th May.

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A COMPLETE

**Baby Food Heater**

To adjust on Coal Oil Lamps.

The only article of the kind made

**WHICH PERFORMS THE WORK SATISFACTORILY.****A. B. PETRIE,**

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The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

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As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand, and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate. WM. BROWNLOW

Dec. 29, 1868

**PRIZE DENTISTRY.****DR. R. CAMPBELL,**

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References:—Drs. Clarke &amp; Orton, McQuire, Herod, Mr. McGee, and Mr. Cowan, Guelph; Drs. Buchanan &amp; Phillips, Toronto; Drs. Elliott and Myers, Detroit, Mich. Teeth extra, without pain. Guelph, 18th Jan. 1869

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First Cabin, \$25, gold value

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Berths not earned until paid for. For further particulars apply to

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Agents for the Erie and New York Railway, Fare from Hamilton to New York \$7, gold value. Hamilton 15 June, 1869

**MONEY, MONEY IS WANTED****AT THE GOLDEN LION GUELPH.****HOGG & CHANCE**

Are going to offer their entire Stock of

**DRY GOODS CLOTHING MILLINERY**

Just imported direct from Britain at a trifle over cost prices.

Great Bargains may be looked for. Call at once with your Money and get extraordinary value. Now is the time.

No Credit is given. Small profits and money down is the order of the day.

Guelph, April 24

**HOGG & CHANCE.****Pure & Genuine**

Old Port Wine, Pale and Dark Sherries, Canadian Grape Wine

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Bass's Ale, Jeffrey's Ale, Molson's Ale, O'Keefe's Ale.

IN WOOD AND BOTTLE, AT

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Guelph, April 25

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Prime Young Hyson, 63c

Very Choice, better than is usually sold at One Dollar, strongly recommended, 75c

Finest Imported Roman Crop, 75c

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Finest Soucheong, 75c

Pure Java Coffee—ground every morning, 25c

Bright Muscovado Sugar, 10 lbs. for, \$1 00

Finest New York Broken Loaf, or Powered, per lb., 15c

Choice Smoking Tobacco, 20c

Very Choice Tobacco, 25c

Extra Choice, generally sold at 50c, 30c

Honey Dew, for Chewing, 30c

Finest New Currants, 5c

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Guelph, April 1869

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THE MOST EXTENSIVE IMPORTER OF

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The Old Maxim still in the ascendant:

**SMALL PROFITS & QUICK RETURNS**

The largest, most comprehensive, and by far the CHEAPEST and best assorted Stock of Spring and Summer Dry Goods ever brought into Canada, is now being offered for sale at the

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THIS IS NO BLOWING, BUT REAL AND INDISPUTABLE. It would be useless for us to attempt laying before the public a complete catalogue of the

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Now in stock, suffice it to say, that the store is literally crammed. Come and see for yourselves. A cordial invitation is extended to all. One visit is sufficient to convince the most incredulous that

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Are the right men in the right place. Buying for two of the largest Dry Goods establishments in Canada, we are enabled to sell our Goods at the same prices which smaller dealers have to pay for them.

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TIMELY NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN.

Clothing made to order in our usual satisfactory manner.

French, English and American Fashion Plates just arrived. Remember the place.

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Guelph, 6th April.

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REFERENCE—A successful practice of fifteen years.

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Guelph, 29th April, 1868.

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Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, &amp;c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage. We will have

**A full ASSORTMENT OF COFFINS**

always on hand.

Funeral urns, if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few yards north of Post Office, and next D. Guthrie's Law Office, Douglas Street, Sign of the Hearse.

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Guelph, December 1

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**Every Information given**

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Medical Examiners—Drs. Howitt and Keating.

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Of the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or can. The Bar is supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." LUNCH between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p.m.

**DENIS BUNYAN**

Guelph, 17th October

**TOWN OF GUELPH.****COURT of REVISION**

The Court of Revision for the Town of Guelph, will commence its first sitting in the Town Hall precisely at seven o'clock.

**On Tuesday Evening, 18th of May,**

and resume its sitting at the same hour on each succeeding evening until the Court shall be closed.

N.B.—No appeals will be received after the 14th May, except in accordance with the Statute.

**JOHN HARVEY,**

Town Clerk's Office, Guelph.

Guelph, 4th May, 1869.

Town Clerk.

**DR. J. BRIGGS' ALLEVATOR**

The great Catarrh, Headache, Neuralgia and Universal Pain Remedy

is warranted to surpass any known discovery for the instantaneous relief and rapid cure of any conceivable form of pain. Used internally and externally it never fails.

A little of BRIGGS' ALLEVATOR applied to the head will instantly relieve Nervous Headache, if a Sick Headache, dilute it to a teaspoonful in half a glass of water, and take one to four swallows, inhale from the bottle, bathe the head with the Alligator, and a cure immediately follows. One to four swallows relieve Dyspepsia, Heartburn, Palpitation, Acidity of the Stomach, Flatulency, &amp;c. A small quantity of the Alligator diluted and snuffed up to the nostrils, then gargle the throat, and take one to four swallows of the diluted Remedy will immediately relieve and quickly cure Catarrh, Croup, Whooping Cough, Asthma, and all tendency to Consumption are immediately relieved with the Alligator. A few applications of the Alligator cures the most severe Neuralgia, the worst forms of local pain, Rheumatism, &amp;c. The Throat when sore and inflamed is relieved at once by gargling with diluted Alligator, and taking a swallow or two after. Lame Side, Back, Chest, Shoulder or Limb, cured in a short time by applying Briggs' Alligator. Applied to a Burn or Scald, it immediately allays all pain, and gives rest to the afflicted. A few applications of the ALLEVATOR relieve Stiff Neck, Spinal Affection, Contracted Cordis and Muscles, Swellings, Sprains, Strains, Tumors, and all similar affections. Applied freely to all Skin Diseases, it affords instant relief to all itching and rapidly restores the skin to a healthy condition. The Alligator is a positive Remedy for Chills, Frosted Feet, Cold Hands and Feet, used freely according to directions, its power in restoring is wonderful. Many cases of Deafness are cured with the Alligator. Sore and Weak Eyes are cured. Toothache immediately relieved. Ague in the face rapidly disappears. The wonderful and magical virtues of the Alligator will never be told, for they are so varied, and as it is a household remedy for such a variety of diseases, it seems incredible to name them, yet the proprietor challenges any case of Pain or Indisposition that cannot be at once relieved with Briggs' Alligator. Price, One Dollar.

Sold by E. HARVEY &amp; Co., Guelph, and by all respectable druggists and country merchants everywhere. DR. J. BRIGGS &amp; CO., Proprietors, No. 8 King Street, corner of Yonge, Toronto, and 25 Broadway New York.

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Where all kinds of Lumber will be kept constantly on hand. Bills out to order on short notice.

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Guelph, April 3, 1869.

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Where Lumber of all kinds can be had in lots or to suit purchasers.

**CORDWOOD**

For sale by the cord, half-cord and quarter cord, and delivered in any part of the Town.

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