

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
FRIDAY EVE'G, MARCH 20, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

"That cannot be, lassie; that cannot be," rejoined the Baronet. "If ye have been deceived ye wana ill tale deceiver, for I could have tell'd ye what a black-hearted scoundrel Charlie Allan is; and even his very wife has draw ye awa frae the man ye were sworn tae, and she has see his character. No, no, Helen, it was yer ain paur, silly, vain desires that—"
"Fry to cease!" exclaimed Helen, in a voice of agony. "I am, oh, I am guilty of all or nearly all with which you charge me! When I broke with Richard I had never once crossed my thoughts to be the wife of Charlie Allan—never, I swear it; but if you will only listen to my tale, it will not require even my statement to show you this. And listen you must, she added, with increased earnestness. "For your own sake as well as mine you must listen, for the tidings I bring are all-important to you likewise."

The Baronet's kind heart was touched by her fervent appeal. "Weel, weel, lassie, he answered, 'I will listen tae ye. Naething ye can say will justify yer daein's; but ye have been sae lang about Brankswood that I ha'e muckle likin' for ye; and for that, and for my mother's sake, wha lo'd ye dearly, I wunna refuse tae hear ye. But first o' a, come in and get yer breakfast."

"No!" she exclaimed. "I cannot eat, and I am now well rested. I have that to tell you which you cannot hear too soon. Sit with me here in the summer-house, where we will be free from interruption."

"But what?" cried Sir Gilbert. "Puddin's and panches! sit in the summer-house alone wi' anither man's wife!"

"I am no wife, Sir Gilbert!" cried Helen. "Charlie Allan is not my husband."

The Baronet looked at her in dumb amazement, and then with an expression of mingled awe and pity.

"You think my brain is touched," she added, understanding the meaning of his look. "Oh no, Sir Gilbert, I am as sane as you are."

"And yet ye tell me ye are no a wife! Ha'e ye forgotten what took place yesterday?"

"No; but a subsequent discovery makes that ceremony invalid, and I again thank God that discovery took place in time to save me from horrors worse than death."

"Puddin's and panches! this cows a' yet," said Sir Gilbert, as mechanically he suffered her to lead him into the summer-house, where they sat down together on the wooden seat—Lion stretching himself in the morning sun just outside the entrance.

"First," began Helen, "I must free myself from the odium of being considered untrue to Richard Wayland. My conduct looked base, and yet I had not the means of showing the truth. The truth! great God, it turned out to be the foulest and most horrible of falsehoods; but, alas, I had not power to doubt it then. The plot was concocted by the man whom you know as my father, and at the instigation of Charlie Allan."

"Jabez Cringan!" cried the Baronet. "Oh! he's fit enough for anything, if siller is tae be had. I beg your pardon, Helen, for sayin' so. Ye canna help it; but, father though he is o' yours, he has set himself, sow! and body tae the service o' Mammon, and he'll stick at nae road but when there's gowd lyin' at the end o' it."

"I know it," sighed Helen; "but your reprobation of the man does not pain me so deeply as you think, and that, too, you will understand in a little."

"Tae tell ye the truth, Helen, when I ken'd ye were tae marry Charlie Allan, I explained it by sayin' that ye had inherited yer father's fondness for filthy lucre."

Helen smiled faintly, shook her head and went on—

"You remember, Sir Gilbert, the evening when I came to you to tell you that I must leave Brankswood?"

"Remember it! Faith, lassie, I'm no like tae forget it in a hurry. Till that night I hadna the remotest idea o' what your marriage wi' Ritchie was tae be broken off."

"Nor had I till only a few hours previous. It was in the morning of that day I had a visit from my father, and it was from what he told me that I took the course which to you and others has seemed so strange."

"Ay," rejoined the Baronet drily, "it maun ha'e been somethin' wonderfu' that caused ye tae change a' in a jiffy."

"It is more than a fearful, Sir Gilbert—it was overwhelming. He brought a letter purporting to have been written by my mother, and found by him accidentally the night before in a secret drawer, left there by her, to be read by him after her death."

"Weel, what said it?" asked Sir Gilbert, who was now all attention.

"Oh, how can I proceed?" exclaimed Helen, colouring crimson, and becoming deeply distressed. "And yet it must be told. That letter, he said, contained information which made my marriage with Richard Wayland impossible; and then he froze me with horror by telling me that a secret had always rested between my mother and him, a secret affecting her—her maidenhood!"

"Oh, the villain, the detestable villain," ejaculated the Baronet. "Did he daur tae say that yer mother had ance in her life been wantin' in virtue?"

"He did. He knew of it, he said, when they were married, but he never knew what had become of the child, or who was its father, till that posthumous letter revealed it."

"Puddin's and panches," cried the Baronet, "I waege I guess the drift o' the damned villainy. Did he say that Ritchie was yer mother's bastard?"

"God forgive him, he did."

"I was shure o' it," he lie telt weel, for 'body kens that Ritchie was gotten lyin' at ane o' oor gates, and has had neither father nor mither tae claim him. Oh, the devil, tae plot sic a thing as that. And had he gotten a father for him as weel as a mither?"

"He had," answered Helen, in a very faint tone, as she cast her eyes to the ground. "And wha' did he say he was? Some deid ne'er-dae-weel, nae doubt?"

"No Sir Gilbert—a LIVING GENTLEMAN."

TO BE CONTINUED.

NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET.—At the National Drove Yards on Tuesday, the market for beef cattle was fairly active, and a slight advance in prices was established. The number on sale was light, only 1000 head. Good to extra steers sold at from 17c to 19c per pound, and inferior to fair, 12c to 14c. Milch cows were slow of sale, but steady in value. We quote inferior to extra, \$50 to \$110. Veal calves were less active and lower, selling at 13c to 14c for extra, 12c to 12½c for prime, and 10c to 11½c for inferior to common. Sheep and lambs were unusually quiet and heavy, though prices were not quotably lower, extras being quoted at 8c to 9½c; prime, 8c to 8½c; common to good, 6½ to 7c, and inferior 5c. Swine were dull, but being in small supply were held at full prices—10c for prime, 8½ to 9c for common.

EX-GOVERNOR EYRE.—Another attempt was recently made by the Jamaica Committee, headed by John Stuart Mill, M.P., and Peter Taylor, M.P., to prosecute Mr Eyre, the ex-Governor of Jamaica, for the murder of Mr Gordon. The attempt failed, however, Sir Thos. Henry, before whom the information was laid, refusing to issue a warrant for the arrest of Mr Eyre, on the ground that Lieut. Brand and Capt. Nelson had been before Grand Jury, which refused to find a true bill.

There was, therefore, no probability that another Grand Jury would indict a mere accessory to the same alleged offence. In point of fact, the evidence was entirely insufficient to convict of murder. The Committee could, however, if they tho't proper, bring the case before a Grand Jury.

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Guelph, 5th February, 1868. dw

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Guelph, 11th March, 1868 wd

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Brushes, Combs, Spurs, Bits, in endless variety. REPAIRING done as usual.

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Guelph, 26th December 1867. dwf.

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Guelph, Feb. 18 1868. dt

Division Court Sitings.

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON.

THE Division Courts for the County of Wellington, will be held as follows:—

Orangeville..... Feb. 4, April 14, June 20, 1868
Erie..... 7 17 31
Guelph..... 7 17 31
Elora..... 18 28 31
Arthur..... 19 29 31
Mount Forest..... 20 30 31
Fergus..... 21 May 1 24
Rockwood..... 25 12 Aug. 4
Puslinch..... 26 13 16
Drayton..... March 3 26 18
Harriston..... 4 27 19
Glennau..... 5 28 20

By order, **ALFREDA BAKER,** Clerk No.

Guelph, Dec. 1867.

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Guelph, August 29 1867

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The Company have the qualities only, either Black, Green or Mixed. Their Black Teas will be found to possess great brilliancy and strength, and be entirely different to the flat and rapid article usually sold as Black Tea; while their Green Teas are altogether free from the deleterious mineral powder so commonly used for coloring the leaf.

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Guelph, August 3, 1867 dw-17

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Guelph, Jan. 22, 1868. dw

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Guelph, 27th December, 1867. dwfm

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Guelph, Jan. 2nd 1868. 741-wf

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