

# Sweet Norine

From the butt end of the revolver in the man's hand had knelt, lameness in the deep snow by the roadside.

In an instant the masked hand seized the lantern and bent over his fallen adversary, losing no time in rifling his pockets of their valuable contents, transferring the package he was looking for to his own.

"Dead men tell no tales," he muttered, and seizing the rigid form of Joe in his arms, he carried him to the edge of the precipice and dropped him over; down-down into the horrible, yawning abyss below.

Then once again he turned his attention to the stage coach and its occupant.

"I hid you a very good evening and a safe journey, madam," he exclaimed, with an obsequious bow. "You need have no fear about my disturbing you. I never rob a lady, unless forced by the direst of necessities to do so, fair lady. Proceed, when your driver returns, without the least fear of molestation from your truly, Claude Duval, jun., alias Jack Shepard, or Dick Turpin, whichever pseudonyms you fancy most."

With those words, and another most graceful bow, he was gone, and the woman within the broken down stage sat like a marble image still, watching the red glow of the lantern until the dark night swallowed it, and she was left alone in the horrible darkness, and the awful stillness, broken only by the wild fury of the wind tearing down the mountain gorges, and the piteous whinnying of the remaining horse hitched to the old stage.

Suddenly the cord which seemed to bind Mrs. Barrison's every sense snapped asunder, and with a desperate leap for one in her condition, she sprang head foremost from the vehicle—her thought being to get away, anywhere—anywhere from the spot where she had witnessed the horrible tragedy of the murder of her fellow traveler.

Again, as the cold air struck her face, she tried to cry out, but it was useless; her throat only gave forth a gurgling sound, and she realized with horror more fearful than death that her tongue was paralyzed.

CHAPTER XI.

So terrified was the hapless woman over the horrible discovery, that the power of speech had suddenly left her; that, all forgetful of her weakness and the great amount of strength she was exerting, she fairly flew down the slippery, snow-covered mountain road.

It was only by the mercy of heaven that she did not make a misstep and go over the ledge into the yawning abyss below, the darkness was so impenetrable.

How far she traversed she never knew, in her dazed imagination she quite fancied she saw the twinkling lights of Hadley just before her; but as she strove with might and main to reach them, she realized dimly that they were night stars set in the black, arched dome above her, and a strange shudder passed over her.

As she stumbled on and on through the terrible night, the very breath froze on her white lips as in drifts the night grew colder—colder and colder.

She was old and ill, she had lived a harsh, unhappy life, but she was not ready to die.

Die! The very thought filled her trembling heart with horror. And to die out in the cold, with drifts of snow for a winding sheet.

In that hour she thought of the hapless daughter whom she had turned from her door to meet just such a cruel fate on just such a night.

Was this God's vengeance upon her, after all these years?

She tried to cry out to heaven if she could but be saved she would atone, as far as was in her power, to the child that hapless daughter had left behind her. But the angry God who rules and reigns above seemed deaf to her prayer. Had her sin been so great that atonement was denied her?

On and on she toiled, each step through the drifts becoming more difficult.

At last, looking up, she saw with joy which no words could describe, the gates of her own home looming up before her, but a few feet distant.

She redoubled her efforts to reach it, but her feet seemed leaden-weighted, and she realized dimly that the blood in her veins was slowly turning to ice.

She held out her arms to the great glowing gate, then, with a gasping, gurgling sound, born of her mighty effort to cry out, she sank in the roadside, unable to take the few more steps that would bring her to the shelter of her own home and safety.

The wild winds roared with demoniac rage about her, the great snowflakes were hurled about her and over her in high drifts.

She knew what it meant, she was to die out there in the snowdrifts, within sight of the peace, warmth and comfort of her own home.

The wind rose higher, fiercer and more cruelly cutting, whirling the snow about her in its own mad fashion.

The old, gray hair bent lower—lower, until it rested on the frozen drifts; but she did not feel the bitter cold. The old hands that clutched the folded paper relaxed, and their burden fell from them. She raised the other hand to the bosom of her dress and tore it open frantically with her last expiring strength—of air. She was stifling—dying.

The other paper, yellow with age, fell from its hiding place, but she did not heed it.

She did not know that the frolicsome winds caught up the two papers, hurled them high over the great stone fence, and higher still over the treetops, landing them through a window left open by mistake, directly into the room of Clifford Carlisle, as though by preconceived design.

But at that moment, while life and death struggled for supremacy in the chilled body of Frances Barrison, the light of a lantern came fitting like a huge earth-star up the path.

It was swung to and fro in the hands of a young girl, and that young girl—Norine.

Was it strange and inexplicable fate that caused the short cut through the village to be blocked with snow, thus obliging those who must from necessity venture out to take the long, round-about journey, seldom had of late years, which led past the stone house of Frances Barrison, the old recluse.

Norine had been to the bedside of one of the sickly children who, she was told, but was calling for her in-

lants, and while he was gone old Esther—aided by Norine's nimble fingers—soon divested the cold limbs of the frozen clothing, and in less time than it takes to tell it, she was placed on the lounge, wrapped in hot blankets, before the kitchen fire, to thaw out.

But each moment old Esther seemed to grow more nervous and terrified.

"How came she out in the cold and snow, and— and with you?" she exclaimed, tremulously, adding: "Some miracle has been wrought, some great miracle." Norine smiled rather amusedly.

(To be continued.)

## HYPNOTIZED BY VICTIM'S WIFE.

### A GERMAN OFFICER'S THRILLING CONFESSION.

**He Was Led on to Commit Murder— Astonishing Story of a Man's Mad Love for a Woman, and How She Controlled His Actions.**

Berlin, March 3.—The murder of a military officer by a brother officer Christmas night, which excited great interest in Germany, has become doubly sensational through the murderer's confession that he was hypnotized by the wife of the murdered man into the commission of the crime. Beyond the fact that Captain Von Goeben, of the artillery, shot and killed Major Von Schoenberg, of the dragons, in the latter's house, owing to the former's guilty love for Frau Von Schoenberg, little was certainly known, although many versions of the affair were current. Friends tried to get Von Goeben declared insane, but experts declared he was sane. Von Goeben realized that his execution as a common murderer was certain, and he committed suicide yesterday in his cell in the military prison at Altonstein, on the Polish frontier, by hacking his throat with a blunt table knife. To the Munich alienist, Prof. Baris Schrenknotzing, the murderer a few hours previously made an astonishing confession of mad love for Frau Von Schoenberg and of her power over him. In the course of his confession, which was sworn to, he said: "My country, my mother, my friends, all would have cheerfully betrayed me but I have changed them for this witch, who made me swear beneath the twinkling branches of her children's Christmas tree that I would kill their father that very night."

Although he knew from her own lips that she had led a reckless life, Von Goeben said: "I regarded her as something pure and sacred. I believed blind devotion, and I never knew how I credited it all. The woman must have exercised a sort of mesmerism over me, for I would have unhesitatingly and unobscuringly have committed the crime for her. I never had pang of conscience. I honored her as a goddess."

The woman constantly complained of her husband's ill-treatment, and Von Goeben resolved to free her. His disquieting thoughts were rid of him, and at one time decided that the wife should poison him. In his confession Von Goeben adds: "I bought her enough arsenic to poison two hundred persons, but her courage failed." Other women were discussed until, when Christmas came, Von Goeben was Von Schoenberg's guest, and during the latter's absence from the room, Frau Von Schoenberg made Von Goeben swear that he would kill her husband. Von Goeben said: "I cheerfully made that oath." And with the wife's complicity he re-entered the house after leaving, by opening a window, three hours after midnight. Major Von Schoenberg was disturbed by the noise, and met the intruder with his revolver, but before he could fire Von Goeben shot him.

**AT R. McKAY & CO'S., Thursday, March 5th, 1908**  
HAMILTON'S MOST PROGRESSIVE STORE

MANY LINES OF

# New Spring Goods

On Sale To-morrow

Selected from one of the best stocks ever imported into Hamilton, comprising larger assortments than we have ever shown, and better value than ever. This is a broad statement, but we mean it. Read these undervalues, and come to-morrow, and come early.

### Immense Sale of Ladies' and Children's Hosiery

Regular 40c Value, Sale Price 22c Pair

This is another lucky purchase, and by taking the lot, comprising 200 dozen, enabled us to make a good bargain. Guaranteed full fashioned, two in one rib, spliced toes and heels. It's just your chance to put in a good stock when you can buy at these prices. Regular 40c value, for 22c pair.

### The Great Silk Sale

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Never before have the women of Hamilton been offered such a choice lot of Silks. Hundreds of splendid dress and waist lengths await your choosing. High grade Silks on sale at less than one-half.

### Another Big Shipment of Fine Embroideries Goes on Sale To-morrow

This store has a great reputation for its Embroidery sales, and we are pleased to tell you that we have marked off and passed into stock another immense shipment, and will be ready for your choosing to-morrow. On sale in many cases at less than one-half regular.

### Annual Silk Sale

400 Yards 26-Inch Ivory Wash 49c Regular Value 75c

Do not fail to take advantage of this special offer, as this Silk will be so much wanted for summer waists, slips, etc., and is very special value at regular price. A natural Habutai, perfect washing quality and full yard wide, regular 75c yard, on sale to-morrow 49c.

### Manufacturers' Ends of Fine Black Dress Materials

Worth \$1 and \$1.50 on Sale To-morrow for 79c

The balance of these fine dress materials go on sale at a fraction of their real value, in lengths from 6 1/2 yards up to 10 yards each, comprising Voles, Crepe de Chines, Mohairs, Taffetas, Chiffon, Panamas, Silk Eolienne, etc., all ends of this season's most fashionable and desirable materials, worth up to \$1.50, on sale to-morrow at 79c.

### Odds and Ends Sale of Embroideries

3, 5, 9, 11c Yard

Balance of sample ends to clear, fine Cambrie Edgings, 2 to 12 inches wide, all good patterns, also insertions to match, come in 2 1/2 to 6 yard ends, regularly 5, 10, 15, 20c yard, clearing 3, 5, 9, 11c yard.

**Corset Cover Embroidery 25c Yard**

Fine Cambrie Corset Cover Embroidery, 18 inches wide, beautifully embroidered with 6 and 8 inch design, in eyelet and shadow designs, with heading inserted, some pieces worth up to 50c, clearing at 25c yard.

**Hemstitched Skirtings 59c Yard**

25 pieces of Swiss and Cambrie Skirtings, 18 to 27 inches wide, beautifully embroidered with 3 inch hemstitched hems, made especially for children's dresses, some choice dress lengths, worth up to \$1.00 yard, clearing at 59c yd.

**Embroidered All-over 29 and 39c Yard**

1,000 yards of dainty Swiss and Cambrie All-over, 18 to 20 inches wide, nicely embroidered in eyelet and shadow designs, suitable for children's dresses, shirt waists, fronts, etc., regularly 50 and 75c yard, on sale 29 and 39c yard.

**Fur Bargain Time is Here**

Of course, we are not going to carry over any of our splendid stock of Furs, and that's why we have reduced the price so radically for to-morrow's selling. No thought of profit or cost now. Our only desire is to dispose of our entire stock in the shortest possible time.

### Women's Fur-Lined Coats \$29.00

Made of fine imported Broadcloth, twill buck models, trimmed with self strappings, lined with squirrel lock, collar and revers of sable. These Coats are \$53 value, sale price for to-morrow \$29.00.

\$40 Astrachan Coats \$20	\$125 Persian Lamb Coats \$65
2 only to clear at \$20. These Coats are of long, lined twill buck with quilted satin, double breasted storm collar and revers. Make your selection early, as quantity is limited, \$40 Coats for \$20.00.	This is the best snap of the season. All selected Persian skins, lined with best quality black satin, strictly up-to-date in style, only 2 Coats to offer, regular \$125, clearing at \$65.00.
\$30.00 Persian Lamb Muffs \$17.50	\$63.00 Mink Muffs \$35.00
\$45.00 Persian Paw Sets \$12.50	\$95.00 Mink Sets \$55.00
\$13.50 Grey Squirrel Ties \$7.50	\$30.00 Mink Ties \$17.50
\$10.00 Grey Squirrel Muffs \$5.00	\$50.00 Mink Stoles \$35.00

### Special Staple Values

**Pillow Cases 50c Pair**

Hemstitched Pillow Cases, well finished, made of fine, even cotton, 42, 44, 46 and 48 inch, special 50c pair.

**Odd Napkins**

75 dozen Odd Napkins, 1/2 size, pure linen, slightly imperfect, splendid for hotel or boarding house use, worth \$2.50 dozen, for \$1.50.

**Flannelette**

36-inch Striped Flannelette, soft, warm finish, special offer 9 yards for \$1.00.

**Cream Damask**

70-inch Cream Damask, pure linen, fine, even weave, slightly imperfect, regular 75c, for 55c yard.

**Sheeting 35c**

Extra quality Bleached Sheetting, plain and twill, round, even weave, 2 yards wide, 45c value, for 35c.

**INSANITY PLEADED.**

**ST. THOMAS MERCHANT CONVICTED OF FORGERY.**

**James A. Moore Signed His Brother's Name to Bank Guarantee—Prisoner's Aged Father Appears in Court to Testify on Insanity Plea.**

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**WHAT CAUSES HEADACHE.**

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**A MAN TORN TO PIECES.**

**GUELPH OFFICIALS APPOINTED.**

**ENGINEER KYLE ACQUITTED.**

**Charge of Negligence in Connection With Myrtle Wreck.**

Whitby, March 3.—Engineer Hugh Kyle, of the C. P. R. freight train which caused the wreck near Myrtle on March 25, 1907, was to-day tried under sections 283 and 284 of the criminal code for negligence, causing grievous bodily harm and acquitted. The Crown had no difficulty in showing that Kyle had been given a specific order to meet extra 1488 at Myrtle. He had not obeyed the order, and by his neglect to do so had caused the accident.

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