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Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

THURSDAY EV'G. APRIL 16, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH
A Tale of the Covenanters.

CHAPTER XXVI.—THE SNOW STORM—LOST AMONG THE HILLS—THE "CANNY MAN" OF FAIRY HAUGH.

It was early in the afternoon of a cold bleak winter day that Sir Gilbert, Helen, and Helen riding on the pillow behind him, began to cross the Ochil hills on their way to Glencorchie, the residence of Sir Thomas Allan. This was the second day of their journey. On the first they had ridden from Brantwood to Falkirk, and, tarrying there for the night, resumed their journey on the following morning, with the intention of reaching Glencorchie before nightfall. They crossed the Forth at Alloa, and rode directly north towards the lofty range of hills which towered in front.

A severe black frost held everything in its iron grasp, and a keen north-east wind swept through the air with piercing power. The sky presented an unvarying mass of deep lead-colour, casting a gloomy bleakness over the scene, and presaging an approaching snow-storm.

From information the travellers had gathered on the way, they knew that the Pass of the Ochils which they had to traverse was about seven miles in length, and would lead them through a wild and solitary region. All accounts agreed in representing it as not very difficult road—tolleome in many places, and at certain parts over very clearly defined, but passing at other parts over wild stretches of bare and level summit, along which they could go at a speed of their own choosing. They knew of another road that could take a long circuitous path up Glen Deven, but by taking that road the way to Glencorchie would be more than three times longer, and for this reason the Baronet preferred the shorter route across the hills, particularly as the dry hard state of the ground made the journey comparatively easy.

As they drew near to the village, above which they were told the entrance to the Pass began, Sir Gilbert scanned with rather an uneasy eye the deepening density of the leaden-hued sky, which gave significant indications of approaching snow, and thought of the consequences which might ensue if they should be overtaken by it on the heights. But it had been lowering in this way all day, and he thought that probably the snow would keep off till night had set in, by which time they would have reached Glencorchie, and the success or failure of their anxious mission be made known.

"What's the dune, Helen lass?" he asked, speaking over his shoulder to his companion. "Are we to take the hill road at once, or wad ye be feared for the comin' storm?"

"Oh, do not let us tarry, if possible!" she eagerly replied. "Patie is strong, and will soon carry us across."

"I'm no feared for Patie," rejoined Sir Gilbert. "A cap'n o' corn at this claunchin will mak' him fit for double the distance. It's for you I'm feard, for ye're no to speak o' myself; for if we did, we'd speak o' Helen; and Patie kens the road nee better than we dae."

"Do you think the snow is so near at hand?" said Helen; and the tone of disappointment in which the words were spoken did not escape Sir Gilbert's ear.

Before answering, the Baronet raised his bent head—bent to escape, as he could the fury of the keen wind—and took a deliberate survey of the sky all along the northeast quarter.

"We'll hae it afore the mornin'," he replied. "I hae nae doot about that; but it's my opinion it will keep in the lift till after the gloamin'."

"By which time we will be at Glencorchie," Helen eagerly exclaimed.

"Deed will we, and if we stop at this claunchin intae which we are comin' we may be storm-staid for a week or maybe longer."

"Oh, Sir Gilbert, we must not think of it," cried the girl with prompt earnestness. "Let us push forward without delay."

"Sae be it, my brave lassie. We'll trust the Providence, who kens the urgency of our o'er errand. But here we are at this village public, where entertainment is to be had for man and beast; and while Patie eats his corn, you and I will e'en pree the landlord's larder, and swallow a stoup of his best brandy to keep the cauld out. Hey, landlord. This way, and bring a chair for the leddy."

The Baronet's loud shout brought the landlord to the door in a moment—a fat, red-faced, bald-headed man—who got into a state of pleasant excitement when he saw such distinguished travellers before his door.

With many smiles and much fuss he got them safely dismounted, and took charge of Patie, faithfully promising to give him a large feed of oats.

The fare which the inn afforded was neither rich nor varied, but the landlord was able to set a goodly-sized venison patty before his guests, flanked with a large loaf of bread and a can of foaming ale. The long ride through the keen air had made the Baronet and his fair companion hungry, and they—especially the former—welcomed the appearance of the viands with lively expressions of satisfaction.

"Hee, hee, hee," laughed the landlord, with a merry twinkle in his eyes. "Wall I direct Betty lae get ready ane or twa sleepin' chambers for yer use?"

"Puddin's and paniches," roared the Baronet, with a loud laugh. "Hae ye a notion that this young bonnie lassie is my wife?"

"Is she no mair like my daughter?" he asked. "Weel, sir, I winna say that that's no possible," rejoined Boniface, rubbing his hands together. "For age pairt it might weel eneuch be the ane or theither."

"Hear ye that, Helen," cried Sir Gilbert, highly tickled with the idea. "But I am thinkin', honest man, that ye hae learned the art o' flattery—a very necessary qualification to one in your line. However, dochter or wife, it dains nae matter as regards your question, sin' we are no gaunna sleep here the night. We maun e'en gang farer afore we rest."

"TO BE CONTINUED."

Insolvent Act of 1864.

THE Creditors of the undersigned are notified to meet at the Law Office of Messieurs PALMER AND LILLIE, in the Town of Guelph, in the County of Wellington, on TUESDAY, the TWENTY EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL, instant, at Twelve o'clock in the forenoon, to receive statements of his affairs, and to name an Assignee under the above Act.

GEORGE WILKINSON,
By Palmer and Lillie,
His Attorneys at iten.

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NOTICE.

THE undersigned having purchased from the Executors of his late father, Mr. Henderson his share of the business, he is to notify his friends and the public that he will continue to carry on the business in all its branches at the old stand, Wyndham Street, Guelph, and would solicit a continuance of that patronage as liberally bestowed on the late firm.

G. B. FRASER.

A bill outstanding accounts to be paid in bank, and a conveyance to G. B. FRASER up to the 15th of April, any remaining unpaid bills will be put into Court for collection, as the books of the late firm must be closed within 30 days after date.

Guelph, 27th March, 1868. d

REMOVAL

LEMON & PETERSON
BARRISTERS and Attorneys at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, and Notaries Public.

47 - OFFICE: over the Bank of Commerce, opposite the Market, Guelph.

TO-DAY AT

No. 2,

Day's Block, . . Guelph.

ALEWIVES,

BLOATERS,

FINNAN HADDIES,

SEA SALMON,

TABLE CODFISH,

Smoked HERRING, &c.

E. CARROLL & CO.,

No. 2, Wyndham Street.

Guelph, April 7, 1868. daw

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Boot and Shoe Store

WHOLESALE & RETAIL

STILL THEY COME!

50 Cases Just Opened

OF THE BEST AND MOST

FASHIONABLE

BOOTS & SHOES

The Dominion can Produce. TERMS, CASH.

N. B.—Country Merchants are invited to call and examine our Stock.

JOHN McNEIL,
Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st.

Guelph, 8th April, 1868. dw

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The Apothecaries' Hall.

NEURALGIA

POWDERS.

The New, Extraordinary, and Tonic Remedy for

Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Sciatica and Lumbago.

Also, for Face-ache, Tooth-ache, Ear-ache, Coughs, all affections from Cold.

The Powders are entirely Tonic in their action, giving strength and tone to the system, and increasing the appetite.

They are tasteless and may be taken by anybody with perfect safety.

A. B. PETRIE,
Chemist, Sole Agent, Guelph

Guelph, April 8. daw tf

TORONTO SAFE WORKS.

J. & J. TAYLOR'S

PATENT FIRE PROOF SAFES,

Fire & Burglar Proof Combined

The only real security against

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READER, if you want a reliable safe, purchase none but

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Remember the best is the cheapest. We also manufacture every description of Fire and Burglar Proof Safes, such as Vault Doors, Locks, &c., &c.

Please send for a Price List.

J. & J. TAYLOR,
Manufacturers, 198 & 200 Palace-St., Toronto.

Toronto, April 11, 1868. daw tf

R. GALBRAITH

TAILOR,

ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE, GUELPH,

In rear of the English Church,

BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has rented the premises lately occupied by Mr. Jenneret, Watchmaker, where

Parties furnishing their Own Goods

Will always find him on hand ready to attend to their orders. All work carefully executed and on reasonable terms.

Garments Altered, Repaired and Cut with neatness and Despatch.

Guelph, April 8, 1868. dw win

House and Lot for Sale

AT A BARGAIN.

FOR sale, that large and commodious Frame Dwelling House situated in East Market Square, in the Town of Guelph, immediately adjoining O'Neil's Hotel. Lot about 30 feet front, and extending through to Macdonnell-st. For particulars apply to D. GUTHRIE, Esq., Barrister, Guelph, or to Messrs. BURTON & BRUCE, Barristers, Hamilton.

Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dwtt

A COMPLETE assortment of the latest patterns of Shoe Tools, Shoe and Machine Thread, Machine Silk, Shoe Pegs, Shoe Nails, Shoe Tacks, Heel and Toe Plates, &c., wholesale and retail.

RYAN & OLIVER,
114 Yonge Street, Toronto.
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

TO TAILORS.

AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straight-edges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Bartlett's Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIVER,
Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st. Toronto.
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

TO MACHINISTS.

STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Callipers, Steel Calliper Rules, Caliper Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-regulating Callipers and Dividers, Strips Files and Tools, Patent Oilers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by

RYAN & OLIVER,
General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.

HAIR Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Hinges, Locks, Tacks, Flint Paper, Glass, Piano Stool screws, Collin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Regulators, Adair Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Auger Bits, Melodion Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest Prices.

RYAN & OLIVER,
General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge Street, Toronto.
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d-ly

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

NOTICE OF

REMOVAL.

In consequence of the rapid increase of the subscriber's business within the past few years, he has pleasure in intimating to his numerous patrons, and the Trade in general, that he has

THIS DAY REMOVED

To a much larger and much more commodious store,

One Door West of the Old Stand,

And directly opposite the front door of the Market House, where he will be enabled to carry on his business on a much more extensive scale, and will be in a position to serve his customers to better advantage than ever.

T. J. DAY,
Bookseller, opposite the Market, Guelph.
Guelph, April 2, 1868. daw tf

Savings Bank.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

OPEN a Savings Bank Department at their Branch in Guelph this day.

The rate of interest allowed on all deposits will be four per cent. per annum, to commence from day of deposit, and five per cent. on all sums remaining in the Bank six months from 2nd of June or 31st of December.

The terms in other respects have been made as favorable as possible to depositors.

Further information will be given upon application at the office of the Bank in Guelph.

For all deposits made in this Savings Bank, the Canadian Bank of Commerce is fully responsible.

R. J. DALLAS, Cashier.
Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw 4

Toronto Advertisement

W. & D. DINEEN

BEG to inform the people of GUELPH and surrounding country that they have the Largest, Cheapest and Best Stock of

HATS, CAPS AND FURS

Ever brought into Ontario, at No. 80 Yonge Street, three doors north of King-st.

Wholesale and Retail. TORONTO.
Toronto, 20th March, 1868. dw 6t

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON

MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH, ONT.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR

will be supplied with the best

Wines, Liquors & Cigars

And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!

Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME,

Etc. Dinner and supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER,
Proprietor
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do tf

NEW Oyster Rooms

VALENTINE WARD

BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on MACDONNELL STREET.

The very best of Oysters, and the choicest Cigars will always be kept.

The Rooms are in the superintendence of Mr. H. McCRIDER, whose courteous attention, as well as his thorough knowledge of the business, will insure satisfaction in all cases.

The very best of Oysters always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice.

TOW and JERRY, and all kinds of Fancy Drinks prepared in the most approved manner.

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Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dwtt

WHOLESALE and RETAIL

ESTABLISHMENT.

GUELPH, ONT.

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JOHN HOGG

AT IT AGAIN.

From unforeseen circumstances, I am obliged to once more plunge into the torments of active business life. It affords me no small degree of pleasure and satisfaction to know that I am still to continue to serve and be a means of profit to the great mass of the inhabitants of the County of Wellington and its vicinity. I shall in the time to come, as in the past, make it a study and one of the leading features in my business affairs at all times to be in a position to secure Goods in the very best markets, and to the best possible advantage. My purchases will all be made for Ready Money—and money will command Bargains such as credit cannot. This advantage will be given to my customers. It is needless to remind my numerous friends and supporters that the immense variety of every description of Goods presented to select from is a very great advantage, together with the undeniable fact that my Goods are all imported from the manufacturers direct, ensures to my patrons a saving of a fair profit over that of any other establishment in the trade. I possess great advantages this season for offering extra inducements to my customers.

COTTON GOODS have all advanced very rapidly within the last month. During the period of panic prices I bought heavily, indeed sufficient to do my business requirements during the summer. Since an advance of fully forty per cent. has taken place.

My stock now in every branch is full, and an early call from my old friends will be well repaid both as regards variety to select from and the great saving to be effected in price.

Thanking you for past favors,
I remain yours,

JOHN HOGG.

Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

SOMETHING NEW!

LIFE SIZE PORTRAITS OF

CHARLES DICKENS

AND CHROMO LITHOGRAPHS

That cannot be distinguished from Oil Paintings, at

Cuthbert's Bookstore!

Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

FIRST IMPORTATIONS

OF

NEW SPRING GOODS!

WILL BE OPENED

ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH INST.

The Subscribers are now paying the Third-half yearly dividend.

W. MACKLIN & CO.

Guelph, April 7, 1868. daw

A. R. McMASTER & BRO.

Are now opening out their

Spring Importations!

And will be glad to see their customers and friends at

32 Yonge-st., Toronto.

Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dw-ly

GREAT ATTRACTION.

THE GREATEST ATTRACTION OF THE SEASON

IS THE DISPLAY OF

NEW HATS & CAPS

AT

THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL

A. THOMSON & CO.

Guelph, 4th April, 1868. dw 7

PELLATITE

WHO CAN TELL

How Nature Colors the Peach?
How Nature Colors the Plum?
How Nature Colors the Green Grape,
And Berries of various kinds?

The celebrated Portuguese Chemist and Ecologist, Professor, Esméraldo, has contributed one of the most useful and valuable discoveries of the age for the benefit of mankind, and known as

PROFESSOR ESMERALDO'S PELLATITE.

This Pellatite is the Concrete Juice of the Fruit of the Anthemium Præhensum, a Brazilian Shrub that grows along the banks of the Amazon River. This fruit and its juice possess the peculiar properties of imparting its color to the Human Hair only, and gives it an Elegant, Soft, Glossy, Brown or Black Color, promoting its rapid and luxuriant growth.—It will not stain the skin or clothing. Among Ladies and Gentlemen whose hair is turning or already become grey, the Pellatite stands as

THE VICTORIA

OF ALL

GREY HAIR RESTORERS!

It differs from all others as follows:

The Joyful Side. The Melancholy Side.

Other Preparations

Are all made of preparations of Lead, Sulphur, Lime, Chemicals and Minerals. They chlorystine on the hair and makes it stiff and harsh. They stain the skin and clothing. They are filthy—extorible.

It softens and glosses the Hair.

It is healing to the scalp.

It removes Dandruff and Scurf.

It combines a Hair Dressing.

It combines a Color Restorer.

It predisposes the Hair to Curl.

It is indispensable, and it is universally desired.

WHAT THEY DO.

They are carried to the brain by the absorbents—cause pain in the Head, Dizziness, Blindness, Softening of the Brain, Lunacy and Death.

HOW THEY ARE PUT UP.

They are put in Colored glass Bottles, with the Labels closely pasted around them from cork bottom, in order to hide the demon inside.

WHICH WILL YOU HAVE? WHICH WILL YOU USE?

Compare them. Test them and decide. Away with filthy, dangerous Compounds, and use the clean and Harmless Pellatite.