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WEDNESDAY EVE'G. APRIL 8, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLUECH.
A Tale of the Covenanters.

But before the bewildered and newly awakened troops could understand the cause of the uproar or the reason for which they had been roused, he had disappeared within the portals of the doorway leading to the cells, and flew on the passages towards the point of exit by the wall.

Unfortunately, however, followed close at his heels, barking loudly, and thus fastly betraying his whereabouts. Water cursed the brute's pertinacity, but as he had no means either of silencing it or turning it back, he only made the greater exertions to reach the mouth of the well. Already the sound of voices behind and the echoing of footsteps in the distant passages told him that his pursuers were on his dog's cries. Faster, therefore, he sped, every moment bringing him nearer to his goal, till he had the supreme satisfaction of laying his hand on the windlass and grasping the rope which dangled from it.

Louder came the cries of his pursuers along the passages, and above the reverberating sound he heard the voice of Allan, as in tones of thunder he incited his men to the pursuit.

Securing the important packet in his bosom, Walter leaped upon the coping of the well, seized the rope with his two hands, and lowered himself down the well rapidly but coolly. Feeling with his feet when he came opposite the office of the cave, he gave a spring forward, and safely gained the ledge. He was now certain of making his escape to the open air, but as certain that he would be immediately pursued, for Rorer had been left whining by the mouth of the well, and the sounds he made would lead Allan and his men to where he stood, when his mode of escape would be at once revealed to them, and they would hasten to ride after and overtake him.

He paused for some moments in the cave to consider what to do. Should he remain there, taking the chance of finding it a place of concealment? or should he break cover at once, and make an effort to reach Brankwood? It was fully three miles away, and would take half-an-hour of fast running over the hilly road to gain it. He feared there was little hope in any case of making his own escape; but it was all-important that, previous to being captured, Sir Gilbert Barton should obtain the packet which he had secured. It would be doubly mortifying to be taken with the packet in his possession, for then, not only would he have sacrificed himself, but done so to no purpose. The question, therefore, to be solved at present was whether he was most likely to save the packet by rushing on at once, or by lurking in the cave for the present, and awaiting thence perhaps on the following night, when the danger of pursuit might not be so imminent.

The result of his lightning-like reflections was to decide him to make the effort at once, and as every moment was precious, he burst out by the cleft of the rock, rushed down the side of the ravine, leapt the torrent, and breasted the opposite ascent—all within the compass of a very few minutes.

On the verge of the Clench he glanced back towards the mansion, and through several windows he saw lights passing quickly to and fro, whilst shouts and noises of various kinds issued from the grailings of the subterranean chambers; Rorer's whine could also be distinctly heard above the din.

Walter had now reached the brow of the rugged slope, and drew himself well together for his long race. Disguise being now useless, he threw off the heavy froze coat he wore, and the wig which so heated his head, and flinging these among the bushes, rushed away in as straight a line as he could guess for Brankwood.

On he went across the fields and away towards the uplands, never stopping till he had passed over the long slope and reached the crown of the height which commanded the extensive view of the dale. The night was dark as ever, and the wind still came in boisterous gusts, so that he could neither see nor hear if his pursuers were on his track. But he was now more than half-way to Brankwood, and the rest of the road was an easy descent.

On, on again at the same swift pace till he came to the verge of the park surrounding the Baronet's mansion. The building itself he faintly saw in the distance, and a few minutes more would bring his headlong flight to an end, and place the packet in safety.

At that moment a sound from behind reached his strained ear, and looking back he saw several horsemen spurring furiously down the slope.

His pursuers were upon him, and the long level sweep of the park was yet to be traversed. Walter groaned as he saw the impossibility of gaining the mansion before them, but stimulated by the importance of his object and the nearness of his attainment, he strung himself up for increased effort, and flew forward at more than mortal speed.

He had not gained the mansion when loud shouts proclaimed that the horsemen had entered the park, and had caught sight of the prey.

Walter groaned, for he knew now that he must inevitably be taken.

TO BE CONTINUED.

A FAMINE INCIDENT.—The *Concier de Algerie* says: An incident took place lately at the market of Affreville near Millanah which might have been attended with deplorable results. A great number of Arabs, supposed to be as many as 1000, all at once made their appearance there ostensibly for the purpose of buying. They were ragged in their attire, but each man carried under his burnous a mattrak (a species of large knife). They soon crowded all the avenues of the market, the representatives of European authority and public on the spot being the deputy mayor, the grand chamberlain and two gendarmes. About 10 o'clock in the morning, when business was at its height, the Arabs, acting like one man, suddenly precipitated themselves on the stalls of the persons selling articles of food, and in an incredible short space of time bread, meat, vegetables, fruit and grain disappeared before this famished horde. The European dealers took to flight, whilst those of the Jewish and Arab races manfully defended their property as best they could, using their tent poles and resisting bravely the assailants. The deputy mayor and the few men at his disposal succeeded in quelling the disturbance, and even made some arrests. The band of strange Arabs disappeared as suddenly as they had come and avoided doing more than seizing articles to eat.

COUNTERFEITS.—Counterfeit one dollar bills on the Bank of Montreal are circulating freely in London. The imitation is clever, but the paper is bad.

DIABOLICAL OUTRAGE.—An outrage of the very worst description was perpetrated last Sunday night on a girl eighteen years of age, a servant in a hotel at Westminster. There were two brutes concerned in it who are yet at large, but as they are well known they cannot possibly avoid arrest.

Medicine.

DR. MAGGIE'S is the founder of a new medical system. The quantification, whose internal doses entice the stomach and paralyze the bowels, must give precedence to the man who restores health and appetite with from one to two of his ordinary Pills, and cures the most virulent scalds with a box or so of his wonderful and all-healing Salve. These two great specifics of the Doctor are fast superseding all the stereotyped nostrums of the day. Extraordinary cures by Maggie's Pills and Salve have opened the eyes of the public to the inefficiency of the (so called) remedies of others, and upon which people have so long blindly depended. Maggie's Pills are not of the class that are swallowed by the dozen, and of which every box full taken creates an absolute necessity for another. One or two of Maggie's Pills suffices to keep the bowels in perfect order, tone the stomach, create an appetite, and render the spirits light and buoyant. There is no griping and no reaction in the form of constipation if the liver is affected, its functions are restored, and if the nervous system is feeble, it is invigorated. This last quality makes the medicine very valuable for the wants of delicate females. Ulcers and eruptive diseases are literally extinguished by the disinfectant use of Maggie's Salve. In fact, it has been announced that a *Medical Doctor* has published a treatise where all others fail—*While for Burns, Scalds, Chilblains, Cuts, and all Abrasions of the Skin.* Maggie's Salve is infallible. Sold by J. HAYDOCK, 11 Pine Street, New York, and all Druggists; at 25 cents per box.

ALBION HOTEL!
St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.

M. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the Albion, he hopes by personal attention to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last year.

Montreal, 30th March, 1868. L. W. DECKER.

PELLATITE

WHO CAN TELL

How Nature Colors the Peach?
How Nature Colors the Plum?
How Nature Colors the Green Grape,
And Berries of various kinds?

The celebrated Portuguese Chemist and Botanist, Professor Esmeraldo, has discovered one of the most useful and valuable discoveries of the age for the benefit of mankind, and known as

PROFESSOR ESMERALDO'S PELLATITE.

This Pellatite is the Concrete Juice of the Fruit of the Anthemis Prætorum, a Brazilian Shrub that grows along the banks of the Amazon River. This fruit and its juice possess the peculiar property of imparting its color to the Human Hair only, and gives it an Elegant, Soft, Glossy, Brown or Black Color, promoting its rapid and luxuriant growth. It will not stain the skin or clothing. Among Ladies and Gentlemen whose hair is turning or already become grey, the Pellatite stands as

THE VICTORIA

OF ALL

GREY HAIR RESTORERS!

It differs from all others as follows:

The Joyful Side. The *Witch-holly* Side.

THE PELLATITE Other Preparations

Are all made of preparations of Lead, Sulphur, Lime, Chemicals and Minerals. They stain the hair and make it stiff and harsh. They kill the skin and clothing. They are filthy—excessive.

WHAT THEY DO. They are carried to the brain by the absorbents—cause pain in the Head, Dizziness, Blindness, Softening of the Brain, Lunacy and Death.

HOW THEY ARE PUT UP. They are put in Colored Glass Bottles, with the Labels closely pasted around them from cork bottom, in order to hide the demon inside.

WHICH WILL YOU HAVE? WHICH WILL YOU USE?

Compare them. Test them and decide. Away with filthy, dangerous Compounds, and use the clean and Harmless Pellatite.

At one bound it sweeps the field, and the old grey crumblers of Minerals are dropped or the public like a red hot iron.

Go to your nearest Druggist and ask him to furnish you with the Pellatite. If he refuses to give it a trial, and don't wait until your Hair is destroyed or you are the inmate of a Lunatic Asylum. Go at once.

What the People Say:

"It does not stain the skin, but colors the Hair immediately."

"Professor—My head was sore from other Dyes. Your Pellatite healed my scalp and colored my hair beautifully."

"I am delighted with your Pellatite—I will never again use any other wash or dye."

"No more lead or sulphur dyes for me—your Pellatite is a Botanic Wonder, and no mistake."

"It operates like magic."

"Enclosed find \$5 for six bottles more. Send immediately."

"Your Pellatite leaves my hair soft and smooth. Other dyes made it harsh and brittle."

"Since using your Pellatite my head is entirely free from pain and ache."

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is sold by Druggists. Price \$1. Sent to any address on receipt of the price. Send for a pamphlet.

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Important to the Ladies.

BONNETS & HATS

CLEANED, &c.

Mrs. PRINGLE

HAS much pleasure in announcing to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that on and after

MONDAY the 6th of APRIL

she will assume her old business in all its branches, and will be glad to see her old patrons, and all those requiring her services.

Residence—Next door to W. Brownlow, Undertaker, Douglas-st.

Guelph, 30th March, 1868. MRS. PRINGLE. dw-1

FOR SALE.

SODA ASH—"Gambles."

CAUSTIC SODA—"Gambles," "Widnes," "Alkali Comp'y," "Garrett's."

SAL. SODA.

CHLORIDE OF LIME.

PALM OIL.

W. T. BENSON,

87 St. Peter Street, Montreal.

Montreal, 1st April, 1868.

Straw Bonnet Business.

F. A. HARRISON

RETURNING my grateful thanks to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity for the liberal patronage she has received since resuming business. Having on hand plain and fancy Straw, she is prepared to make Bonnets and Hats to order. Latest styles just received.

Residence—Rose Cottage, Market Street, west of Dr. Howitt's.

Apprentices wanted.

Guelph, 1st April, 1868. MISS HARRISON. dw

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FOR Extra BARGAINS

In WALL PAPER try

SHAW'S BOOKSTORE!

Next door to H. Walker's Grocery.

Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw

Shoe Tools & Findings

A COMPLETE assortment of the latest patterns of Shoe Tools, Shoes and Machine Thread, Machine Silk, Shoe Pops, Shoe Nails, Shoe Tacks, Heel and Toe Plates, &c., wholesale and retail.

RYAN & OLIVER,

114 Yonge Street, Toronto.

Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

TO TAILORS.

AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straightedges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Hairline Needles, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIVER,

Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st. Toronto.

Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

TO MACHINISTS.

STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Calipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Caliper Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-regulating and Dividers, State Files and Tools, Patent Oilers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by

RYAN & OLIVER,

General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.

HAIR Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Hinges, Locks, Tacks, Plait Paper, Glue, Piano Stool screws, Coffin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Regulators, Addis' Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Auger Bits, Melodion Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIVER,

General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge Street, Toronto.

Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d-ly

AUCTION SALE

OF VALUABLE

Household Furniture

HORSES, CARRIAGES, &c.

W. S. G. KNOWLES will, by instruction from the Trustees for Mrs. Pooley, sell by public auction at Beechgrove,

On Thursday the 9th of April

Household Furniture, consisting of Drawing-room, Dining-room, Library, Bedroom and Kitchen Furniture, a splendid PIANO, Pictures, Books, Glass and Chinaware, Silver, Cutlery.

Also, 2 horses, 1 cow, 1 buggy, 3 sleighs, Saddle, &c., single and double harness, light wagon and harness. Can be seen at 9 o'clock on morning of

Sale punctually at Eleven o'clock.

Horses and Cows will be sold at 3 o'clock, p.m.

Hoover's Carriage will leave town at a quarter to eleven o'clock on day of sale—Fare, 25c.

Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

Medical Dispensary

USE HARVEY'S

PECTORAL

BALSAM,

THE best preparation in the market for the cure of

COUGHS, COLDS, &c.

FOR SALE BY

E. HARVEY

Chemist and Druggist,

Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ontario.

Guelph, 4th April, 1868. dw

FOR SALE.

200 lbs. Honey, Strained or Comb.

500 lbs. Boston Canned Peaches

200 lbs. Keiller's Dundee Marmalade.

50 lbs. Red and Black Currant Jelly.

100 bushels Dried Apples.

French Plums and Prunes.

Anchovy Paste.

Bloater Paste.

Maple Sugar and Amber Syrup.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Guelph, March 24th 1868. dw

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Boarding & Day School

MRS. FETHERSTONHAUGH purposes (D.V.) to open a School for young Ladies at her residence in Wyndham Street, over the Post Office, on MONDAY 29th April.

New Advertisements.

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

FIRST IMPORTATIONS

OF

NEW SPRING GOODS!

WILL BE OPENED

ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH INST.

The Subscribers are now paying the Third-half yearly dividend.

Guelph, April 7, 1868. daw

W. MACKLIM & CO.

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THE undersigned have entered into Co-partnership under the firm of BUCHANAN & CO., Hamilton, Ontario, and of PETER BUCHANAN & CO., Glasgow, Scotland.

ISAAC BUCHANAN, ANDREW BIRN, PETER T. BUCHANAN.

Hamilton, Ontario, February, 1868.

1868. SPRING IMPORTATIONS. 1868.

THE Subscribers have received and are NOW OPENING a portion of their

SPRING IMPORTATIONS

—OF—

BRITISH AND FOREIGN

DRY GOODS.

And will have an excellent assortment opened out by the 25th inst., as also of Canadian and American Manufactures.

BUCHANAN & COMPANY.

Hamilton, 10th March, 1868. dw

1868. The First Importations this Season. 1868

JUST RECEIVED.



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Choice Messina Oranges and Lemons, Cocoa Nuts, Dried Cherries, Peaches, Apples, Imperial Prunes, etc.

Wholesale at City Prices

HUGH WALKER,

Wholesale and Retail Fruit dealer, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Guelph, March 31, 1868. daw

GORDON, MACKAY & CO.,

Importers, Manufacturers, and General Warehousemen,

Have now in stock one of the most magnificent assortments of

Staple & Fancy Dry Goods

In the Dominion. A large assortment of

Home and Foreign Woollens!

AND TAILORS' GOODS AND TRIMMINGS.

They are constantly receiving Leading Styles from the various places of production.—Terms Liberal.

Lybster Mills Sheetings 33 and 36 inches. Also, Lybster Mills YARNS and BATTING.

Toronto 26th March, 1868. dw-1m.

A. R. McMASTER & BRO.

Are now opening out their

Spring Importations!

And will be glad to see their customers and friends at

32 Yonge-st., Toronto.

Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dw-ly

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BRITANNIA HOUSE

A Splendid Assortment of

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2 & 3 PLY CARPETS,

Tapestry, Brussels, Hemp, Felt, &c.

Muslin and Lace Curtains, Damasks, Fringes, &c.

HEFFERNAN BROS.

Guelph, 26th March, 1868.

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ALEWIVES,

BLOATERS,

FINNAN HADDIES,

SEA SALMON,

TABLE CODFISH,

Smoked HERRING, &c.

E. CARROLL & CO.,

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R. GALBRAITH

TAILOR,

ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE, GUELPH,

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