

ANNABEL OR THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XIII. PARTINGS—THE TEMPTATION GROWING INTO FORM.

"This is the prospect, is it?" she hoarsely whispered. "All that he thinks of is the dishonour, the disgrace—not the penny, the loss of station, of society, of all that makes life enjoyable. And shall it come to this? Never—I swear it never shall. This only shows more clearly the necessity of that on which I have been brooding. I have not been able to devise the means as yet, but the object is more essential than ever, and this which Joseph has told me but settles my purpose the more firmly, and gives new motive to my brain to find a safe path to success, I must sit me down to think—to think."

"This was a fatal proclivity which Mrs. Langton had indulged for some time past—indeed, ever since the day when the adventure in Woolman's Lane and its consequences had been made known to her. Every energy of her subtle mind, prompted by her selfishness and ambition of her nature, had been at work to devise a means of preventing her cousin's property from passing from her. The stealing of the marriage certificate and the phraseology employed in the Will had been as much her device as that of her half-brother, who had carried the double project into effect. As that, however, had resulted in utter failure, she had set to work again, to ponder and to brood, and ever as she did so the fearfully suggestive words uttered by her equally unscrupulous but more timid brother when they parted in the shrubbery occurred to her—

"The only contingency which can avoid the evil is the death of Annabel within the year."

That she knew was a statement of perfect truth. The death of Annabel while she was still unmarried and childless, would, without difficulty or question, make her the mistress of Bookone, and the possessor of her cousin's wealth. An event which will prove of such momentous consequence soon, alas! came to be contemplated by her as something desirable—something to be eagerly wished for. Yes, dreadful as it is to record, this woman did not spare from her mind the horrid thought when it sought for admission there, but allowed it to enter, and cherished it till it grew into a desire and a longing, "If Annabel would but die within the year," was her oft-repeated mental utterance. Yet she was forced to conclude that there was little chance of this, for the young girl, though not robust, was naturally healthy, and, despite her anxiety on Philip's account, the pure Yorkshire air was causing her cheeks to bloom, and imparting to her frame a physical strength and elasticity greater than she had ever enjoyed. Mrs. Langton marked this improvement from day to day, and her fearful hope grew less and less that Annabel would die within the year, or for many years to come.

Though convinced of this, she did not abandon her desire or her brooding over it. The dark temptress was drawing towards her, like a serpent through the brushwood. Slowly, stealthily, and in disguise it came, but with sure, persistent advance, its presence felt at first rather than seen, but gradually showing itself glimpse by glimpse, till the subject of its operation had learned to think of it without a shudder, and by and by to grow familiar with it, to prattle with it, to fondle it, and to court its society in frequent secret conferences.

To dally with temptation is to ensure the certainty of falling before it. Conquest is to be obtained only by resolutely refusing to hold parley with it; but this Mrs. Langton never tried to do. She invited it into the citadel of her soul, after she had with her own hand cast down all defences, and, as might have been expected, she was vanquished and overcome.

The temptation, as the reader will understand, was to bring about that which did not promise to be effected by natural means, and the question she had now come to ponder was, "How could Annabel's death be accomplished?"

How far a woman must have lost the gentle feelings of her nature ere she can contemplate taking away the life of another, and that other such a girl and innocent being as Annabel! How thoroughly her master-passion must sway her, and how all-consuming that master-passion must be when she shrinks not at the cruelty and the crime of MURDER! Let us do Mrs. Langton the justice to say that she did shrink with a shudder from the thought of murdering Annabel, but the shudder and the shrinking were due more to the risk, which would be run than to a horror of the deed itself. If she could discover a method of accomplishing it safely, her hesitation would soon disappear, but, presently though she was before the temptation, she yet abstained from the risk of consequences.

Such was her mental position on the morning when her husband had spoken to her of the ruin which threatened, and his discomfiture made Annabel's death even more desirable—more necessary than ever. It was, therefore, under the impetus thus given to her dark thoughts that she sat down to brood again over the fatal suggestion, and unfortunately she had not remained long thus engaged when the entrance of her maid, Ellen Mattocks, to give her the usual morning attendance, produced on her mind the first suggestion of a plan by which her horrible object might possibly be accomplished.

A HEROINE.—A young girl named Lettice Dougherty, recently died at Millville, N. J., from the effects of a wound sustained by her during a successful attempt to save the lives of nearly a thousand people. In August last, according to the Millville Republican, the deceased, while holding the position of telegraph operator at Eagle station, on the line of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, was placed in a position of responsibility which might have proved too much for most men. During a fearful thunderstorm an immense tree was struck by lightning and thrown across the track. Almost at the same moment the telegraph apparatus was disabled. Finding it impossible to send a message to warn the approaching train of danger, the brave girl seized a red lamp, and ran up the line swinging it above her head. The engineer saw the signal in time to avoid a fearful disaster. The engine ran against the tree, however, with sufficient force to disconnect a large branch, which struck the girl on the shoulder, and inflicted the injuries which resulted in her death. The passengers were so grateful for their escape that an attempt was immediately made to reward her, but she firmly declined to accept anything for having done her duty. Such a deed of personal heroism should not be allowed to go unwarded, and the men and women who were on the train on that August night might have now an opportunity to mark their appreciation of poor Lettice's bravery by causing a handsome monument to be erected to her memory.

THE FIRST ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS AT GEORGE JEFFREY'S.

THE SUBSCRIBER BEGS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT HE HAS JUST RECEIVED OVER TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PIECES OF McNAUGHTAN & THOM'S BEST PRINTS Which he will sell at 12c. per yard, being usually sold at 16c. per yard, in beautiful New Designs and Colors.

Ladies ought to come early and get a good choice of those UNPRECEDENTED CHEAP GOODS! Also, another Lot of Lace Collars at Half Price. NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS. GUELPH, FEB. 21, 1873. GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH!

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Ribbon of Bruges, For Fumigating Sick Rooms, &c.

Arcadian Pink, The most fragrant and lasting perfume manufactured.

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FALL AND WINTER SUPPLIES. 1872 Retail Department W. D. HEPBURN & CO. Are now offering for sale an extensive assortment of Strong and Fancy

BOOTS AND SHOES Suitable for Fall and Winter Wear. We invite careful buyers to our system of doing business, viz.,

Small Profits and but one Price. W. D. Hepburn & Co. manufacture their own goods and feel they can confidently recommend them as CHEAP and DURABLE and all they ask is one trial, which will not fail to prove the genuineness of

HOME-MADE BOOTS AND SHOES. As we employ over FORTY HANDS we can supply a large portion of Guelph and surrounding country. All kinds of Boots and Shoes made to order.

Repairing done as Usual. TERMS CASH. Store and Factory Eastside Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, Sept. 27, 1872

NEW GOODS. MRS. WRIGHT Begs to inform her numerous customers and the public that she has just received a nice variety of

Toys and other Fancy Goods Suitable for the Season. MRS. WRIGHT, UPPER WYNDHAM STREET. Next to the Wellington Hotel. Guelph, Jan. 23, 1873. dw

ROBERT CRAWFORD, PRACTICAL Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller, Wyndham Street, Guelph. Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c., Hair Plait and Device Work. Clocks and Time pieces, Jewellery repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. dw

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- New Light Prints. New White Cottons, New Scoured Calico. New White Sheeting, New White Brilliants. New Light Dress Goods. New Light Costumes, New Black Silks. New Colored Silks. New Black Alpacas.

IN FACT, EVERYTHING NEW AT R. CLAYTON'S CASH STORE, Upper Wyndham Street.

GREAT SALE OF BANKRUPT STOCK!

The whole stock of BOOTS AND SHOES Belonging to the Insolvent Estate of John A. McMillan will be sold at a tremendous sacrifice. The furniture stock, amounting to \$5,000.

Must be Cleared Out within ONE MONTH! The greatest Bargains ever offered in Guelph!

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Direct from Glasgow!

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Gentlemen requiring medium heavy suits for spring wear will find at the GUELPH CLOTH HALL

An unusually attractive stock to select from. WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH, ONT. JOSEPH F. RAINER, Proprietor. Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872. dw

NEW Confectionery Store. The subscribers beg to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that they have opened a new Confectionery Store in J. R. Dorte's old Watch and Jewellery Store, Wyndham Street, where they will always have on hand Cakes, Candies, and everything in the Confectionery Line.

Bridal, and other Cakes, Made to order on short notice, and in first-class style. They will shortly fit up and open Coffee and Ice Cream rooms up stairs, of which due notice will be given. They hope, by promptly attending to all orders, and giving satisfaction to their customers to merit a share of public patronage. WARNER & SUTTON. Guelph, March 28, 1873. dw

OUR STOCK IS Very Large and Well Assorted, of which we expect to receive 126 PACKAGES IN A FEW DAYS. JOHN MACDONALD & CO., TORONTO.

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Wm. Stewart Has much pleasure in stating to the public that he has secured many lots of desirable New Dry Goods under current prices, and they will be offered At Decided Bargains!

Piles of Scarlet Flannel at 25c Piles of Grey Flannel at 35c Piles of Winey from 10c Piles of Clouds in white, grey, and colors, from 50c

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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. Show Rooms and Office, WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH, ONT.

NEW Boot and Shoe Store. The subscriber begs to announce to the public that he has opened a first-class Custom Shop, where he is prepared to MAKE TO ORDER All kinds of Boots and Shoes on the shortest notice, and of good leather guaranteed.

Ladies, Misses and Children's Boots and Shoes made in the neatest style. Repairing done with neatness and dispatch. Give us one trial and you will be sure to call again. Remember the Shop—West Market Square next to John Harris's store. D. TRIPP. Guelph, Feb. 11, 1873. dw

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One of the magnificent steamships of this Line leave Quebec in summer, and Portland in winter. EVERY SATURDAY For Liverpool, and on (or about) every Thursday for Glasgow. Rates as low as any first-class Line. Prepaid Tickets to bring friends out issued at a reduction of \$5.50 from the rate charged in the old country, and the agent's certificate that tickets were procured in this country will be sufficient to obtain the Government grant of six dollars to each person on three months residence as a settler, thus a great saving is effected by obtaining prepaid certificates at the office of the Allan Line. All information furnished and tickets issued by GEO. A. O'NEAL, G.T. R. Office, Guelph. Feb. 21, 1873. dw

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Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, &c., &c. neatly and correctly prepared. MONEY always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages of good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges. Our list of Town and Farm Property is large and varied, and parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere.

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