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TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 5, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH
A Tale of the Covenanters.

"Gloriously!" exclaimed the Baronet. "Sir Thomas is a true gentleman, and canna bide that blackguard of a nephew of his. But Helen, the gipsy, got round him at once. He took her as a fish-tail's water. He saw the family features in her face, and said she was like his mother was sixty years ago. Next mornin' he rode his coach and geed to St. Andrews, and this paper is the upshot o' it."

"And to you, my true friend, I am again indebted for my liberty," said Walter, as he gratefully pressed Sir Gilbert's hand.

"And what for no?" exclaimed the latter. "Was it no in servin' me that ye got into bondage? and dae ye think I wad leave a stane unpurged tae get ye free? But puddins and painedness, Watty, laird, while daein' my duty the trouble brought to an end; for on the way tae Glenorchy we cam' upon Ritchie."

"Ah, ye have found your son?"

"To be sure I ha'e. When Helen and me were crossin' the Ochils on the back o' 'Tatie the snaw cam' on. We lost our road, nicht followed, and in the darkness I let 'Tatie tak' us where he liked. He stopp'd afore a cave occupied by a hermit, and who was this hermit but Ritchie. The callant had taken up his habitation in that oot o' the world place, and meant tae live a' his days there."

"But he has changed his mind now, I suppose?" said Walter, with a smile.

"Ye may swear that," cried Sir Gilbert, with a loud laugh. "Wha' the snaw broke up and set us free, he wadna lang in whuk-in aff his hermit claes. He's here, Watty, he's here. 'Ritchie, ye rascal, where are ye?' he shouted. 'Ritchie, laird, come here, come here.'"

This summons, issued in stentorian tones, at once brought Richard into view. He had lingered on the other side of the garden wall loth to break in upon the tender scene which he knew to be enacting there; but at the sound of his father's voice he started forward, and entering the garden, advanced to where the others stood.

Walter met him with hearty cordiality and warmest congratulations. He had never seen the young man at Brankwood, but as Sir Gilbert's forester had not bestowed much attention on him. But now that he met him as the Baronet's son, it was with the deepest interest and undisguised admiration. The likeness he saw to be unmistakable, and another edition of the manly, sterling Sir Gilbert stood before him.

The latter was delighted beyond measure by Walter's appreciation of Richard's appearance, and when Elliott suddenly seized his hand and ardently congratulated him on the discovery of such a son, Sir Gilbert fairly broke down, and turned aside to brush the happy tears from his eyes.

"Time's up," said a deep gruff voice at their elbow, and the jailor was seen standing beside them with a ponderous key in his hand motioning to Walter to follow him.

"I am to return to my cell, am I?"

"Of course ye are. Your two hours are out, and the next prisoner will grumble. Come on, sir. Can't wait a moment longer."

"But he is released!" cried Marion, in alarm. "He is your prisoner now, and the jailor turned on her with a stare."

"It is true," she hastily repeated. "Sir Gilbert has the order from the Council."

"Tae be sure I ha'e," exclaimed the Baronet. "I'm only waitin' to see the Governor."

"Can't say anything about that," returned the jailor. "All I know is that I've got no orders about it, and Mr. Elliott must be locked up."

"The devil he will!" cried Sir Gilbert, excitedly, as he held the parchment before the jailor's eyes. "Here's the order, sir, signed by the Lord Chancellor, and sealed wi' the muckle red seal, and I daur you to put Master Elliott intae his dungeon agen."

"Haven't nothing to do with that till I get orders. My duty is to shut him up," was the dogged rejoinder.

"Faddin' and paining! but yer an angersome fellow. Use yer own name, use yer own. There's the order, I tell ye."

"It may be a dozen orders for anything I care," responded the gruff official. "I take orders only from the Governor."

"Then, confound ye, where is the Governor?"

"At the fort, most likely."

"Perhaps we may see him on the way," suggested Walter. "At all events, I must for the present be in subjection to the jailor."

Forced to acquiesce in this, they left the garden in a body, and walked down the sloping edge of the cliff towards the range of buildings which stood, as we have already seen, at the lowest part of the rock. As they came down in view of the landing place, a group of men, who seemed just to have been drawn up from the water, got suddenly into conversation, and one man, dressed as a trooper, pointing with eager gestures to the group descending the slope, began to rush towards them, the others following. The trooper, however, got considerably in advance, and in his headlong haste was tripped by his sword, stumbled forward, and toppled over the cliff into the sea.

One roar of despair he uttered, as he found himself falling, and next moment was lost to view.

All rushed in horror to the edge and gazed down upon the water, where they saw the man struggling helplessly and ready to sink.

"Away for the boat and bring it to the place," shouted Richard, and as he spoke, the intrepid youth took a clear leap over the rock, and struck the deep water several yards from the side of the island, and at no great distance from where the trooper lay drowning, with a look of horror and despair cast upwards.

Richard sank and was for some moments out of sight, but he rose immediately, and a few vigorous strokes of his strong arm brought him to the spot just as the soldier was sinking for the last time.

Richard grasped him by the shoulder and managed to keep his head above water. The man gasped for breath, and fixed his eyes in speechless terror on the youth's face. His own face was covered with a deadly pallor, and spasms crossed it as if he endured intense pain, in addition to the imminence of drowning.

It was some minutes before the boat could be manned and brought round, but those were looking on above shouted encouragingly, and Richard exerted his utmost strength to keep the heavy body of the trooper on the surface. At length a loud shout rent the air, as the boat shot round an angle of the rock, and in another moment the gallant youth was relieved of his charge, and had the satisfaction of seeing the trooper lifted safe out of the water.

TO BE CONTINUED.

When a Chinese is killed by accident in performing any kind of work, all his fellow countrymen refuse to work any longer at the same business. After the snow slide on the Pacific Railroad last winter by which thirty Chinese laborers were overwhelmed, the whole force quit work, and no inducement could be held out to them sufficiently strong to lead them to return.

A young Indian maid, visiting a flouring mill in Winona, Minn., surreptitiously got hold of the stendils and decorated her white blanket with "Ellsworth's choice" in bright red letters, after which she strutted down street, to the horror of the afore said Ellsworth, who owns the mill and who is a bachelor.

Two gentlemen had a smoking match in New York, on Monday morning. One human chimney consumed 124 cigars from 8 to 12 p. m. The loss estimated only at \$1000.

UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE

OF VALUABLE
BUILDING LOTS
IN GUELPH.

M. R. W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer, pursuant to instructions from the VEN. ARCHDEACON PALMER, will offer for sale by Public Auction,
ON THE GROUNDS,
On Thursday, 21st May, 1868,
At 2 o'clock, p. m., precisely,
All the unsold Building Lots on the

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As shown on the Registered Plan, viz:
Between Arthur Street and the River Speed,
Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11.

Southerly Side of Queen Street,
Lots 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 25.
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Northerly Side of Arthur Street,
Lots 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 38.

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Each Lot will be put up at the very low upset price of \$150, and sold without any reserve to the highest bidder. The purchaser of any one lot to have the privilege of taking an additional number of the adjacent lots at the same price.

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One-fourth cash, or by approved note at three months, with bank interest, the balance in three annual instalments, with interest yearly at 7 per cent. on the unpaid principal.

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The undersigned will show a copy of the registered plan, and give every information to intending purchasers.
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JUST received, a supply of very fine Oil, made to suit

Sewing Machines

Superior to all other Oils.

Will wear longer, and does not clog up the finest parts of the machine.

A. B. PETRIE,

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Guelph, April 23. daw tf

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At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

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At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

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Arrowroot, Cream, Fruit, Victoria, Abernethy, Wine and Ginger Nut BISCUITS

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Guelph, April 13th 1868 dw

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Every Ten Days.
Rates for First, Second and Third Cabin VERY LOW.
For Special Berths, Tickets, &c. apply to J. W. MURTON, General Passage Agent.

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NATHAN TOVELL has to intimate that he is prepared to attend funerals as usual on all days of the week. His Steam Planing Mill is in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, sashes, doors, blinds, mouldings, &c. He solicits a share of public patronage.
NATHAN TOVELL,
Guelph, 27th Aug. 1867. Nelson Green

Wool, Hide and Leather

DEPOT,
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Shoe Tools & Findings

A COMPLETE assortment of the latest patterns of Shoe Tools, 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, Hairpins, 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

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STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Calipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Caliper Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-regulating Calipers and Dividers, Stabbe Files and Tools, Patent Cutters, 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, Cocks, Tacks, Flint Paper, Glue, Piano Stool screws, Coffin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Regulators, Addis Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Auger Bits, Melodion Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest prices.
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Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d-ly

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FRESH ARRIVALS AT
No. 2,
Day's Block, . . . Guelph.

Canned Peaches
Pears
Plums
Cherries
Apples, &c.

BOTTLED JAMS

Strawberry
Gooseberry
Damson
Currants, &c.

A choice lot of Stilton and Pine Apple Cheese.

E. CARROLL & CO.,

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Guelph, April 20, 1868. daw

Toronto Advertiser

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(Established 1825.)
Accumulated Fund \$3,700,005 1s. 4d. Sigs
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DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
Guelph, 15th April, 1868. dw

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Looking Glass and Picture Frame
MANUFACTURER,
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The Trade supplied with Washable Gilt and Imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Looking Glass Plates. Goods promptly attended to.
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1868.
IMMENSE ASSORTMENT
OF WALL PAPER AT
DAYS
BOOKSTORE.

MY Stock of WALL PAPER is very large and well selected. The patterns are of ELEGANT DESIGN, and imported this Spring from England. I am determined to sell Wall Paper at extremely LOW PRICES this Season; my constant object being to supply Goods as LOW as possible.

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Guelph, April 29th, 1868. dw

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FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS AT HOME

MERRY CHIMES.

CONTAINING Elementary Instructions, Attractive Exercises and several Hundred Popular Songs. This New Book will be found Superior to all similar Works, in many points essential to a popular Instruction Book in Vocal Music and Collection of Melodies for the Young. FORTY EDITIONS have already been published, and the demand continues unabated. Many of the Songs have been written expressly for the work, and none of the songs are old and time-worn songs through a dozen books, but new and sparkling songs adapted to all Occasions, and Alive with the Spirit of the Times.
Price 50 cents. Sent postpaid. OLIVER DITSON, Publisher, 271 Washington Street, Boston. CHAS. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.

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Suitable for Spring and Summer Wear, among which will be found all the Latest Styles.

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THESE GOODS have been selected from the best makers in the Dominion, and can be confidently recommended as equal, if not superior to any in the market, and at

Prices Lower than any House in the Trade.
For cash only. All work warranted.
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

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BRADFORD HOUSE

PHILIP BISH,

WILL SHOW ON

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MANTLES & MILLINERY

Ever exhibited in Guelph, which for extent and quality is no surpassed in the Province.

Ladies should Call at once and Examine the Pattern Bonnets and Mantles.

The above Department is superintended by a first-class artist. Ladies can rely on having every attention by calling at the **BRADFORD HOUSE**, Guelph.

PHILIP BISH.

Bradford House, Wyndham Street, Guelph, April 23, 1868. daw tf

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500 PIECES NEW

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Large Display of Hats & Caps

English, French and American Styles.

And the Newest received Monthly.
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Oranges and Lemons!

Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Chocolate Creams, Gumdrops and every other Nicety.

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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 3rd of June or 31st of December.

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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
Herald copy four weeks.

NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP

THE subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has leased and fitted up a first-class Blacksmith Shop, being that old and well-known stand on Cardigan Street, near Goldie's, formerly known as the People's Mill, where he intends to carry on the Blacksmith business in all its branches.

HOSE SHOEING.—Particular attention paid to Horse Shoeing. As the subscriber intends to keep none but a first-class horse shoeer, the public can rely on getting all work in that line done in a satisfactory manner.

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Guelph, 24th April, 1868. dw
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Fire & Burglar Proof COMBINED.
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The very best of Liquors, and choicest Cigars will always be kept.
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Guelph, 27th December, 1867. dwfm

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Garments Altered, Repaired and Cut with Neatness and Despatch.
Guelph, April 8, 1868. dwf wim

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A. KENNEDY & CO., Box 999, Chicago, Ill.
Guelph, 9th April, 1868. dwf

ALBION HOTEL!

St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.

M. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the Albion, he hopes by personal attention to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 12 years.
L. W. DECKER
Montreal, 30th March, 1868. dw

W.B. COWAN, M.D.

HOMEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and Lecturer. Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania College, and Licentiate of Canada. Over Mr. Massie's new store - Guelph.