

**CHAPTER XIV.**  
**MRS. LANGTON DEVISES A SUBTLE PLOT, WHICH MEETS THE APPROBATION OF BARNARD HAYES, AND OPERATIONS ARE BEGUN TO CARRY IT OUT.**

"Oh, ma'am—oh, Mrs. Langton," exclaimed Ellen, her cheeks flushing with joy and gratitude, "if this might indeed be so—if you would indeed show such matchless kindness, it might have the desired effect. I am loath to believe that Richard is past redemption. He was once kind, generous, and innocent, and perhaps—oh, perhaps he is not so far lost as I have feared. Heaven bless you for the kind and Christian purposes you have devised."  
 "Yes; but if he cannot be found? Can you think of no means of tracing him?"  
 "Once I heard him name a woman with whom he lodged, but that is long ago."  
 "Ah, what was the name?" cried Mrs. Langton, eagerly. "This may be the means of tracing him. Surely you have not forgotten the name?"  
 "Most likely it was not a real name," answered Ellen. "When people fall into that degraded way of life into which Richard has sunk, they use words and appellations which have no meaning outside their unlovely circle."  
 "Yes, yes; but still it may lead to his discovery. What was the name he gave the woman?"  
 "Mother Crimp he called her."  
 "Crimp, Crimp. I shall not forget it. I will ask my brother, Mr. Hayes, to make inquiry, and probably he will be able to learn tidings of him, in which case we shall make an effort for his redemption by inducing him to accompany us to France. There—there, I see you are moved with emotion, but do not thank me for this, Ellen. I do not wish it. Go and lie down, for I see you are very weak and tired, and do not mention this to any one, Ellen—not even to Miss Annabel. I will be better for the success of our endeavor than no one should know the position into which your brother had thrown himself, or that he had given way to vice and crime."  
 "Crime!" echoed Ellen, with a shudder. "Oh, ma'am, I trust Richard has not become a criminal. Had he, I know, but I do hope he is not so steeped in guilt."  
 "We shall, indeed, hope so, Ellen; but whatever the truth may be, no hint of it must be given—even, as I said, to Miss Annabel, who will accompany us. I am the only one besides yourself who knows of his fall. Mr. Hayes may require to learn something of it, but he will not divulge it. Much—nay, everything—may depend on this. You understand, Ellen?"  
 "Oh, this is true business—true Christian charity," murmured Ellen, with tears of joy and a burst of gratitude she raised Mrs. Langton's hand to her lips.  
 "Hush! I will not have you thank me. You said, I think, that you had not mentioned your illness or your fears to any one?"  
 "To no one but Richard, as you heard."  
 "Yes—yes, to him of course, but to none else. Continue to do this, Ellen, so that it may not be suspected that your health is the object of your going abroad. Woe knows but you may return strong and well."  
 Ellen sadly shook her head. "You are very kind, ma'am—very, very kind; but I know I am dying, and will fall with the leaf. But, oh, Mrs. Langton, you have lifted the one cloud that weighed upon my spirit, and now I can go with peaceful submission into the dark valley."  
 "Go to your room and rest in the meantime," said Mrs. Langton, kindly, and Ellen gladly obeyed, for the length and nature of the conversation had thoroughly exhausted her. With slow and feeble steps she went out, and Mrs. Langton watched her fragile form till it disappeared in the passage.  
 "She will fall with the leaf," she murmured, as her countenance gathered into a hard, sinister expression. "I hope she is right, for all will depend on that. And I do believe she is not mistaken. She is really as ill as she thinks. All will be abortive if that calculation fail; but it seems so certain that I need hardly fear. And if so, the rest promises admirably. This man must become our helper; he dare not refuse, for we have power to bring him to the hulk. But we shall not work on his fears alone; he must be bribed with money, and we can afford to do so, for the result will be magnificent."  
 "The plan promises safety as well as success," she proceeded. "The house is remote, solitary, unvisited by anyone. No place could be better for the purpose. It is a daring scheme this, but it promises well, and what would I not dare to be mistress and possessor here, to avert the danger which Joseph dreams, and to take that place in society which I am fitted to occupy? Yes, at all hazards, I will carry it out. I must see Barnard at once, confide to him my plan, and get him to find Ellen's brother."  
 The house of Capt. Alexander, in William street, Hamilton, was broken into last Tuesday night, during the absence of the family. The thief, however, failed to secure anything valuable.

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 All of choice quality and at low prices.  
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 Hamilton, Feb. 10, 1873.

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 At Decided Bargains!  
 Files of Scarlet Flannel at 25c  
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 All Wool TWEEDS from 50 cents.  
 Dress Goods,  
 The Cheapest and Newest. Prices to suit everyone.  
**W.M. STEWART.**  
 Guelph, Dec. 12, 1872

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**AT GEORGE JEFFREY'S.**

THE SUBSCRIBER BEGS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT HE HAS JUST RECEIVED

**OVER TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PIECES OF M. NAUGHTAN & THOM'S BEST PRINTS**  
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**THE GREAT SALE**  
**Of BANKRUPT STOCK!**  
 Is going on lively at the old stand, Wyndham St.  
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 The Entire Stock of Machinery  
 Consisting of Sewing, Pegging, Eyelitting and Splicing Machines. Also, a large number of Sole Dies, which will be sold very cheaply.  
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**W.M. McLaren, Assignee.**  
 Guelph, April 17, 1873.

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**Lubin's Toilet Soap.**  
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 Dispensing Chemists,  
 Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell streets, Guelph.  
 Guelph, Mar. 25, 1873.

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**CARRIAGE WORKS,**  
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**GRAND SHOW ROOM**  
**OPENING**  
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**ALL THE NOVELTIES OF THE SEASON!**  
**French Pattern Bonnets,**  
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**JACKETS, COSTUMES, &c.,**  
 Making the finest stock ever shown in Guelph, and  
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 The most elegant and fashionable Perfumery of the day.  
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**HORSE BILLS**  
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**FOUR CUTS TO CHOOSE FROM.**  
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 IS NOW  
**IN FULL OPERATION**  
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 All new Instruments  
**Warranted for Six Years;**  
 Tuned (if in town) free for one year. Second hand taken in exchange or repaired.  
**TUNING ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY**  
 Prices lower than any imported, and quality and finish unsurpassed.  
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 Gentlemen requiring medium heavy suits for spring wear will find at the  
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 An unusually attractive stock to select from.  
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 Suitable for the Season.  
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**Cigar Factory.**  
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**S. MYERS,**  
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