OVER THE SNOW.

A Christmas Story.

Before a cheerful fire, in the best kitchen of a snug west-country cottage, sat two persons, a man and a woman both advanced in years. All around wore an air of homely comfort. Of mere ornament there was little; but the furniture, though plain as could be, and bearing the marks of long service, was good and solid; and its trim arrangement and spotless cleanliness spoke highly for the good housekeeping of its owners. A square of Dutch carpet, bound with crimson braid, was spread upon the stone floor; and a glazed oak bookcase displayed upon its shelves a goodly store of delf and ancient china. On the chimneypiece a cuckoo-clock ticked merrily, and in one corner of the room stood an old-fashioned square piano, on which were piled a considerable number of well-bound books. Two or three old line engravings, mostly of scriptural subjects, decorated the walls, and the lattice window was half hidden by a crimson curtain. The whole aspect of the cottage betokened competence and modest independence. Nor were the inmates belied by appearances, for few among the inhabitants of the village were more universally respected than David and Mary Holt. In the same cottage they had lived for thirty years, paying their way, and asking no favour of any man; and for five-and-twenty of those years David had been parish clerk and schoolmaster, and in the estimation of the younger parishoners, little, if at all, inferior in dignity to the parson himself. His wife, with no less respect, won more affection; for David Holt was a stern and hard man, always just but seldom generous; while Mary was ever tender-hearted, with a kind word and smile for everybody. To her the schoolchildren came in all their troubles, whether arising from blow or cricket-ball, or the perplexities of the rule of three, and rarely failed to receive some measure of consolation.

Such were the couple who sat, one Christmas Eve not very long ago, by the cosy fireside. A long clay pipe, a real old-fashioned churchwarden, just put aside, lay upon the snow-white deal table, and David Holt was reading aloud from a ponderous Family Bible, while his good wife, her hands crossed upon her knees, sat reverently listening. As befitted their solemn occupation, the faces of both were grave and quiet, but that quiet gravity seemed only to throw into stronger relief the characteristic expression of each;—David, square-headed and square-chested, with massive jaw and chin, heavy over-hanging eyebrows, and deep-set keen grey eyes, hard, proud, and unforgiving, the embodiment of stern self-will and rugged pride; the old woman, gentle and quiet, with downcast eyes, soft grey hair, and pleasant smiling lips, that told of nothing but love and charity. And yet, though the two faces were so unlike, a keen observer might have detected an element of likeness. There are some events (happy those who have known none such) which, coming into a human life, leave behind them a shadow for ever. It needed no second glance at the these two persons to know that some such event (some great sin, or shame or sorrow) had passed over their lives. But as natures differ, so the scars left by the fiery trial differ too.—In David Holt's face the shadow bore the impress of humbled pride, in Mary's that of wounded affection. The smile on the old woman's lips, the kindly smile that rested there from youth, and that old age could not wear away, though still sweet, was sad as well; and the kind voice, that had so often spoken courage and cheer to others, had now a tone of weariness and ever-present pain.—The rugged nature of David, on the other hand, seemed to have hardened under the rod; the hard features had become harder, the cold grey eye colder and sterner than ever. Even now, while reading the sweet Christmas idyll, the sweet story whose burden is the song of the angels, 'Peace on earth, good will to men,' his harsh voice lost none of its accustomed harshness, but uttered the sacred words defiantly, in tones suited rather to some tale of battle and violence, than to the glad tidings of everlasting peace.

Slowly and steadily, never raising his eyes from the sacred page, David Holt read on; but even above his loud harsh tones could be heard the unmistakeable sounds of a storm raging without. The wind howled and roared over the wild west-country moor, straining against the cottage eaves, wrestling with door and casement, and piling heaps of snow high against the lattice windows. It was a night in which no one, with a home to go to would willingly have been out of doors; any shelter, even the poorest and roughest, would have been preferable to exposure to that pitiless storm. And yet, out in the cottage garden, under the full fury of the bitter wind and driving snow, a woman stood, bareheaded and motionless, gazing through the lattice with wild, longing, hungry eyes at the homely scene within. After a little while she crept into the porch, but not to ask for shelter. One knock at the door, as though dealt with a feeble or timid hand, was heard; and then, waiting not the result, she came forth again and fled swiftly, her long hair streaming in the wild wind, towards the open moor.

After a moment or two the door opened, the light streamed from within casting a broad bright beam into the outer darkness; and Mary Holt shading her eyes with her hand, peered forth into the storm. She caugnt sight of the flying figure, and calling to her husband, the two gazed after it till it disappeared altogether in the darkness.—David was the first to re-enter the cottage, saying, as he did so, 'Come in, Missus, come in will'ee? It's some foolish prank o' one o' the village wenches. She thought to fright us, I reckon.' His wife turned to follow him but as she did so, stumbled against a bundle lying at her feet. 'She's left some'at behind her, then,' said the old woman, stooping to examine it when a faint wailing cry was heard and she started back an instant, then hastily snatching up the bundle, rushed into the cottage. 'Oh Davy, did 'ee ever; it's a child!'

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

The *Charivari* says there is a talk of canonising a new saint in Rome—saint Chassepot!

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH.
December 14, 1867.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	$3 75	"	4 00
Fall Wheat per bushel	1 50	"	1 60
Spring Wheat	1 36	"	1 40
Oats do	0 45	"	0 4
Peas do	0 62	"	0 66
Barley do	0 68	"	0 75
Hay, per ton	9 00	"	12 00
Straw do	4 00	"	5 00
Shingles per square	1 00	"	1 50
Wood per cord	3 00	"	4 00
Wool	0 27	"	0 29
Eggs, per dozen	0 14	"	0 16
Butter (firkin), per lb	0 14	"	0 16
Geese, each	0 25	"	0 35
Turkeys do	0 50	"	0 60
Chickens per pair	0 20	"	0 25
Ducks do	0 20	"	0 30
Potatoes	0 50	"	0 55
Apples per brls.	0 00	"	2 00
Lamb per lb	0 06	"	0 07
Beef do	6 00	"	7 00
Beef, per lb	0 05	"	0 00
Pork per 100 lbs	4 75	"	5 50
Sheep Pelts each	0 30	"	0 60
Lamb skins do	0 40	"	0 40
Hides per 100 lbs	6 00	"	6 00

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE.
Guelph, December, 14, 1867.

Gold, 138⅜.
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Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 50c. to 55c.
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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's. report by Special Telegraph to 'Evening Mercury.')

MONTREAL, December 14, 1867.

Flour—Fancy, $7 30 to $7 40; Superfine No. 1. $6 90 to $7 10; Welland Canal, $7 00. Bag flour, $3 30 to $3 40. Oats 38c to 39c. Barley 70c to 80c. Butter—dairy 15c to 17c; store packed 13c to 15c. Ashes—Pots $5 40 to $5 45. pearls $5 90 $5 92½.

HAMILTON, December 13 1867.

Fall wheat,—$1 45 @ $1 50. spring do—$1 30 @ $1 35 per bushel. Barley—70c @ 73c. Oats —52c to 52c Peas—73c @ 75c.

TORONTO, December 13, 1867

Flour—Receipts, 50 brls; No. 1, at $6 00.— [illegible] Peas—72c. Oats—53c to 55c.

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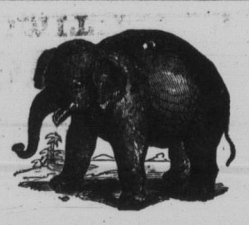

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