

Jeannie Sinclair, OR, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER XXI. THE TRIAL—A VERDICT OF GUILTY—CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

The Circuit Court was held at Shawhead in a few weeks, and Lynedoch strove with feverish desperation to stand his trial then, and not have it put off till the spring.

His efforts were successful, his trial was appointed for the ensuing Circuit, and it now behooved him to provide for his defence.

Not a word was said by either until the jailer had unlocked the door and was gone, then Lynedoch burst forth impetuously—'So you have come at last! Why the deuce have you been so long, and me in this cursed extremity? When your own turn comes to be within view of the hangman's halter you'll know what delay is. I expected you yesterday—why didn't you come then?'

'Because to-day is the market, when I had business, and I have saved myself the double journey.'

'You found your cold blooded calculations! What was two such journeys to my infernal strait? Considering all things, I looked for you to come without bidding.'

'And so I meant to do, but I didn't think a day or two would make any difference.'

'Didn't you? If you were cooped up in this filthy hole as I am, and with such a charge hanging over you, you would change your opinion precious quick.'

'Whose fault is it that you are cooped up here? responded the factor, petulently. 'It's nobody's fault but your own. You have got your own clumsiness and stupidity to blame for it, and though there is every appearance that I am to be a loser by it, you speak as if I had injured you, instead of you injuring me.'

'Injuring you?' repeated Lynedoch. 'Confound it, Mr. M'Quirk, what mean you? Haven't you spoiled the whole game we have been playing together? The prospect is gone of my niece being the mistress of Bagley Bastle, and all the money I have lent you is lost, irretrievably lost, except what may be received as the value of the Tower, and the moorland farm, which goes with it. But that won't be much—nothing, absolutely nothing, to the sums I have lent you.'

'Hell and hells!' roared Lynedoch. 'Are you concerned only about your paltry money, when my life is in danger?'

'That's just why I am concerned, because your life is in danger. In fact, it may be considered gone, and my chance with it. Who should be concerned about that, I should like to know, but me? How could you do the thing so clumsy? Why, you couldn't have done the thing worse had you wanted the deed to be known.'

'Can you, do you wish to drive me mad? What signifies jibing and jawing as you are doing. The whole plan and the doing of it was safe enough, but for the chance of that vagabond gipsy being on the spot. Who was to think of anybody being on the top of the ruin, or within ten miles of us? I tell you, M'Quirk, it is that wretched gipsy that has brought the business to light, and a rare good thing would it have been for me had he fallen and broke his neck.'

'Yes, but he didn't, grumbled M'Quirk. 'Instead of that, he went and told everything, and through his story the fullest evidence of the murder was brought to light.'

'And I am brought into this cursed position, said Lynedoch, grinding his teeth. 'But 'tis no use reflecting on the wit and on the wherefore. Our business is to set about getting me out of it.'

'Out of it!' echoed M'Quirk. 'You can't get out of it. The evidence is complete and overwhelming. There is not a jury in the country will acquit you.'

'Is that all the consolation you have to give me?' returned Lynedoch, with a savage sneer. 'If I had a right to cry for sympathy and comfort from any one it was from you, seeing the share you have had in the business.'

'Me a share in it?' exclaimed M'Quirk. 'That's false. What share had I?'

'The share of the tempter. You knew well enough what I meant to do, and incited me to do it.'

'dear! I stand clear. I had nothing to do with it. Nothing whatever.'

'Oh, I know you are clear enough in the eye of the law. You were too prudent to put your neck in danger, but you goaded me on nevertheless, and now that accident has bro't disaster you taunt me. But enough of this. I did not send for you to reproach or to creak evil forebodings, but to get you to take measures for my defence. An advocate from Edinburgh must be got. The ablest of them.'

'He won't come without a sweeping fee. 'Of course he won't, but you will advance.'

'Me advance, me throw away more money?' cried the factor. 'Not one farthing. I tell you, Lynedoch Sinclair, were you to bring all the Edinburgh bar to plead for you, it would be useless. There's not the least bit of flaw to make a hole for your escape, and think you I will advance money that I know full well will be lost? I was a fool to advance what I did, but there was then a hope for reimbursement. Now there is none. Look ye here, Mr Sinclair, added M'Quirk, drawing a parchment from his pocket, 'there is a bond over your property which I have prepared, and which I want you to sign. It won't make up for the loans you have had, for the land is worth very little; but it lies on the outfields of Cloverley, which will soon be mine, and the two together will make not such a bad property. Here is pen and ink, and there at that cross is where you will write your name.'

Lynedoch silently took the paper and examined it.

'Hum!' he muttered. 'The deed is dated six months back. How comes that?'

'Because it would not be valid if dated true. A man in your position can't bond his property. You understand?'

'Perfectly,' returned Lynedoch, and with a fearful oath, he tore the parchment into shreds, and scattered the fragments through the cell. 'Jacob M'Quirk,' he hissed through his clenched teeth, 'you are a cunning, selfish, heartless old miser, and there is a devil in my heart tempting me to strangle you.'

'God bless me, what does this mean?' cried the factor, with a look of nervous anxiety. 'I—I wish the jailer would come.'

'When I get out of this trouble,' added Lynedoch, 'don't you dare to presume to come near me. Our connection is at an end, and for ever.'

In answer to the factor's agitated knocking, the jailer appeared, much to M'Quirk's relief, and almost without the form of leaving-taking he went off, leaving Lynedoch once more to his own reflections.

TO BE CONTINUED.

The inertia of the Leader has at last yielded to the spirit of the times, and on Thursday afternoon it was published in the same size as the morning edition. It is time for some such move on its part, as the Telegraph is becoming a dangerous rival.

TO THOSE AFFLICTED WITH CORNS.—We have heard but one expression of opinion with regard to the success of Dr. Briggs' Curative for diseases of the feet. All agree that it gives entire satisfaction, and affords them immediate relief. To those suffering from imperfections on their pedal extremities, we say, try it at once. All troubled with corns, bunions and such like diseases, who desire to be cured, should buy and use the curative according to directions, and then pain will cease. Sold by B. Harvey, Guelph, and druggists generally: Price, 50c.

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Epp's Homeopathic Cocoa!

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Guelph, 14th April.

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12 CASES

OF NEW BOOKS

OPENED THIS WEEK

All of which will be sold at our usual low prices

At DAY'S BOOKSTORE

Opposite the Market, Guelph.

Guelph, April 9, 1869.

WRIGHT'S BAKERY.

To the Inhabitants of Guelph, and many others.

The subscriber hereby tenders his sincere thanks for the extensive patronage he has received during the time he has been in business, commencing in July, 1852, and ending in March, 1859. I have now sold my place, and my interest therein, to Mr JOHN SOLE, whom I recommend as my successor, hoping he will receive the same liberal patronage which has been my privilege to experience. Mr Sole intends to occupy the old stand, and carry on the Baking and Groceries business, and hopes with due attention to merit with the kind support of the public.

SAMUEL WRIGHT.

Guelph, 6th April, 1869.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

With reference to the above, the subscriber begs to state that having succeeded to the above business, so long carried on by Mr Wright, he hopes by strict attention to it, and by consulting the wants of the public, to continue to receive the patronage of all Mr Wright's old customers, and of the community generally.

JOHN SOLE.

Guelph, 6th April.

LUMBER YARD.

Upper Wyndham-st, Guelph.

OLD FACE IN THE OLD PLACE.

The subscriber begs to inform the public that he has commenced the lumber business in the old stand occupied by GOWDY & STEWART.

Where all kinds of Lumber will be kept constantly on hand. Bills cut to order on short notice.

Also, Water Lime and Calcine Plaster, and Flour and Feed

of all kinds cheap for cash as usual. By strict attention to business, he trusts to share a part of public patronage.

FRANCIS SMALL.

Guelph, April 3, 1869.

LUMBER, LUMBER.

GOWDY & STEWART,

In returning their sincere thanks to their numerous customers for past favors, beg to inform them that to enable them to carry on their steadily increasing business, they have found it necessary to REMOVE to the large and long established Lumber Yard of THOMAS MCRAE, Esq., in rear of the Alma Block.

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Where they keep constantly on hand all kinds of LUMBER, from 1 1/2 to 100 feet long, and cut to order all kinds of Bill Stuff on short notice.

DRESSED LUMBER!

Of all kinds on hand, or dressed to order.

Their Saw Mills being near Georgetown Station, they can ship lumber to any point on the Grand Trunk, East or West.

They invite from intending purchasers an inspection of their large stock.

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Guelph, 3rd April, 1869.

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The undersigned beg to inform the public that they have entered into partnership for carrying on the business of contractors and builders, and are prepared to execute all orders for building in stone or brick.

Any Quantity of Stone on Hand and Cut to Order.

To suit purchasers. All orders left at the store of Hirsch & Kennedy, Produce Merchants, West Market Square, Guelph, will receive prompt attention.

PIKE & DAVIDSON.

Guelph, April 1.

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GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Billiard Hall Refitted New Style Tables Exhibition Twice a Week

AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.

Guelph, 23rd February

CARETAKER WANTED.

Applications will be received by the undersigned up till TUESDAY the 20th inst., for the situation of caretaker of all the public schools in town, including the Grammar School. His duty will be to scrub each school-room once a month, sweep each school-room once a day, and keep them perfectly clean, cutting the wood, lighting the fire, and such other duties as may be found necessary. All stipends necessary to perform the work of cleaning so be provided by the board—Salary \$250 a year, with house rent and firewood.

HOBST TORRANCE, Secretary.

Guelph, 13th April.

DOWN WITH THE PRICES.

E. O'DONNELL & CO

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THE 15th DAY OF APRIL

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET BARGAINS.

SUGARS AND SYRUPS

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Well-known \$1 Tea for 90c. per lb.

Good 80c. Tea for 65c. per lb.

Fine Black Tea for 50c. per lb.

Splendid Mixed Tea for 60c.

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Good Chewing Tobacco, 25c. per lb.

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A Beautiful Tea Set for \$3.

PRESSED AND CUT GLASS

Of all kinds, shapes and varieties, together with the finest assortment and best varied of Fine, Fancy and General Groceries, &c. in the County of Wellington.

Leave your orders at the Cheapest Family Grocery in Guelph.

All Goods WARRANTED to give satisfaction, if not the MONEY will be returned.

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Guelph, 2nd April, 1869.

Guelph, Ontario.

We have pleasure in making known to you the arrival of all our IMPORTATIONS DIRECT FROM THE PLACES OF PRODUCTION, for the Spring Trade, and of saying that at no previous time have we been in the same position to offer you such an assortment to select from; the Varieties of Styles, Fabrics and Novelties in the various Departments are so varied and new that they call for an immediate inspection, in order that the taste and care shown in purchasing be fully appreciated.

We are safe in saying that no other House in the business in Guelph can approach the variety of our Stock to select from; and the prices at which our entire Stock will be offered must command immediate sale.

We are desirous of impressing this fact upon all intending buyers, that it is UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE for any other House in the Trade TO COMPETE WITH US, for this reason: We have no second profit to pay; we buy direct from the Manufacturers in Britain ourselves; and as all others in the Dry Goods business here purchase their Goods at second hand from wholesale houses in Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, paying these importers their profit (as a profit they must have,) and then adding their own profit on before selling you the Goods here, it certainly cannot fail to convince you of the great truth that we assert, that our Goods must be at least twenty per cent under ordinary prices in other Stores in Guelph.

A call is respectfully solicited, when we feel confident that we will show you to your entire satisfaction that we are working for the mutual advantage of each.

Yours very respectfully, HOGG & CHANCE.

Guelph, March 20.

GUELPH CLOTH HALL!

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ALL ORDERS executed in the LATEST STYLES, with the BEST OF TRIMMINGS AND WORKMANSHIP.

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CABINET AND

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THEY are acknowledged the best Instruments of their class in the world. More than three hundred prominent American Artists, and a great many European Musicians have given written testimony to their great superiority. They have been awarded SEVENTY-FIVE GOLD OR SILVER MEDALS at the principal Industrial Fairs in the United States. But their crowning glory was in winning the First Prize Medal at the Paris Exposition of 1867. These organs are provided with all the Latest Improvements, including the

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Guelph, 12th April, 1869.

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GRANULATED WHEAT AND BARLEY

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His STORES have been Filled with CUSTOMERS

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Seeds, Crockery, Glassware, Salt, Plaster, &c.

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To lay out their hard-earned cash.

All are grumbling about hard times but JOHN A. WOOD, and why? Because he is satisfied with smaller Profits and quicker Returns than the other Grocers of Guelph are, and the public know it. He sells

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He sells cheaper and better TEA AND COFFEE than any other man. In fact, he sells all his Fresh and Good GROCERIES, SALT, SEEDS, &c., at less prices than any one else can do.

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Guelph, April 1, 1869.

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