

ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XIV.

DICK MATTOCKS IS BROUGHT TO BAY. Hayes was about to cross the threshold and join the nondescript throng which filled the place, when he felt his arm somewhat firmly grasped, and on turning his head to the side where he felt himself thus seized, he saw that the hand which held him was thrust forth from a small aperture in the wall. Close within this aperture the round red face of a fat woman presented itself, whose bleared and fiery eyes transfixed him.

"Thrup!" she sternly said. "I beg your pardon," answered Hayes, bending inquiringly towards her. "Thrup!" she repeated, and held forth the palm of her other, by which the lawyer saw that she was asking for something, and it instantly dawned upon him that she must be demanding payment for his night's lodgings.

"Oh!—ah! I understand! How—how much is it?" he stammered. "Thrup, I tell you; and don't you know that? Have you slept in a hayrick till now, or in a flashy ken where you don't pay the bill till you are leaving? Tain't the way in Mother Crimp's. Pay as you go, is my motto, and that keeps clear of chalking."

"So it does," returned the lawyer, upon whom this speech produced the conviction that the woman was none other than Mother Crimp herself.

"Did you say a shilling?" he asked, as he drew this coin from the pocket of his tattered vest and tendered it.

"Oh, my eye! You have been used to flashy ken," she ejaculated, "and now that I take a vizey of you, I see you ain't like the common run of my customers. Why do you come here?" she sharply demanded, "seeing as how you can give a bob for your bed?"

"I have come to see Dick Mattocks," answered Hayes, who thought it best to be explicit. "Does he lodge here still?"

"Sometimes. What do you want him for? Not for his harm, I hope?"

"No, certainly not; quite the contrary, I assure you."

"Well, he ain't come in yet, and may not be here at all to-night. But you had best go in and wait till you see."

"Thank you, I will," replied the lawyer, and as the uncomfortable gripe of Mother Crimp was now removed from his arm, he was glad to move away from such close proximity to her purple face and fiery eyes. He did not even wait for the change which she was ready to hand him, but moved forward into the interior of the immense kitchen, where he was at once surrounded by a singular and motley assembly of human beings, whom it would have grieved the heart of a philanthropist to look on, so repulsive and degraded where they, so devoid of all softer human attributes, so sensual and brutal, so lost to the tender beauty of peace and innocence, so stamped in fearful diversity by the terrible influences of sin and crime.

Even the young children were divested of childhood's aspect, and had taken on a sharpness and knowingness foreign to the sweet region of guilelessness in which their years ought to have preserved them. It was the infants only who wore the look of prattling innocence which naturally belonged to them. And, oh! how pitiable and sad it was to behold one or two bright blue-eyed cherubs, laughing and crowing in childish glee, all unconscious as yet of the foul moral atmosphere which surrounded them, all untainted by its vitiation, unpolluted by its foulness, preserving even in the midst of the recking abominations the holy smile of that divine infancy which is the first God-given inheritance of us all, whether born in marble halls or clay dwellings, in the shades of wealth and honest industry or in the haunts of squalid poverty and blackest sin, where an infant's smile sends as it were a flame of heaven across the dark gulf, but where, alas! it is less a prophecy than a melancholy proclamation of the lost birthright. For soon, soon the beauty of that divine infancy will be lost in the depravity which prevails, and the loathsome image of sin will be stamped on the soul now fresh from the hand of God.

Many men who might come where Bernard Hayes now was, and see, as he saw, two or three infants smiling and prattling amid that mass of human corruption, would have felt their hearts ache with infinite pity and the deepest melancholy steal over them at the sight, but Bernard Hayes was given to no such thoughtful reflections, and he eyed the scene before him with much the curiosity of a man who had quite a new experience presented to him—who saw a kind of thing he never had an opportunity of beholding before, and which in its strangeness alone interested him.

His entrance was observed particularly by no one, each being fully occupied by his or her own concerns at the moment. Both sexes and all ages were represented, and every form of vice and dissipation. Many were positively hideous to look upon, especially the women, whom a long course of sin had robbed of all feminine charms, and invested with a coarseness and ugliness physical as well as moral. Fearful-looking men there were also, ruffians of the lowest and most desperate type, brutal and abandoned to an extreme degree, men sequestered with all manner of crime and violence, whose lives were passed in plundering their fellows, human beasts of prey whose sole intent was to ravage and devour.

Slang Talk by Young Ladies. Young ladies here had little idea of the impoliteness and bad effect of the slang phrases often used in so-called polite society. An exchange says, in a word of advice to any who are partially or wholly addicted to it: "You can have no idea how it sounds to ears unused or averse to it to hear a young lady say, when she is asked if she will go with you to some place, 'Not much!' or, if requested to do something which she does not wish to hear her say, 'Can't see it.' Not long ago I heard a young miss, who is educated and accomplished, in speaking of a young man, say that she intended to 'go for him.' And when her sister asked her assistance at some work, she answered, 'Not for Joe!' Now, young ladies of unexceptionable character and really good education, fall into this habit, thinking it shows smartness to answer back in slang phrases, and they soon slip fippantly from their tongues, with a saucy pettiness that is neither ladylike nor becoming. 'I bet, or you bet' is well enough among men who are trading horses or land; but the contrast is startling and positively shocking to hear those words issue from the lips of a young lady. They seem at once to surround her with the rougher associations of men's daily life, and bring her down from the pedestal of purity to their own coarse level."

The petrified body of Mazzini is exhibited at Geno, and it is said to be a hideous spectacle.

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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 12½c. 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.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH.

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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
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BLANKETS ALL PRICES

All Wool TWEEDS from 50 cents.

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The Cheapest and Newest. Prices to suit everyone.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, Dec. 12, 1872

NEW AND SEASONABLE HARDWARE.

SPADES AND SHOVELS
LADIES SPADES
GARDEN TOOLS IN SETS
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All of choice quality and at low prices.

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FOR A GOOD SMOKE

Use the "Myrtle Navy."

See T. & B. on each plug.

Price so low that all can use it.

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

NEW GOODS!

THE GREAT SALE

F BANKRUPT STOCK!

Is going on lively at the old stand, Wyndham St.

The whole stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES

Belonging to the Insolvent Estate of John A. McMillan is being sold at a tremendous sacrifice. Large additions have been made from the Insolvent's store in Collingwood, and the whole must be sold off without reserve to wind up the Estate.

Special inducements to retail merchants and jobbers, who desire to secure job lots.

The Entire Stock of Machinery

Consisting of Sewing, Pegging, Eyelitting and Splitting Machines. Also, a large number of Sole Dies, which will be sold very cheap.

Also, a SMALL SAFE will be sold at a sacrifice.

Guelph, April 17, 1873.

WM. McLaren, Assignee.

CASH, CASH, CASH!

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,

Upper Wyndham Street.

P.S.—I have secured the services of Miss Moore to manage the Millinery Department.

GUELPH TEA DEPOT

GO TO

E. O'DONNELL & Co.

For Cheap Groceries.

NEW PEASINS.....5 cents per pound
NEW PIGS.....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.

GUELPH

STEAM DYE WORKS,

Upper Wyndham Street.

The subscriber is now prepared to execute all orders entrusted to his care, in a manner that will gain the confidence of the public in general.

DYEING and SCOURING done in all its branches, from within two to six days. Feathers cleaned, dyed and cured. Kid Gloves dyed at 25c per pair.

N.B.—Mourning done on the shortest notice. All orders sent by express will have prompt attention.
SAMUEL McDONALD
Guelph, March 5, 1873.

MERCHANTS.

CAN FIND WITH US

Full Lines of Woollens,
do Staples,
do Dress Goods,
do Haberdashery
do Hosiery,
do Fancy Goods.

JOHN MACDONALD & Co.,

TORONTO.

THE MEDICAL HALL
GUELPH



JUST RECEIVED, an assortment of
Lubin's Toilet Soap.

Ribbon of Brages.

For Furnishing Sick Rooms, &c.

Arcadian Pink,

The most fragrant and lasting perfume manufactured.

Ladies Cachous

For imparting an agreeable odour to the Breath.

E. HARVEY & Co.,

Dispensing Chemists,
Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell streets, Guelph.
Guelph, Mar 25, 1873.

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 Emulgor

FOR THE SICK ROOM

MEDICINE SPOONS,

TEA AND DESSERT SPOONS,

A fresh supply at the Medical Dispensary.

G. B. McCullough,

Dispensing Chemist

(Late McCullough & Moore.)

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GUELPH.

NEW GOODS.

GIFTS

MRS. WRIGHT

Begs to inform her numerous customers and the public that she has just received a nice variety of

Toys and other Fancy Goods

Suitable for the Season.

MRS. WRIGHT,

UPPER WYNDHAM STREET.

Next to the Wellington Hotel.

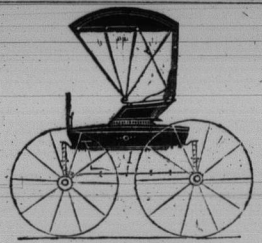
Guelph, Jan. 23, 1873.

NEW COAL YARD.

The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of

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.



PARKER'S
CARRIAGE WORKS,

Macdonnell Street, near the Grand

Trunk Station, Guelph.

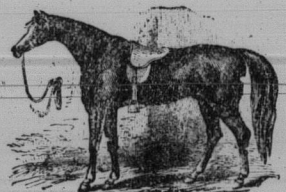
THE subscriber has now on hand a large stock of

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 ascertain 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 selected material. Repairing and Retrimming done as usual, on short notice.
ROBERT PARKER



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.

ROBERT CRAWFORD,

PRACTICAL

Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller,

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

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

GUELPH
Pianoforte Factory

IS NOW

IN FULL OPERATION

affording an opportunity to the local 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 and third in exchange or repaired.

TUNING ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY

Prices lower than any imported, and quality and finish unsurpassed.
Singer Rooms and Office.

WEST MARKET SQUARE,

GUELPH, ONT.

JOSEPH F. GAINER,

Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872

THE GUELPH "M.P.C."

Cigar Factory.

Enlargement of Business

S. MYERS,

Having recently enlarged his Cigar Factory, having in his employment the best workmen in the Province, and being constantly in receipt 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. Massey, Patterson & Co., will be promptly and satisfactorily filled.

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

Guelph, Dec. 4, 1872.

PARKER'S HOTEL,

DIRECTLY—

OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH

First-class accomodation for travellers. Cosmopolitan stabling and an attentive host.

The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where ladies will be served up at all hours, in the most stylish manner.

Pickled Salmon, Ice-cream, and Sausages.
Guelph, Feb 1, 1873