

ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER X.

THE READING OF THE WILL — THE MISSING CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE — A DAGOIT THRUST.

"Business is quite done," rejoined her husband. "Hayes, I suppose you can now carry through the necessary legal forms?"

"Yes, certainly," answered the lawyer, with a bland smile; "that is," he added, "so soon as I receive the certificate of marriage."

"The certificate of what marriage?" inquired Mr. Langton.

"The marriage of Miss Annabel's parents. It is a mere matter of form, of course, but still necessary—the terms of the Will require it."

"I don't understand you, Barnard. I listened attentively to the will, and heard nothing about a certificate of marriage."

"Well, no, not in so many words," returned the lawyer, smiling again. "But by the way the deed is expressed the necessity arises. Read the sentence, Peter. You know what I mean."

Peter had folded up the document, but he opened it again and read aloud—

"—to Annabel, the only child, lawfully begotten of my sister, Annabel Seymour, and her husband, Everard Leighton."

"You hear, sir," observed Hayes, "that is very explicit—the only child, lawfully begotten." Before the young lady could be served her, proof must be given of the marriage of her parents."

"Oh, if that is all, there need be no difficulty," said the merchant. "Annabel will direct you where to find the certificate. Where were your parents married, my dear?"

No question could have been asked more indifferently, yet the keen, piercing glance which was shot towards her from the furtive eyes of Barnard Hayes would, had it been noticed, have betrayed the intense anxiety with which he waited for Annabel's answer. One bright gleam also darted sideways from the dark eyes of Mrs. Langton, suggestive of the same vital anxiety.

"I cannot tell," replied the girl. "My mother seldom spoke to me of her marriage. The subject seemed very painful to her, and seeing that it was so, I refrained from alluding to it. She gave me before she died a bundle of papers, which she said related to that sad yet happy portion of her life. I put them away in my desk, and never had the courage to examine them. But I know the certificate is among them."

"Then it's all right, Hayes," exclaimed Mr. Langton. "The certificate can be got when it is required. It is not wanted at present, is it?"

"It is the very first thing that is wanted," said Barnard. "No action can be taken on Mr. Seymour's will until it is furnished with it. Perhaps Miss Annabel could send to Liverpool for it."

"Of course she can. Let me suppose we send Jim Potts for it, my dear. Could he get it from Mrs. Dolsen?"

"Oh, yes, without the slightest difficulty. It stands on the side table, and the key I have here."

"How soon can you go?" said Mr. Langton, turning to Jim, who had stood a silent but deeply interested listener to the conversation.

"This very moment, sir," was the prompt reply. "If I start at once with the dogcart I'll be in time to catch the train, and will be back at night with the mail."

"The very thing. Put up the horse at Morgan's, and it will be waiting for you. You'll need the vehicle to bring the desk from the station."

"All right, sir. I'll be sure to manage it, sir."

And Jim darted from the room, uttering the last words as he passed the threshold.

"The Good Templars and the Erin School House."

To the Editor of THE MERCURY.

Sir,—I observed an article in your last issue, written, or supposed to be, by a "Good Templar," stating "that the Trustees of School Section No. 14, Erin, shut the door of their old School House against the Good Templars, and that their sole reason for doing so was that they were opposed to the cause of temperance. Also, that they freely granted its use to every novel show that came along." The first assertion is correct. The second is without foundation. The writer must have been in entire ignorance of the matter, otherwise he acted maliciously when he penned the article. The School House has been granted to showmen four times during the last eight years, but never by the present body of Trustees. The undersigned is the teacher of the school. I complained to the Trustees that the Good Templars were not doing the necessary arrangements after their meetings, and I also positively stated that I would not open the School for the reception of the scholars unless it was properly swept. I spoke to the Worthy Chief about it. He told me "that they were becoming so indignant that it was a race to see who would be out first." Consequently the door looked next morning as though something unnatural had made its appearance among them, and all made a hasty retreat. The trustees at once told them to get a room elsewhere. I challenge the "Good Templar" to write over his own name and prove that the above is not correct.

As you are, Mr. Editor, a lover of truth and a friend of the people, you will give a place to the above in your column. Yours &c., JOHN McMAHON.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.—A RARE CHANCE. This is a choice farm, 100 acres in a high state of cultivation, situated on the west side of the Township of Waterloo, adjoining the Paisley Block, and six miles from the town of Guelph. There is a first-class milk barn lately put up, with stable and root house complete, good dwelling house with other out buildings, good bearing orchard of choice fruit, a never failing stream, also two wells and soft water cisterns. The farm contains 100 acres, 50 acres in a high state of cultivation, the other portion consists of first-class woods and maple, which cannot be surpassed. For further particulars apply to James Taylor, on the premises, or by letter, address, Box 53, Guelph P.O., Guelph, Dec. 31, 1872.

HOMESTEAD FOR SALE OR TO LET.—The Rev. R. Brown offers for sale or to rent, his beautiful property situated on the banks of the Great River, in the Village of Point St. Charles. It consists of ten acres of land on which are a two-story stone house, 20x30, with wood shed 20x30, milk house, well and soft water cistern. A frame barn 20x30, with good stone stable under. Also a root house. There is also a fine young orchard with 200 trees, all thriving. For particulars come and see, or write (pre-paid) to John Hill, Garafraxi, Ont.

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.

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Mr. PETRIE takes this opportunity to thank the Public for their large and liberal support during the seven years he has been in business in Guelph. The New Store is the one formerly occupied by Mr. H. Berry, and lately by Mr. J. R. Porter, as a Confectionery Store. The store has been enlarged and refitted, making it a much more desirable place of business than the old stand. Having secured the new store for a term of Ten Years, I hope, with the assistance of the Public, to prevent in the future as I have done during the past seven years, any monopoly in the Drug Trade in Guelph. By conducting my business in the future in the same upright principle as in the past, I trust to receive a continuance of your generous support. I am, yours very truly, A. B. PETRIE.

SPEX, SPEX! THE ROCK CRYSTAL SPECTACLES. Pronounced by all who have worn them to be superior to any other. Every Eye can be Suited. Call to try, and be convinced. To be had only AT J. HUNTER'S. NEW SUPPLY OF Chignons, Braids, Coronets, &c. AT J. HUNTER'S. Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods, and Toy Store, Wyndham Street Guelph.

FARM FOR SALE, five miles from Guelph, on the York Road, 2 1/2 miles from Lockport Station. It contains about 100 acres, well fenced, and plenty of cedar on the premises, a comfortable residence of 11 rooms, 2 barns, 2 large stables, and other outbuildings, 2 wells, 2 rain water tanks, good orchard, Churches, school and telegraph offices within a radius of a mile and a quarter. For further particulars, apply on the premises, Lot 1, Concession 2, Brunson, or by letter to H. H. SWINFORD, box 77, Guelph.

FARM FOR SALE.—For sale Lot No. 10, 3rd Con. Erin Township, containing 100 acres, all cleared and under cultivation. The land is well watered with a never failing spring creek. There is a good young orchard on the place, and all the other conveniences in the shape of buildings, &c. It is a mile from the Village of Orangeville, 5 miles from Acton, and close to Post Office, Schools, stores &c. For terms, etc., apply on the premises, or by letter, post paid, to EDWARD JOHNSON, Orangeville, P.O., Dec. 11—wtf.

FARM FOR SALE, CHEAP FOR CASH. The undersigned offers for sale cheap, Lot 27, in the 17th Concession of Province, County of Grey, consisting of 100 acres, of 40 acres cleared. The lot is within three miles of the proposed route of the Northern Extension of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway, now being constructed from Orangeville. The farm is one of the best in the Township, and has a log dwelling house and barn situated on it. Title indisputable. For particulars address, W. BELL & CO., Organ Manufacturers, Guelph, Ont., Guelph, Oct. 28, 1872.

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 60 cents per lb. All orders will be delivered at your houses. Give us a call. E. O'DONNELL & CO. Guelph, Jan. 21, 1873. Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Gardner Sewing Machine COMPANY MANUFACTURERS OF The Gardner Patent Sewing Machine. Take much pleasure in directing attention to the fact that notwithstanding the severe tests applied by skillful judges, who in competition with other machines, at the Fairs held throughout the Dominion, the Gardner Patent WAS AWARDED 13 Prizes in 1871 and 26 Prizes in 1872. WHICH IS A CONVINCING Proof of the superiority over all others for Family Purposes, and Light Manufacturing Work! Its simplicity of construction, strength and durability, recommend it to all classes. A complete set of attachments is very strong, light and easy, and does all kinds of work. Instructions in all attachments given free of charge. Langair & Fairgrieve, Office—Corner of Market and Southwell Streets. Guelph, Feb. 11, 1873. AGENTS GUELPH.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN IMPORTING HOUSE, 48 and 50 Yonge Street, TORONTO; AND 136 and 138 McGill Street, MONTREAL. I have lines of the following goods of this season's importation or manufacture offered to the trade by the package, or to general merchants in any part of the Dominion. Terms—CLOSE, and discounts liberal to prompt men.

Fancy Goods generally, the largest stock in the Dominion. ROBT. WILKES. FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS. JAMES MASSIE, Manufacturer of CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS, Alma Block, Guelph. Invites the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced at his Manufactory. Having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufacturer in the Dominion.

Wm. Stewart. Dress Goods. The Cheapest and Newest. Prices to suit everyone. Wm. Stewart. Guelph, Dec. 12, 1872. GUELPH Pianoforte Factory IS NOW IN FULL OPERATION affording an opportunity to intending purchasers 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. RAINEY, Proprietor. Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872. HART & SPEIRS, Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance and General Agents, 4 Day's Block, Guelph. In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. Jas. S. Speirs in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm. All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and strict attention. Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, &c., &c. neatly and correctly prepared. MONEY always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges. Our list of Town and Farm Property is large and varied, and if parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere. Agents for the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London.

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.

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THE MEDICAL HALL GUELPH HIGINBOTHAM'S PULMONIC SYRUP AN INFALLIBLE REMEDY FOR Coughs, Colds, Asthma, etc. and highly recommended by the faculty. PREPARED ONLY BY E. HARVEY & Co., Dispensing Chemists, Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell Streets, Guelph. Guelph, Feb. 7, 1873.

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BOOTS AND SHOES. Suitable for Fall and Winter Wear. We invite careful buyers to our system of doing business, viz., Small Profits and but one Price. W. D. Hepburn & Co. manufacture their own goods and feel they can confidently recommend them as CHEAP and DURABLE and all they ask is one trial, which will not fail to prove the genuineness of our goods.

REPAIRING DONE AS USUAL. ESTABLISHED CASH. Store and Factory, Eastside Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, Sept. 27, 1872.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE IN PILKINGTON.—The Executors of the Estate of the late Patrick O'Brien offer for sale a valuable farm of 160 acres, on Lot 14, 1st Con. Pilkington. The farm is situated about half way between Plover and Guelph; 20 acres are cleared, and in a good state of cultivation. There are a frame dwelling house and barn on the premises; also a