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The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the
Sixteenth Century.

CHAPTER XXIII.—A CONFESSION AND A NEW PERIL.

O sacred hunger of ambitious minds
And impotent desire of men to raise!
When neither dread of God nor devil binds
Nor laws of men that common-wisdom contains,
Nor hands of nature that wild beasts restrain
Can keep from outrage and from doing wrong.
Where they may hope a kingdom to obtain
No faith so firm, no trust can be so strong.
No love so lasting then, that may endure long.

But, try as he might, Gilbert could not sleep. The face and voice of Mistress Douglas haunted him and seemed to upbraid him for something he had done.

He did not like to feel that, however unwittingly, he had caused her pain. He owed her much; he owed to her his appointment to the Queen's Guard; and now he owed to her care his life, perhaps. She was generous beyond measure and beautiful—why it was villainous to injure so kind a lady ever so slightly or unintentionally.

If he could have only discovered the nature of the wound, he would have healed it, at the cost of the life she had rescued. But wherefore should he conclude that it was any wound at all; or, if it were, that he had caused it?

He did not know. One of those instinctive perceptions which men and women at times experience in their relations with each other taught him that the shade of melancholy he had observed indicated a wound and impulse thrust him to the conclusion that he was himself the cause. How that came about he was perfectly unable to comprehend.

She was very beautiful—how beautiful he had strangely neglected to remark before. That she was pretty and a little coquettish he had, of course, been aware this long time; but now—he could not find any reason for this either—she appeared to him absolutely beautiful.

She was kind—so kind that he could never hope to redeem the debt of gratitude under which she had placed him. What had she not risked—what petty incense had she not endured in coming to this poor but to nurse him back to life, and all out of simple friendship, and because he had once rendered her a slight service. She was indeed kind, generous, and beautiful.

And while he was thinking of these matters there glided quietly between him and his thoughts a pale sweet face that made his heart bound, and the shadow grew hot. It was the face of Lady Spens that seemed to be regarding him with a sad chiding expression.

"I know, I know," he murmured feebly, "that I have done you grievous wrong; but the saints above know how cruelly I was betrayed; they know how eagerly I would have entered the lists to serve your cause, how gladly I would die now if I could redeem the past. But the Holy Mother who give me strength to save you yet, dear lady, you would not doubt the fidelity wherewith I serve you, if you could only know that had I dared to love my dead guardian's wife I would have loved you, Margaret Spens, I would have loved you!"

The vision of the face seemed to fade away at this, and he opened his eyes. The chamber was in darkness. The daylight had faded and he could see only a subdued misty gleam upon the window.

"How weak I have grown," he said, half in anger with himself, "Mistress Spens will not doubt my truth, and for the rest, let me regain strength, then place me face to face with Tushie and they shall have proof enough of his villany."

The door opened quietly, as if the opener feared to disturb a dreamer, and Mistress Douglas entered carrying a casket. She paused as she closed the door and looked toward the couch. The light shone upon her face, and Gilbert Elliott was startled by its exceeding pallor.

He did not speak, and as she advanced to him he closed his eyes involuntarily; he did not like to see her distress.

He felt that he was standing beside him, that she was peering into his face and he fancied that he could hear her heart beating tumultuously.

A subdued sigh caused him to look up quickly with an exclamation of surprise. "Something afflicted you, sweet mistress; tell me what it is that I may learn how to help you."

She drew back hastily, and, as it seemed, with a degree of embarrassment, in being observed in a bad humour.

"You are not sleeping," she ejaculated vexedly.

"I could not sleep; all that you have told me frets me with impatience to be up again able to serve my friends," he answered hotly.

She raised her finger warningly and smiled but he felt that the smile was forced.

TO BE CONTINUED.

From London to New York in Seven Days.

The Dublin correspondent of the London Morning Herald says: We are promised a new means of communication between this country and America, which will enable a traveller to perform the journey from London to New York within seven days. The projectors are the Hon. Charles Tupper, late Prime Minister of Nova Scotia, and Mr. Sanford Fleming, Engineer to the Intercolonial Railway. These gentlemen are now staying at Valencia, the guests of the Knight of Kerry, whose co-operation they have secured, as his territory is to be the starting point of the new route. Between the port of Valencia—which is to be linked in civilization by an extension of the railway from Killarney—and St. John's Newfoundland, swift sailing steamers, capable of travelling at the rate of sixteen nautical miles an hour, are to run, by which means the Atlantic voyage will be reduced to 100 hours. From St. John's the passengers are to be conveyed by rail and steamboats to the eastern terminus of the Grand Trunk Railway, from which point they can proceed to any part of the Transatlantic continent. By this route a traveller would arrive in New York from London in seven days. The projectors are very sanguine as to the success of their proposed undertaking.

RUNAWAY MARE FOUND AFTER FOUR YEARS' ABSENCE.—On the 24th of May, 1894, a mare belonging to Mr. W. Farris, and at pasture on Judge Wilson's farm, strayed away, and no trace of her was found until a few days ago, when Mr. Alderman McCormick, getting off a train at St. Thomas, noticed her tied to a post at the railway station. Thus, after an absence of fifty months, she was found to have become the legitimate property of a person in the neighbourhood of that town, having been impounded and sold after long confinement. Mr. McCormick must certainly have a very keen eye for horse-flesh, to have remembered the peculiar features of this animal after the lapse of four years.—Free Press.

JUST TO HAND

A SMALL LOT OF

LADIES' and MISSES'

STRAW HATS.

PRICE—5c, 10c, 12c, 15c, and 20c,

WORTH FIVE TIMES THE MONEY

W. M. STEWART

HAS much pleasure in informing and calling the marked attention of his friends and the public, that he has succeeded in relieving TWO WHOLESALE HOUSES of the stock of goods suited for the present season, value, at half cost, over \$10,000, of Dress Goods, Hosiery, Shirts, Flannels, Skirtings, and a large lot of Haberdashery.

AT HALF THE COST

OF THE GOODS Laid DOWN

The undernoted lines will bear out his statement that he is now giving the public benefit:

2635 yds. Dress Goods reduced to \$0.10

Former Price, 20c.

235 do do do do 0.12;

Former pri. e, 25c

2120 do do do do 0.15

Former price, 30c

1976 do do do do 0.30

Former price, 35c.

265 Fancy Dresses, each, 1.00

Former price, \$2.25.

175 do do do do 1.25

Former price, \$2.50.

300 do do do do 1.50

ormer price, \$3.00.

215 do do do do 2.00

Former price \$4.00.

Choice Lot of do., 1do., \$2.50,

\$3.00 and \$3.50.

A SMALL lot of Dresses, slightly soiled, will be offered at merely a nominal price.

A LOT of Ladies' Jackets, in Meltons, Valvets, Tissues, Silk and Water-Proof Cloths, will be offered at above quotations.

A LOT of Shirting FLANNEL at half price.

A LOT of Cambrones and Kentucky Jeans from 12c per yard.

A LOT of Hosiery, mottled and striped, from 12c per pair.

A LOT of Cotton Gloves at 5c per pair.

A LOT of Croquet Skirts and Skirtings at prices

SPECIAL ATTENTION

DIRECTED to a lot of Light Ground Prints, partially damaged by water in transit, at 12c per yard, worth 17c.

Lace and Muslin Curtains, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, White and Coloured Quilts, Toilet Covers, Damasks, in Union and Wool, Reps, Towels, Hucks, Crash, Tickings, Bleached and Grey Cottons will be offered at Low Prices.

NOTE.—The above Goods were never sold in the Town of Guelph at such a sacrifice in price. Every one should consult their interests by an early call.

W. M. STEWART,
Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph June 10. daw tf

Silver Question.

IN CONSIDERATION

Of the mutual agreement herein contained,

WE, the undersigned, Merchants and Traders in the Town of Guelph, do severally agree, the one with the others, but not the one for the others, that we respectively will not from and after the first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, accept, or permit our agents to accept, in payment of any debt due, or to become due to us, or of any goods sold, or to be sold by us or our agents, any silver coin of the coinage of the United States of America, (when offered in amounts over five cents,) unless there be the same time paid therewith to us discount at the rate of two per cent. on each of said coins, under denomination or nominal value of a quarter of a dollar, and at the rate of four per cent. on each of said coins of the denomination or nominal value of a quarter of a dollar and upwards; the British shilling to be received at the rate of twenty-four cents, and the British sixpence at the rate of twelve cents.

AND, in consideration of the premises, we further severally agree, the one with the others, but not the one for the others, that in the event of default being made by us respectively in the due performance of the above agreement, we will forthwith pay to John Hogg, of the Town of Guelph, Merchant (party hereto), his executors and administrators as trustees or trustees for himself and the others, the sum of fifty dollars of lawful money of Canada, which is hereby expressly declared shall not be considered as a penalty, but as liquidated damages for each breach of the said agreement, which said damages may be recovered by him or his executors or administrators from any one or more of us who shall make default in the due performance of the said agreement in any court having competent jurisdiction in that behalf.

AND, it is hereby expressly declared and agreed that in the event of three-thirds in number of the undersigned at any time desiring to withdraw from this arrangement, it shall be competent for them at any time to give notice in writing to the said John Hogg of such their intention, and at the expiration of one month from delivery of the said notice to the said John Hogg, these presents shall ipso facto, cease and become of no effect, provided, nevertheless, it shall be competent for the said John Hogg to continue or continue any proceeding for the recovery of any damages, in virtue thereof, for any breach of the agreement herein contained, prior to the expiration of said month.

AS WITNESS our hands this tenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight:—

John Hogg
James Massie & Co.
Wm. Clarke, M. D.
A. O. BUCHAM
G. B. Fraser
J. M. Bond & Co.
James Cormack
Pres & Hepburn
John A. Wood
Wm. McGill & Co.
H. Berry
Wm. Macklin & Co.
D. Savage
C. & T. Meredith
John L. Lewis
Jackson & Hallett
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A. Thomson & Co.
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Thomas Brown
E. Carroll & Co.
John Criddle
T. J. Day
M. J. Doran
John Hunter
R. Cuthbert
John M. Neil
James Murphy
J. Bradley
J. Wilkinson
McLagan & James.
George Pirie.
JAMES MASSIE
WILLIAM STEWART
JAMES CORMACK
Guelph, July 10, 1868. daw tf

MEDICAL HALL!

SODA WATER.

PURE ICE COLD.

PURE ice-cold aerated Soda Water, manufactured from Nicholson's celebrated Fountain, with choice Syrups, including

STRAWBERRY
RASPBERRY
LEMON
PINE APPLE
GINGER
NECTAR, &c

E. HARVEY & CO.

Corner Macdonnell and Wyndham-sts.

Guelph, 18th July, 1898. p w

TO HAND AT

Day's Bookstore.

Opposite the Market.

Bow Bells
English Mechanic
People's Magazine,
London Society,
St. James, St. Paul's
Belgravia,
Tinsley's
Broadway, Quiver,
Casell's Magazine,
English Woman's
Young English Woman's Magazine
Family Herald,
World of Fashion
Argosy
Temple Bar
London Journal
All the Year Round
Once a Week
Good Words
Sunday Magazine
Leisure Hour
Sunday at Home
Chamber's Journal, &c., &c.

FOR JULY.

Guelph, July 16th. dw

NEW FRUIT!

At MRS. ROBINSON'S

Dominion Store!

Upper Wyndham Street, next to the Wellington Hotel, Guelph.

Cherries and Oranges.

A large stock to hand at

Mrs. Robinson's,

Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, July 9th, 1898. daw

ALBION HOTEL!

St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.

MR. DECKER would say that having re-

sponsible management of the Albion, he

hopes by personal attention to merit a continu-

ance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon

him during the last 12 years. L. W. DECKER.

Montreal, 30th March, 1893. d

LOOK THIS WAY!

A. O. BUCHAM

DESIRE to thank his numerous friends for the marked success that has so far attended his Great CLEARING SALE, and respectfully intimates to the ladies and gentlemen of this town that his entire Stock, comprising the best selection of FANCY and

STAPLE DRY GOODS

IS FOR SALE. Intending purchasers should not hesitate one moment, but come this way. Various Sales are announced, but they all amount to nothing in view of this GRAND

SELL OFF!

Bargains in Dresses, Bargains in Silks, Bargains in Grenadines, Bargains in Muslins,

Bargains in Silk Jackets, Bargains in Skirtings, Bargains in Shawls, Bargains in Skirts.

MILINERY and STRAW GOODS at less than one-half the former price.

Cheap STAPLE GOODS

A. O. B. has always sold Staple Goods Cheaper than any other House. The large quantity sold is sufficient guarantee that such is the case. But during this Sale the greatest bargains are going in

Prints, Shirtings, Tickings, Denims, Towellings, Table Cloths and Napkins, Sheetings, White & Grey Cottons.

NOTICE THIS—Silver taken at par until the first of August. Come this way with your small change, and help to get rid of the Nuisance.

A. O. BUCHAM.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, July 25, 1898. daw tf

Bankrupt STOCK.

At equally Low Prices on and after WEDNESDAY, the 16th Inst.

Inspection invited so as to satisfy the most incredulous that SUCH BARGAINS HAVE NEVER BEEN OFFERED IN GUELPH.

Guelph, July 18th, 1898. dw

G. B. FRASER.

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