himself of his cloak dle of his horse, to seat for Marion, who Guelph Evening Mercury l it on the sad reon ; and the ye cross the moor in the direction of B wuch, Hugh following close in the hers, and thus finding a firm pr gift he moss, where otherwise, in nece of its haggs and pools, he won-tink into dangerous places. It progress in this way was necessar and it would have taken them seve to reach their destination had not nature occurred which enabled the sate their journey at a more rapid pa TUESDAY EV'NG, DECEMBER 24. The Maiden's Choice OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLEUCH. A Tale of the Covenanters.

slow, and if would have taken them several hours to reach their destination had not it circumstance occurred which enabled them to purne their journey at a more rapid nece They had not proceeded far, when Walter's quick eye caught sight of Hugh's horse brows ing quiedly on a heathery knoll at no great distance. Calling to Hugh to hold the bridle of his own well-trained steed, he crossed over to the knoll, and without difficulty secured the transt, who was forthwith made to return to his duty. The pillion was transferred from his back to that of Walter's horse, which was now to bear its owner, with Marion be-hind hin; and Hugh, mounting his recover-ed charger, they set off in single file and at smart gallop, which ere long brought them to the edge of the moor, and to a well-beaten to the edge of the moor, and to a well-beaten to the edge of the moor, and to a well-beaten to the half-hour they arrived at Birken-eleuch, the residence of their friend and con-ductor, William Elliot. To BE CONTINUED.

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The server back togg a because trong to control to be, observed, Hugh, as he adjus-ted his dress, which had been disarranged in the seuffle. The seuffle. The seuffle is the toop at Sanquhar' said Wa'ter, 'and during the short time he and his address have been there they have prov-ei the most insolent and repacious set of ruf-fans which a Government could send on an oppressed people. Now that Allan is our opper and declared enemy, he may make us suffer not a little, for the soldiery seems to have received unlimited power, and are free to do as they list. "We had accounts of their plunderings and orielties in Edinburgh,'rejoined M'Kail, 'and t was dubious of the propriety of undertaking this journey; but Marion, having received intelligence that her father was resolved to venture back to Greystone for a time, had a great longing to see him, and prevailed on me to be her escort. And, truth to say, I had also a special desire to see Uncle Gordon, to of this suffering land, and the dark prospects



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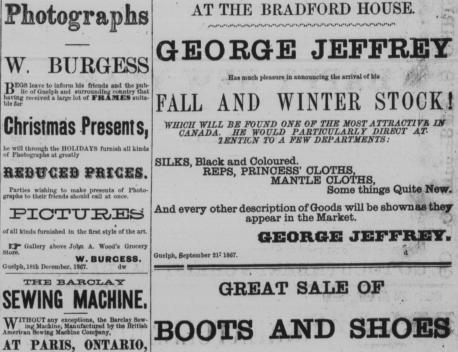
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