

ANNABEL OR THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XXIV. PHILIP WESTON AND JIM POTTS IN THE FAR WEST.

"What is it?" asked Philip in a startled tone.

"Hush!" cautioned Steve again; and on being obeyed he laid himself flat out and placed his left ear close to the ground.

They were at a loss to know what he meant for at the moment an utter silence reigned, and not the faintest sound or rustle could be heard by them.

For more than a minute Steve lay thus, then he slowly rose, and turning towards his two silent and breathless companions, said laconically—

"They're coming."

"Who—the Indians?" said Philip.

"Yes."

"I can hear nothing."

"No more and I," observed Jim.

"Lay your ear on the ground as you saw me do," rejoined Steve.

They did so, and no sooner had they got settled in this position than distinct and regular vibrations came to them along the earth, accompanied by the rustle of grass or leaves, and occasionally the faint cracking of a twig.

"You hear it now?" said Steve, with a nod.

"Yes, we do," answered Philip. "Are these sounds the footsteps of Indians?"

"No doubt about it. They air a good long chalk from us yet, I guess, but they making for this here location as sure as winkin'."

"Then we had better be off," suggested Philip.

"Whar to?"

"Somewhere forward, to get out of their way."

"Wall, now, I calculate that would just about be makin' a present of our scalps to the darned critters, and Steve Red-shanks ain't the coon to do it."

"But if we remain where we are, is there no danger that they will discover us?"

"Sartin'."

"Well, then, what shall we do? Are we able to fight them?"

"Some, I calculate; but we'd catch it in the end. We must treat the painted devils to a spice of their own cunning."

As he spoke, Steve deliberately divested himself of the wide canvas tunic which he wore, and uncoiled from his waist a length of stout cord which had been carefully twined around him. Seeking about for a stone of the proper shape, he fastened one end of the rope to it and dexterously cast it over one of the thick branches which swung above them, twisting it there till it was firmly fixed, the other end dangling towards the ground.

The others looked silently on, being at a loss to understand his purpose. This, however, he presently explained to them.

"I guess we'll roost up there for the rest of the night. Yew kin both climb to the branch by that air rope, I s'pose?"

As the branch in question was not more than twelve feet from the ground, they readily answered in the affirmative.

"All right," responded Steve. "I'll go first, and yew'll swing me up theresies. But if yew put any value on your lives don't make a noise, and don't jerk the branch more nor I do."

"With the stealthy agility of a wild cat, the trapper drew himself up the rope hand over hand, and that so quietly that the leaves of the branch hardly quivered by his weight, and had they not seen his dark form rising into the darker foliage overhead they could not have known where he had gone to.

"Now for the rifles, one at a time," he called softly down to them.

Jim, who now fully understood the movement and its object, had one of the rifles fastened to the cord by a slip-knot in a moment, and Steve drew it up, depositing it safely in the branch immediately above him. The other two were drawn up in like manner, and Philip and Jim followed.

As was to be expected, they did not make the ascent with either the agility or noiselessness which the more practiced hunter had manifested, but both being active and strong-limbed, they accomplished the feat in a manner which elicited the guide's admiration, and were presently beside him on the sturdy branch, which was so thick as hardly to bend under their combined weight. The tree into which they had thus climbed was a gigantic beech, the massive trunk of which was bare of branches for fully twelve feet from the ground, but above that point they shot out on all sides, the lower ones thick enough to have served as stems to goodly trees, and rising tier above tier to a great height, each being shrouded in a mass of foliage, which, at a little distance upward, afforded ample concealment for a score of men.

By Steve's direction each man selected a branch on which to recline in a position as easy as possible, and so thickly were the smaller branches spread that in a few minutes they were all three snugly ensconced, and nearly as comfortable as they had been on the ground below.

Here they lay in perfect stillness, listening intently to the sound of the approaching Indians, which was now plainly discernible as their moccasined feet trod the green sward of the forest, the dark edge of which could be descried through an opening of the branches.

"There's a mighty considerable lot of 'em," whispered Steve. "I only hope they'll strike the prairie a good way off from this air roost of ours. Jest keep a good watch all round, and let the first that sees a movin' object give a low hiss, but don't speak a word even as loud as a whisper, for them Indians have the sharpest ears in all creation."

Never had teacher more obedient scholars than had Steve in Philip and Jim, who followed his directions with most faithful exactness as each sat on their perch grasping their rifle, with eyes and ears painfully on the alert. It would be untrue to say that they were entirely cool and free from excitement, for the novelty of the situation and their inexperience of such adventures were such that they had been more than human had they felt no tremour or perturbation. But if the blood danced more quickly through their veins, and their breathing was more rapid than usual, they managed to suppress all appearance of this inward disturbance, and sat as motionless and seemingly as composed as Steve himself, much to the satisfaction of the latter, who, to tell the truth, had been somewhat apprehensive of their ability to show the necessary silence and caution.

Fully a quarter of an hour was thus spent, the tread of the Indians plainly drawing nearer, and occasionally a low guttural sound or a grunt reaching them.

Caution to Purchasers of the Peruvian Syrup (a protected solution of the protoxide of iron). Beware of being deceived by any of the preparations of Peruvian Bark, or Bark and Iron, which may be offered to you. Every bottle of genuine has Peruvian Syrup (not Peruvian Bark) blown in the glass. Examine the bottle before purchasing.

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Will show to-day (Saturday) the largest stock of Grenadines and Muslins ever offered to the public before, and at prices which must convince every one that they are less than half price:

Black & white Striped Grenadines, 12c worth 25c | Silver grey Granite Grenadines, - 15c, worth 30c
Black and Colored Striped Grenadines, 12c, - - - - - worth 25c | Iron grey Granite Grenadines, 15c, - - - - - worth 30c
Light Striped Grenadines, 20c, - - - - - worth 40c.

Also, a beautiful assortment of Printed Book Muslins; French Printed Batiste in every color.

PARASOLS, PARASOLS, PARASOLS.

Over 20 Dozen Silk and Lustre Parasols, 25c, worth 75c; Over 10 Dozen Fancy Colored PARASOLS, 50c WORTH 75c;
Over 10 doz. Brown Lined Silk do., \$1.00; usual price \$2.25.

Thomson's Glove Fitting Stays, every size.

GUELPH, JUNE 7, 1873.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH

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On Saturday, June 7th, 1873, we will commence at

HEFFERNAN BROTHERS--THE GREAT BRITANNIA HOUSE,

The Grandest and Most Extensive Cheap Sale of Dry Goods that has ever taken place in Canada.

Heffernan Bros. have great pleasure in announcing to the public that on Saturday, June 7th, they will commence at their store, "THE GREAT BRITANNIA HOUSE," the biggest genuine sale ever attempted in Canada. Our Mr. Theo. Heffernan will leave about the second week in July for Europe, where he intends visiting the leading markets of the world, to make purchases for the coming Fall and Winter Trade. In order to make room for the immense stock he will secure while in Great Britain and Ireland, France and Germany, we have determined to offer the whole of our present stock, consisting of over \$75,000 worth of the most desirable Dry Goods in the Dominion, at an immense sacrifice, and at prices that defy competition. Want of room in this small advertisement prevents us from giving a full catalogue of prices. Look at a few of the prices:

50 to 75c Dress Goods at 20 to 25c; 30 to 40c do. at 10 to 12c; 40c Flannels at 20c; 20c Prints at 12c; \$1 Hats at 25c; 75c do at 12c.

AND ALL OTHER GOODS EQUALLY CHEAP.

CASH, CASH, CASH!

This is positively a Cash Sale, and no goods will be bargained while the Great Clearing Sale continues. Inspection invited: we invite every one to call and compare our prices, and be convinced that the Great Britannia House is the

Mammoth Store and Leading Dry Goods Establishment in Guelph.

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The Old Store formerly occupied by A. B. Petrie, re-opened.

Herod & Co., Proprietors

No expense has been spared in the fitting up so as to make it as a Retail Drug Establishment second to none in the Dominion.

Great care and attention has been paid to the purchasing of the stock, having only one aim in view: that every article selected should be pure and unadulterated, quality being esteemed of the first importance.

The stock of Hair Brushes, Toilet Articles and Perfumery, has been imported direct from England and France.

Dyes and Dye Stuffs warranted, and guaranteed to be of the first quality.

None but the most reliable and leading Patent Medicines in stock, obtained direct from the Proprietors and Manufacturers.

A specialty in Cod Liver Oil, direct from Newfoundland. None kept in stock except No. 1, and of the finest quality.

A full assortment of Trusses, Shoulder-Braces, Supporters, etc., etc., at the lowest rates.

Physicians and parties requiring prescriptions may depend on their being accurately and neatly compounded, and prepared from nothing but pure drugs and chemicals.

REMEMBER - THE OLD STORE formerly occupied by A. B. Petrie, re-opened by HEROD & Co.

Guelph, May 16, 1873.

THE New Confectionery Store

The subscribers, in thanking the public for their patronage since they started business, beg to announce that they have now in operation their new

SODA FOUNTAIN

Where the most delicious beverages can at all times be had.

THEY have also opened their

ICE CREAM ROOMS

Over the store, where Ice Cream can be served at all hours. Ice Cream supplied by the quart or gallon.

Biscuits, Nuts, Cakes, Candies, and all kinds of Confectionery constantly on hand. BRIDE'S CAKES made to order.

WARNER & SUTTON, Wynham Street, next door to Petrie's Drug Store. Guelph, May 29, 1873.

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Tremendous Stock to be Cleared Out AT COST.

Cheapest Boots and Shoes Ever Shown in Guelph.

CALL IN AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES.

Ladies Prunella Work of all kinds.

Guelph, May 28, 1873.

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CHOICE MIXED TEA

For 50 Cents per lb.

11 lbs GOOD SUGAR for \$1.00

J. E. McELDERRY

2 DAY'S BLOCK.

GUELPH CLOTH HALL

White Dress Shirts,

Oxford and Regatta Shirts,

With Collars to match.

Particular attention paid to this Department, and any style of Shirt made to measure, and a

PERFECT FIT GUARANTEED.

SHAW & MURTON,

Wyndham St., Guelph.

Guelph, April 29, 1873

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A Bale of BOAT SPONGE, Which will be sold at half the usual price.

TRY Lloyd's Euxesis For Shaving, without the use of Soap or Water, SOLD AT PETRIE'S NEW STORE.

JUST RECEIVED, a further supply of Walker's Vinegar Bitters,

To meet the extraordinary demand for this popular Temperature Bitter, containing no alcohol.

GET THE BEST! Savage's German Baking Powder

Is superior to any in the market.

SODA WATER The best Soda Water and finest Syrups at

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Don't forget: Removed to larger and better premises nearly opposite the old store.

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MRS. WRIGHT

Begs to inform her numerous customers and the public that she has just received a nice variety of

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Suitable for the Season.

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That Magnificent FOUNTAIN

IS AGAIN In full Operation

AT THE MEDICAL HALL.

To the Public:

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Guelph, May 19, 1873. dw

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His stock is now complete in BROADCLOTHS, Fancy COATINGS, Fancy VESTINGS, Fancy TROUSERINGS,

English and Scotch Tweeds

Also, a large and varied stock of CANADIAN TWEEDS.

Ready-made Clothing, Boy's Suits;

Gent's Furnishing Goods of the best quality and latest styles.

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