

A QUESTION.

BY A. E. WORCESTER, AGED 16.
Long, dreamy purple shadows
Crept down from the mountains high,
Tenderly lifting the dying day
Into the peaceful sky;
And just as a sleepy robin
Trilled his last note from his tree,
All in her little white "nightie"
Came my winsome wee birdie to me.

How shall I show her to you—
Our darling so sweet and fair—
These summers, flying over her head,
Have dropped sunshine in her hair;
Her lips are like dewy rosebuds,
And only the summer skies
Can equal in depth and pureness
The blue of her laughing eyes.

Close in my arms she nestled,
Dimpled fingers round mine clasped
Marvelous tales she told me
As we sat in the fading light;
All about books and dolls,
Full of flowers and birds and bees,
The sweet voice rippled among the words
As a brook sings under the trees.

Then when the darkness deepened,
And the clear stars came in sight,
We whispered softly together
Of God and the angels bright,
Till the dear little head grew heavy,
And there, in a tiny heap,
With her rosy cheek on my shoulder,
Was my baby, fast asleep!

But the violet eyes half opened
When I laid her down to rest,
And, as I stooped to kiss her,
She murmured, in her nest,
"I'll be the bestest baby,
And go to heaven, I guess;
But when I has dot white wings on,
How shall I button my dress?"

From Our Young Folks for May.

ANNABEL

OR—
THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XIV.

DICK MATLOCKS IS BROUGHT TO BAY.
"Oh, well, that's as it may be. And
time enough when I find so."

Seeing Dick was not to be propitiated
or drawn into good humour in his present
state of ignorance, which in itself he evi-
dently resented, Hayes resolved to break
the ice, and, as he mentally said, "to
take the bull by the horns." For in-
stinctively he had concluded that he must
master the man before him or he would
not succeed in his purpose.

And thus he began—
"I have observed, Dick, that you have
been studying me pretty closely since we
came into this room."

"Well, and so have you been me, for
that matter—only we haven't started
fair, for you know my name and I don't
know yours. Who are you?"

"Not just what I seem, perhaps."
"Oh, I have made that out at any rate.
You are dressed like a tramp, but you
don't come the character, and it's just as
well that they didn't smoke that fact
over in Mother Crimp's, or you might
have been treated to a dose of tar and
feathers. I hadn't looked at you two
moments before I found it out. But
again I say, who are you?"

"I am one who know more about you
than you imagine," responded the law-
yer, with a significant nod.

"And what do you know about me?"
asked Dick, uneasily.

"This—that you stand in danger of the
gallows," was the startling reply.

Dick's heavy brow darkened with a
frightful scowl, as with a start he half
rose to his feet, his eyes flashing wrath-
fully. "I am in danger of the gallows?"

he slowly repeated, as his colour came
went, and his huge chest rose and fell
under his heavy breathing.

"Yes."
"For what?"

"For garrotting the old gentleman two
months ago in Woolman's Lane."

Dick fairly leapt to his feet now, and
glared at the speaker in speechless con-
sternation—rage and terror struggling
fiercely in his bosom, and a frightful pas-
sion working on his features, which
would have caused a more timid man than
Barnard Hayes to quail with apprehen-
sion.

"By all the fiends," shouted Matlocks,
"but you must care little for your life, or
you wouldn't have said them words here;
and as sure as you sit there you are a
dead man if you don't show me that you
have come in friendship and goodwill."

As he spoke he drew from his pocket a
large clasp-knife, and deliberately opened
it till its blade shone in the gas light,
while an expression of murderous feroc-
ity contorted his countenance.

Barnard Hayes kept his seat and
watched him with a steady eye, but his
face paled, and his heart beat with a vi-
olence and rapidity which he could not
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THE FIRST ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS
AT GEORGE JEFFREY'S.

THE SUBSCRIBER BEGS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT HE HAS JUST RECEIVED

OVER TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PIECES OF McNAUGHTAN & THOM'S BEST PRINTS
Which he will sell at 12 1/2c. per yard, being usually sold at 16c. per yard, in beautiful New Designs
and Colors.

Ladies ought to come early and get a good choice of those

UNPRECEDENTED CHEAP GOODS!

Also, another Lot of Lace Collars at Half Price.

NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS.

GUELPH, FEB. 21, 1873.

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New Dry Goods!

WM. STEWART.

Has much pleasure in stating to the
public that he has secured many lots
of desirable New Dry Goods
under current prices, and they will
be offered

At Decided Bargains!

Piles of Scarlet Flannel at 25c

Piles of Grey Flannel at 35c

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Piles of Clouds in white, grey, and
colors, from 50c

BLANKETS ALL PRICES

All Wool TWEEDS from 50 cents.

Dress Goods.

The Cheapest and Newest. Prices to suit
everyone.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, Dec. 12, 1872

NEW
Lumber Yard

IN GUELPH.

The subscriber has opened, under the au-
thorization of Mr. Richard Maddock, a
Lumber Yard on Paisley and Oxford streets.

Near the G. W. Railway Station,

and is prepared to supply the various de-
scriptions of building and other lumber.

Shingles, Lath and Pickets.

Lumber, etc., delivered in either large or
small quantities, in any part of the town, or
delivered by car load on the track here,
at any station on the G. W. R., or in cars at
the Mill siding north of Walkerton.

Bill Lumber saved to order, and delivered
with promptness.

Sokasippi Mills Lumber Yard.

CHARLES MICKLE,
1044w

April 21st, 1873.

NOTICE

To Masons, Plasterers, Far-
mers, and Others.

The subscriber keeps on hand a large
quantity of First-class Fresh Lime, Cut and
Uncut Stone Sills, Lintels, Corners, Marble
Sockets, etc., etc., which he is in a position
to sell at a very low rate to parties who
favor him with their patronage. As he in-
tends enlarging this branch of industry, he
will offer inducements that few men in the
trade can offer.

Send sold by the load or otherwise.

Don't mistake place—the new stone house
near the G. T. R. passenger station, where
he will be always found attending to his
business. DENIS COFFEY,
Guelph, April 18, 1873. dwf

FERGUS NEWS RECORD COPY.

FOR SALE—Lot 71, on Wyndham
Street, known as the Black-
smith shop Lot. Clean title and immediate
possession given. Also, a first-class stone
house to rent. Apply to Denis Coffey
Guelph, December 27th, 1872. dwf

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GRAND SHOW ROOM

OPENING

WITH

ALL the NOVELTIES of THE SEASON!

French Pattern Bonnets,

French Pattern Hats,

MANTLES,

JACKETS, COSTUMES, &c.,

Making the finest stock ever shown in Guelph, and

AT MODERATE PRICES.

R. CLAYTON,

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P. S.—I have secured the services of Miss Moore to manage the Millin-
ery Department. DW

JAMES CORMACK,
TAILOR and CLOTHIER,

Begs to announce to his customers and the public the arrival of his

SPRING IMPORTATIONS!

His stock is now complete in BROADCLOTHS,

Fancy COATINGS,

Fancy VESTINGS,

Fancy TROUSERINGS,

English and Scotch Tweeds;

Also, a large and varied stock of

CANADIAN TWEEDS!

READY-MADE CLOTHING

BOYS SUITS!

157 Gent's Furnishing Goods of the best quality and latest styles,

28 NO. 1 WYNDHAM STREET.

GUELPH TEA DEPOT

GO TO

E. O'DONNELL & Co.

For Cheap Groceries.

NEW RAISINS..... 5 cents per pound

NEW FIGS..... 5 cents per pound

WALKER'S SOAP..... 15 cents per bar

GOOD PRUNES..... 30 pounds for \$1

10 pounds of the BEST BRIGHT SUGAR..... for \$1.

11 pounds of GOOD COOKING SUGAR..... for \$1.

First-class TEAS!

OUR VERY BEST GREEN TEA..... for 80 cents per lb

A VERY FINE BLACK TEA..... for 75 cents per lb

A NICE YOUNG HYSON TEA..... for 50 cents per lb

All orders will be delivered at your houses. Give us a call.

E. O'DONNELL & CO.
Guelph, Jan. 23, 1873. Wyndham Street, Guelph.

SMOKERS,
FOR A GOOD SMOKE

Use the "Myrtle Navy."
See T. & B. on each plug.
Price so low that all can
Use it.

CAUTION.—The Brand "MYRTLE NAVY"
is registered, and any infringement on it
will be prosecuted.

The name TUCKETT & BILLINGS is on
each caddy, and T. & B. on each plug.
Hamilton, Feb 10, 1873. d3m

THE THOROUGH BRED AYRSHIRE
BULL belonging to the subscriber, will
serve cows on his farm. Terms, \$1 for the
season. ADAM GIBRTE,
a3-wt Lot 17, 1th Con. Pashinch.



HE HAS JUST OPENED

15 CASES

—OF—

HATS & CAPS

ALL NEW STYLES.



PARKER'S

CARRIAGE WORKS,

McCormell Street, near the Grand
Trunk Station, Guelph.

THE subscriber has now on hand a
large stock of

Carriages, Buggies & Market Wagons

ready for the coming season, which he will
sell cheap for cash, or on short time.

Call and see the style and finish and as-
certain the prices of our work, and you will
be satisfied that this is the place to buy.

All work warranted, as he employs none
but first-class workmen, and uses all select-
ed hickory. Repairing and Re-trimming
done as usual, on short notice.

ROBERT PARKER

MEDICAL DISPENSARY.

Just Received, a Large Supply of LUBIN'S

"GRAND TRUNK,"

The most elegant and fashionable Perfume
of the day.

PIESSE & LUBIN'S

RIBBON OF BRUGES.

A very fragrant Fumigator

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MEDICINE SPOONS,

TEA AND DESSERT SPOONS,

A fresh supply at the Medical Dispensary.

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MRS. WRIGHT

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the public that she has just received a
nice variety of

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Suitable for the Season.

MRS. WRIGHT,

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Next to the Wellington Hotel.

Guelph, Jan. 25, 1873. dw

NEW COAL YARD.

The undersigned having opened a Coal
Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all
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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. dy



THE BEST AND CHEAPEST

HORSE BILLS

In the County printed at

THE MERCURY OFFICE.

FOUR CUTS TO CHOOSE FROM.

Bills printed on the shortest notice.

Call and See Specimens.

SPRING AND SUMMER, 1873.

POWELL'S

BOOT & SHOE STORE

Call and examine my new stock of

LADIES', GENTS' & CHILDRENS'

Boots and Shoes,

Which for moderate prices, style and work-
manship, cannot be surpassed
in the town.

Particular attention paid to

Custom Work and Repairing.

West side Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, April 25th, 1873. dw

ROBERT CRAWFORD,

PRACTICAL

Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller,

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooch-
es, Rings, &c., Hair Plait and Device Work,
Clocks and Time pieces, Jewellery repaired and
made to order. Priced Goods in variety.
Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. dwy

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Pianoforte Factory

IS NOW

IN FULL OPERATION

affording an opportunity to intending pur-
chasers of inspecting the construction of
these celebrated instruments.

All new Instruments

Warranted for Six Years:

Tuned (if in town) free for one year. Second
hand taken in exchange or repaired.

TUNING ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY

Prices lower than any Imported, and
quality and finish unsurpassed.

Show Rooms and Office,

WEST MARKET SQUARE,

GUELPH, ONT.

JOSEPH F. RAINER,
Proprietor

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having in his employment the best workmen
in the Province, and being constantly in re-
ceipt of Fresh supplies of the finest Havana
Tobacco, is now prepared to receive orders
for his Famous Cigars in any quantity.

Country Orders

Left at the store of Messrs. Massie, Peters &
& Co., will be promptly and satisfactorily
filled.

Ask for the "M. P. C.," the best Cigar in
the Dominion.

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