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GREAT BARGAINS! Families ought to take advantage of this rare opportunity of laying in their Winter supplies at once, as this Stock is very large and complete in every Department. **Actual Cost Prices** will be asked for all the Goods, and no second price or bantering. Store will be open at 9 o'clock in the morning, and close at 6 o'clock in the evening during the sale. All Goods will be sold for Cash only.

Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

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HOGG & CHANCE

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Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
SATURDAY EV'NG, NOVEMBER 30.

POETRY.
A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW.
The surging sea of human life
For ever onward rolls,
Beating to the great world
Each day its freight of souls;
But though our bark sails bravely on,
Pale Death sits at the prow
And few shall know we ever lived.
A hundred years from now.
O mighty human brotherhood,
Why fiercely war and strive,
While God's great world has ample space
For everything alive.
Broad fields, uncultured and unploughed,
Are waiting for the plough
Of Progress, that shall make them bloom
A hundred years from now.
Why should we toil so earnestly
In life's short, narrow span,
On golden steps to climb so high
Above our fellow man?
Why blindly at an earthly shrine
Our souls in homage bow?
Our gods will rust, ourselves be dust,
A hundred years from now.
Why prize so much the world's applause?
Why dread so much its blame?
A fleeting echo is its voice
Of censure or of fame.
The praise that fills the heart, the scorn
That dyes with shame the brow,
Will be as long forgotten dreams
A hundred years from now.
Earth's empires rise and fall, O Time,
Like breakers on thy shore,
They rush upon thy rocks of doom,
Are seen, and seen no more.
The stately wideness of worlds
That gem Night's radiant brow,
Will light the skies for other eyes
A hundred years from now.
O Thou before whose sleepless eyes
The past and future stand
An open page, like babes we cling
To thy protecting hand;
Change, sorrow, death, are naught to us,
If we may safely bow
Beneath the shadow of thy Throne,
A hundred years from now.

NORAH CUSHALEEN
OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

An hour later Father Murphy arrived on his grey pony. This priest was an elderly man, mild and benevolent-looking. He was very popular among the peasantry, by whom his solitary chapel at the end of the valley was very well attended.
Lady Blantire left the room as Father Murphy entered it. Being the priest of the peasantry, this was reason enough why she should be cold and haughty towards him.
But Father Murphy took no notice of her hauteur. To her stately bow he returned a cheerful smile, and held the door open till she swept out. Then closing it, he went forward to the side of the couch.
'Mr. Malvrin, he said in a kind voice, 'I am sorry, indeed, to see you in this evil case.'
'It's bad enough,' returned Malvrin, 'but it can't be mended, and I don't wish it. Have you heard of Norah's reappearance?'
'I got the story from Father Brannigan this afternoon,' answered the priest. 'He blames me for having married you, and 'tis a pity, as it has turned out; but you seemed to love each other so dearly that I could not find it in my heart to refuse you.'
'I did love Norah, then,' said Malvrin, 'and I did not think that I should ever regret the marriage. But I ran short of funds, became embarrassed, and a wealthy marriage became necessary.'
'None grieved more than I did for poor Norah's untimely fate,' said his reverence; 'and comprehending that you did not wish your marriage with her to be revealed, I intended never to mention it. But the strange revelations of last night, the appearance of Norah and the child, and this rash act of yours, changed the matter entirely.'
'It does,' returned Malvrin. 'The boy is undoubtedly the heir of Blantire, and I wish you to take charge of his education, and see that he is properly protected. Will you undertake the task?'
'Willingly,' answered Father Murphy; 'but it will be necessary that I have your authority in writing. Yonder I see your pen and ink. I will write the mandate, and you shall sign it.'
'This was done. Father Murphy raised Malvrin in the bed, and held the paper till he affixed his signature. When it was done, Malvrin groaned heavily, for he was now in great agony.
'Would you not wish to see Norah?' asked the priest.
'No' was the answer in a vehement tone and a dark shadow crept over Malvrin's countenance, for the question brought to his remembrance that dark night of treachery and crime.
The priest, who knew nothing of that murderous matter, wondered at the vehemence of the reply, but did not comment on it, and proceeded to administer the last rites of the Catholic church to the dying man, after which he pocketed

No sooner did Lady Blantire know that the priest was gone, than she again proceeded to the side of Malvrin's couch. 'The phial, mother,' he gasped. 'Give me the phial, for this agony is excruciating.'
She poured out some of the stuff, and he drank it greedily. It allayed the pain somewhat, but the effect was not so great as anticipated.
The doctor had spoken truly when he said that a terrible struggle would take place before death. Malvrin was a young man full of health and strength, the chisel of life was therefore well defended at every point, and death had to gain his victory by fighting over every inch of ground.
Then a mental cause conspired to increase the agony. Remorse was now raging in the wretched man's soul. Conscience, hitherto in a deep slumber, had roused itself up, and its scorpion stings were inflicting unimagined anguish.—Who can describe the pangs of a guilty and unpardoned soul when caught in the grasp of retribution. It must be for ever beyond all human conception.
Lady Blantire was a silent and apparently unmoved spectator of the harrowing scene. She would not summon any of the servants to share her vigils. She would not have any eye see the death-throes of the conscience-stricken master of the castle, nor any ear hear the words of dark and terrible meaning which in his delirium he was beginning to utter.
Why linger over the repulsive spectacle of the death of a bad man and a suicide. If there can be a foretaste and revelation of hell upon earth, it was manifested that night in Blantire Castle. At an early hour in the morning, after a short lull, Malvrin sprang wildly up and gazed in horror and with glazing eyeballs on one spot at the foot of the bed.
'There he is,' he shouted, 'all wet and dripping, from the sea, shaking his gray and tangled locks at me, and beckoning me to follow him. Dennis, don't grin at me with that death's head; don't wave your skeleton arms in my face, or mock me with that hideous laugh. You were my tempter old man—you planned the murder—you, you, and you alone. Away—leave me—don't twine your bony fingers round my throat. Ah, you are choking me—dragging me down—down—down—'
A jet of blood and foam gushed from his mouth and he fell back on the pillow—DEAD!

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