

ANNABEL

OR THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XXII.

AGONISING REALISATIONS—STRIVINGS FOR LIBERTY.

Assured on this point, Annabel formed the bold resolution of entering the kitchen in search of the key. The door was a few inches ajar, and with a timid, cautious hand she ventured to push it further up, but desisted immediately, for at the first touch it created. Still the regular and staccato breathing went on uninter-

ruptedly, and Annabel, taking courage from this, and calling to mind from former experience that the doors which creaked when slowly opened swung silently back when forcibly moved, she put strength into her touch, and grasping its edge firmly, pressed it back with a swift motion.

Her calculation was verified, for, by taking this method, it opened back without a sound, and the interior of the kitchen was before her.

A few dying embers still gleamed in the grate, and this was all she made out at first, for, prudently enough, she kept her own light behind the wall of the passage. Gradually, however, she brought its illuminating power to bear within, and the various objects there became revealed to her gaze.

In a large, high-backed chair lay Dick, with his head sunk on his breast, and the attitude and appearance he presented were such as to show Annabel that he was under the power of a drunken sleep, as might indeed be gathered from the bottles which stood on the table, a glass at his elbow containing liquor, and the fumes of brandy which filled the room.

But what was of infinite importance to Annabel, and caused her heart to bound with a great throb, was a large key lying on the table between the bottles. She darted forward, lifted the key in silence, and made good her retreat without disturbing Dick, whose snoring continued with the same loudness and regularity.

With a hand which trembled with excitement, Annabel inserted the key into the lock, and the latter having been recently oiled, it was turned almost without noise. Next moment the door was open, and a gust of wind coming at the same moment blew out the light. Lest a stronger shield come and cause a creaking or rattling in the passage, she walked hurriedly out, and drew the door close behind her. She was now in the courtyard, which the reader may remember was encircled by a high stone wall, pierced by a wide door. Annabel, who recollected well all the events of the night of her arrival, did not forget the position of this door, but made towards it with all the haste she could—heedless, perhaps unconscious, of the heavy rain drops which battered against her. Unconsciously also she still carried the now useless candle in its brass receptacle, but this she had to lay on the ground, for both her hands were required to remove the heavy iron fastenings by which the door was secured. For a time her strength seemed inadequate to accomplish this, but, rendered desperate by the fear that she would fail now, when on the very threshold of liberty, she concentrated an energy which in calmer circumstances she could not have put forth, till she lifted the heavy bars from their sockets, and—oh, joy!—the door was open!—she was free.

Free! Yes, so far as release from her prison was concerned; but, oh, what a position was hers still. The night was dark and wild and stormy, rain fell heavily, an unknown and interminable waste lay around her, and she was altogether ignorant of what direction to take. Surely this accumulation of evils and difficulties was sufficient to daunt the bravest heart; but she quailed not before the magnitude of it. The goal to which she had to press forward constituted a prize beyond all earthly prizes, and in the endeavor to reach it she was ready to encounter dangers of every kind and degree, and even death itself.

Through the exercise of an instinct which still did not fail her, she lifted the candlestick and carried it with her through the open door. The latter she could not reclose, owing to the force of the wind; she had therefore to leave it standing wide; and with one final glance at the dark and silent house, she darted away under the trees, and began her weary flight.

To Whom it may Concern. WORDS OF CHEER. Mr. Editor,—If you will insert in THE MERCURY the forty-second section of the "Temperance Act of 1864," which I here subjoin, you will benefit many families in Guelph and its neighbourhood.

Yours respectfully, TEMPERANCE. Temperance Act of 1864, Section 42.—"The husband, wife, parent, child, brother, sister, tutor, guardian, or employer, of any person who has the habit of drinking intoxicating liquor to excess,—or the parent, child, brother, or sister, of the husband or wife of such person,—or the tutor or guardian of any child or children of such person,—may give notice in writing, signed by him or her, to any person licensed to sell, or who sells, or is reputed to sell, intoxicating liquor of any kind, not to deliver intoxicating liquor to the person having such habit; and if the person so notified do at any time within twelve months after such notice, either himself, or by his clerk, servant or agent, deliver, or in or from any building, booth, or place occupied by him, and wherein or wherefrom any such liquor is sold, suffer to be delivered, any such liquor to the person giving the notice may as in an action as for personal wrong, if brought within six months thereafter, but not otherwise, recover of the person notified, such sum not less than twenty nor more than five hundred dollars, as may be assessed by the Court or Jury as damages; and any married woman may bring such action in her own name, without authorization by her husband; and all damages recovered by her shall in that case go to her separate use; and in case of the death of either party, the action and right of action given by this section shall survive to or against his legal representatives."

Sufferers, protect yourselves. AMERICAN AGRICULTURALIST.—Anderson has received a supply of the June number, which is replete with interesting information on Agricultural, Horticultural and Domestic subjects. No farmer should be without it.

BREAKFAST.—Epps's Cocoa.—GRATEFUL AND COFFEEING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and an application of the fine properties of Epps's Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many a doctor's bill."—Civil Service Co., Ltd. Made simply with Boiling Water or Milk. Each packet is labelled—JAMES EPPS & Co., Homeopathic Chemists, London."

NEW COAL YARD. The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of Hard and Soft Coal At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to. GEO. MURTON, Guelph, Nov. 1, 1872

GRENADINES AND MUSLINS!

GEORGE JEFFREY

Will show to-day (Saturday) the largest stock of Grenadines and Muslins ever offered to the public before, and at prices which must convince every one that they are less than half price.

Black & white Striped Grenadines, 12 1/2c worth 25c | Silver grey Granite Grenadines, - 15c, worth 30c
Black and Colored Striped Grenadines, 12 1/2c, - - - - - worth 25c | Iron, grey Granite Grenadines, 15c, - - - - - worth 30c.
Light Striped Grenadines, 20c, - - - - - worth 40c.

Also, a beautiful assortment of Printed Book Muslins; French Printed Batiste in every color.

PARASOLS, PARASOLS, PARASOLS.

Over 20 Dozen Silk and Lustre Parasols, 25c, worth 75c; Over 10 Dozen Fancy Colored PARASOLS, 50C WORTH 75C; Over 10 doz. Brown Lined Silk do., \$1.00; usual price \$2.25.

Thomson's Glove Fitting Stays, every size.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

GLAD TIDINGS FOR THE PEOPLE!

On Saturday, June 7th, 1873, we will commence at HEFFERNAN BROTHERS---THE GREAT BRITANNIA HOUSE, The Grandest and Most Extensive Cheap Sale of Dry Goods that has ever taken place in Canada.

Heffernan Bros. have great pleasure in announcing to the public that on Saturday, June 7th, they will commence at their store, "THE GREAT BRITANNIA HOUSE," the biggest genuine sale ever attempted in Canada. Our Mr. Thos. Heffernan will leave about the second week in July for Europe, where he intends visiting the leading markets of the world, to make purchases for the coming Fall and Winter Trade. In order to make room for the immense stock he will secure while in Great Britain and Ireland, France and Germany, we have determined to offer the whole of our present stock, consisting of over \$75,000 worth of the most desirable Dry Goods in the Dominion, at an immense sacrifice, and at prices that defy competition. Wait of room in this small advertisement prevents us from giving a full catalogue of prices. Look at a few of the prices:

50 to 75c Dress Goods at 20 to 25c; 30 to 40c do. at 10 to 12 1/2c; 40c Flannels at 20c; 20c Prints at 12 1/2c; \$1 Hats at 25c; 75c do at 12 1/2c.

AND ALL OTHER GOODS EQUALLY CHEAP.

CASH, CASH, CASH!

This is positively a Cash Sale, and no goods will be charged while the Great Clearing Sale continues. Inspection invited: we invite every one to call and inspect our stock, compare our prices, and be convinced that the Great Britannia House is the

Mammoth Cheap Store and Leading Dry Goods Establishment in Guelph.

HEFFERNAN BROS.

NOTED FOR CHEAP DRY GOODS.

NEW ATTRACTIONS THIS WEEK AT

WM. STEWART'S

New Dress Goods, New Millinery, New Sun Shades,

A CHOICE LOT OF

Ladies' Silk Umbrellas;

At 12 1/2 cents, the best lot of PRINTS ever offered here.

NOW IN STOCK,

1000 CORSETS

Come and See them. Prices to suit everyone.

OPENED YESTERDAY, a case of

Tweeds, 75 cents per yd.

Worth \$1.

Lace Curtains

From \$1 and upwards, to \$10.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, April 7, 1873

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\$10,000 worth Dry Goods

Will be sold for \$6,000.

Sale of Mr. Galloway's Stock still continues at the Old stand next to J. M. Bond's Hardware Store.

As the Subscribers have to give up possession of the premises within a limited time, they have still further reduced prices to effect a clearance.

MILLINERY, MANTLES,

And DRESS GOODS at 60 cents on the dollar, or 40 per cent off.

Clothing at 75 cents on the Dollar,

Or 25 per cent off. OVER COATS and PEA JACKETS will also be sold at this reduced sale.

HATS AND CAPS NEARLY HALF PRICE.

Buyers will save a \$4 on a purchase of \$10.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, May 30, 1873.

CHOICE MIXED TEA

For 50 Cents per lb.

11 lbs GOOD SUGAR for \$1.00

J. E. McELDERRY

2 DAY'S BLOCK.

GUELPH CLOTH HALL

White Dress Shirts,

Oxford and Regatta Shirts,

With collars to match.

Particular attention paid to this Department, and any style of Shirt made to measure, and a

PERFECT FIT GUARANTEED.

SHAW & MURTON,

Wyndham St., Guelph.

Guelph, April 29, 1873

GUELPH PHARMACY. The Old Store formerly occupied by A. B. Petrie, re-opened.

Herod & Co., Proprietors.

No expense has been spared in the fitting up of the store to make it as a Retail Drug Establishment second to none in the Dominion.

Great care and attention has been paid to the purchasing of the stock, having only one aim in view: that every article selected should be pure and unadulterated, quality being esteemed of the first importance.

The stock of Hair Brushes, Toilet Articles and Perfumery, has been imported direct from England and France.

Dyes and Dye Stuffs warranted, and guaranteed to be of the first quality.

None but the most reliable and leading Patent Medicines in stock, obtained direct from the Proprietors and Manufacturers.

A specialty in Cod Liver Oil, direct from Newfoundland. None kept in stock except No. 1, and of the finest quality.

A full assortment of Trusses, Shoulder Braces, Supporters, etc., etc., at the lowest rates.

The retail and dispensing department is under the direct superintendence of Mr. McLeod, Practical Pharmacist, who has been for many years engaged at the business in Quebec and Montreal.

Physicians and parties requiring prescriptions may depend on their being accurately and neatly compounded, and prepared from nothing but pure drugs and chemicals.

REMEMBER—The OLD STORE formerly occupied by A. B. Petrie, re-opened by HEROD & Co. Guelph, May 16, 1873.

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AT R. CRAWFORD'S

Watch and Jewellery Store,

Next the Post Office.

REPAIRING DONE

in the best style under his own supervision.

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A Bale of BOAT SPONGE, Which will be sold at half the usual price.

LLOYD'S EUCESIS For Shaving, without the use of Soap or Water, SOLD AT PETRIE'S NEW STORE.

JUST RECEIVED, a further supply of Walker's Vinegar Bitters,

To meet the extraordinary demand for this popular Temperance Bitter, containing no alcohol.

GET THE BEST! Savage's German Baking Powder

Is superior to any in the market.

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The best Soda Water and finest Syrups at

PETRIE'S NEW STORE.

A liberal discount to those buying tickets.

Don't forget: Removed to larger and better premises nearly opposite the old store.

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

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

Always on hand in cases to suit, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges.

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