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Guelph Evening Mercury OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET. SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 21.

The Maiden's Choice On THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

CHAPTER I.—ADVENTURES ON THE MOOR.

Twilight had fallen, and the crescent moon dimly lighted a wild and solitary region...

His companion, who sat upon a pillow behind him, was a young girl, whose features could not be discerned at all, for they lay under the shadow of a broad-brimmed hat...

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets. MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, December 21, 1867. Flour, per 100 lbs. \$3 75 " 4 00...

turned Jamie, "for they are harryin' and rampagin' in a' directions, and there's a'ise of his officers I ken would like weel to see the harryin' o' Birkenkleuch...

"Well, I wish ye may find it eae, but my opinion is that he's no tae be trusted, and I jalousie that he has a cause o' anger that mak's a'ne like him stick at naething...

No other House in Town has one-quarter the Stock of COAL OIL LAMPS that MR. HORSMAN has.

NEWSPAPER CURRENCY. A Chicago divorce case rests on the complaint of a lady that her husband made her get up in the middle of the night and make the bed over.

On Wednesday an American ignorant of the heavy duty on silver, was prevented from landing at Prescott with a large quantity of silver he was openly carrying in a satchel. It is said he returned to Ogdensburg.

Have you seen the new Coal Oil Burner at MR. HORSMAN'S. Professor Goldwin Smith, it is rumored, proposes to quit England for life in the course of the ensuing spring.

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CHRISTMAS BOXES. WE WOULD INVITE THOSE ABOUT TO PURCHASE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

to step in and examine our stock, as it is larger and more varied than ever. D. SAVAGE. Guelph, December 14, 1867.

Apothecaries' Hall, MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH. JUST RECEIVED A Large supply of SYDNEY BROWN'S PERFUME

Watches! Superior to either the "Russell" or "American" Watch, containing as it does a new and DELIGHTFUL PERFUME

for the Handkerchief, unrivalled for the sweetness of its odour and lasting properties. Price Twenty-five Cents each. CHEAP Photographs

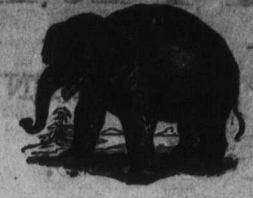
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1,000 MEN WANTED At the ELEPHANT Clothing Emporium TO FILL THOSE

OVERCOATS and PEA JACKETS which range in price from \$3.50 upwards. During the present month SMITH & BOTSFORD

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS OF STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS! AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE. GEORGE JEFFREY

FALL AND WINTER STOCK! WHICH WILL BE FOUND ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE IN CANADA. HE WOULD PARTICULARLY DIRECT ATTENTION TO A FEW DEPARTMENTS:

RUTHERFORD HOUSE! DRY GOODS, CLOTHING And a Cheap lot of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Underclothing, Groceries, Crockery and Liquors are Cheaper than ever

Just Arrived from Newfoundland 100 Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings, 100 Half Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings, Commercial Bank Bills taken at par.

GREAT SALE OF BOOTS AND SHOES PREST & HEPBURN WILL COMMENCE On Monday next, 23rd Dec., To sell off their entire Stock of Imported Goods At Cost and Under!

Whole Stock will be sold without Reserve for Cash only. PREST & HEPBURN.