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Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE.....MADONNELL STREET.

TUESDAY EV'G, APRIL 21, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

ON THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH
A Tale of the Covenanters.

The storm raged as fiercely as ever, and the ground was now covered by a very palpable coating of snow, while wreaths were forming in the hollows by the accumulations of drift. Sir Gilbert strained his eyes to catch a ray of light in any direction, or to discover a crack or precipice under which some shelter might be obtained. But in this hope he looked in vain. Impenetrable darkness surrounded them on all sides, and nothing but open summits and wide valleys, which the wind swept with unimpeded force, appeared to be at hand.

Still kept at the top of his speed, Patie plunged down a slope longer and deeper than usual, and as he descended the Baronet felt the wind sensibly moderate. It was evidently a deep and extensive hollow into which they were going, and he fervently hoped that some shelter would be found ere they had again to ascend to the heights.

He had opened his coat and drawn Helen's form close to his bosom, where she lay stiff and still—how stiff and how still Sir Gilbert shuddered to think of.

Suddenly Patie's gait changed into a trot, the trot fell into a walk, and at length he stood stock-still.

Sir Gilbert raised his head, and peered eagerly about him. Nothing but darkness—a darkness which he deemed incapable of being deepened—met his search. On all sides it was the same, and overhead equally murky. On the ground alone there was a faint appearance of light, but that was from the whiteness of the snow.

To the Baronet's practised ear there was a change in the sound of the wind. The far-sweeping rush and dreary sigh with which it flew near the open hill was less conspicuous than a vehement local roar, with intervals and pauses, as if it smote some obstruction. Looking towards the direction from which this roar proceeded, he could at length detect a still deeper darkness than that in which he was enveloped, and made out a high crag leaning against the murky sky.

Patie forward to get under its shelter, but Patie steadily refused to move; whereupon Sir Gilbert leaped to the ground, with Helen in his arms, and was at once brought up by some obstruction, which was a high wall, a little groping convinced him that it was a stone fence, and he began to proceed along the side of it, with Helen in one arm, and dragging Patie with the other.

However, refused to go in the direction in which his master pulled, and the latter, turning round to remonstrate, was electrified by a ray of light shining through the darkness only a short distance away.

Sir Gilbert raised his voice in a series of stentorian shouts, which had a weird effect amid the revelry of the storm, but they had also the more satisfactory effect of causing a door to be opened close to where the single beam shined itself, and quite a flood of light gushed forth on the Baronet's grateful vision.

In the doorway that opened, and clearly seen against the background of the ruddy light within, appeared a strange imposing form—the form of an old man, clothed in a long flowing robe which enveloped his entire person, and was confined round his waist by a cord. His head was bare, but a profusion of long white hair hung over his shoulders, and an immense beard of the same whiteness descended to his girdle.

"Gild guide us!" ejaculated Sir Gilbert, "that's the Canny Man the Innkeeper spoke of," and he held out that it was a canny tale he had dealt w' him; but only part is welcome in a storm."

As these words passed through the Baronet's mind he scrambled over the fence, leaving Patie where he was for the present, and approached with inanimate burden to the open door, at which the aged, venerable looking form stood.

When he had gained the thresh-hold the old man stood back apace, and the Baronet, covered from head to foot with snow, tottered forward into the interior.

CHAPTER XXVII.—THE CANNY MAN O' FAIRY HAUGH!

The place into which the snow-covered Baronet bore the inanimate form of Helen was a lofty cavern, the walls of which were of solid rock. Its furnishings were rude and scanty in the extreme. In one corner was a couch of wild moss and ferns, and two huge blocks of stone served for seat and table. The front wall in which the entrance was placed, was different from the rest of the cave, inasmuch as it was of artificial construction, and composed of huge stones piled one above the other, in a rough but not unskillful manner—the interstices being filled up with moss and clay mixed together, which formed a hard cement, and served at once to bind the stones together, and prevent the wind and rain from penetrating. In one angle in the interior, where this rudely constructed wall joined the natural rock, a pile of stones was run up in the form of a chimney, the top of which was open to the sky, and gave egress to the smoke, which rose from a blazing wooden fire which burnt beneath, and cast a ruddy glow and a strong though flickering light over the place. Near to the fire an immense set of pine logs was reared, giving a satisfactory assurance of fuel for some time to come.

Sir Gilbert saw these things at a glance as he tottered forward with his burden, and noticed also that the singular occupant of this strange abode was peculiarly weird-looking, and well calculated, from his appearance and the character he bore, to produce a powerful impression. His snow-white hair and beard and the lines upon his face, gave him an aged and venerable aspect, but the other accompaniments of age he had not. His form was tall, erect and majestic; his stock of teeth were white and entire, and from out the white surmise of his wrinkled face shone a pair of dark, clear, piercing eyes, giving evidence that his power of vision was unabated.

The Hermit—for such he seemed to be—stood in silent motionless astonishment as Sir Gilbert moved forward with the inanimate Helen in his arms. Their exterior coating of snow made it impossible to see what they were. That it was a man carrying a burden of some kind in his arms, and all that could be discovered, and no sooner had he passed forward into the interior than the occupant of the place again closed up the entrance, to keep out the gusts of wind and the snow drift.

TO BE CONTINUED.

CRIME IN THE SOUTH.—The New York papers of Friday last contain accounts of two murders said to have been committed in the South by the Kuklux Klan, an attempted murder of a white man and his servants by negroes near Mobile, an outrage committed upon the person of a young lady by a negro in Georgia, with the subsequent arrest and the immediate burning alive of the offender, and the murder of a little boy of only eleven years of age by negroes near New Orleans.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A man named Card, was killed, and another person of the same name seriously injured, at a raising in the Township of Scott, on Monday week. It appears there was some little strife as to which party would adjust the plate and raffers first—the entire company taking part in the "Raising" being divided into two sides. In the anxiety of one set of men, by some means while adjusting a rafter, the timber slipped, and falling upon Mr. Card, killed him instantly, while the other was seriously injured by some falling rafters.

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For instantly removing Grease, Oil, Wax, Paint, Tar and other spots from Silk, Velvet, Cloth and Kid Gloves, Carpets,

And all kinds of fabric, without injuring the most delicate colors. Price 25c per bottle.

Sole Proprietor, E. HARVEY, Chemist and Druggist, Wyndham-St., Guelph.

TO BE HAD ONLY AT

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NEURALGIA POWDERS.

The New, Extraordinary, and Tonic Remedy for Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Sciatica and Lumbago.

Also, for Face-ache, Tooth-ache, Ear-ache, Coughs all affections from Cold.

The Powders are entirely Tonic in their action, giving strength and tone to the system, and increasing the appetite.

They are tasteless and may be taken by anybody with perfect safety.

A. B. PETRIE, Chemist, Sole Agent, Guelph.

Guelph, April 8.

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One Door West of the Old Stand,

And directly opposite the front door of the Market House, where he will be enabled to carry on his business on a much more extensive scale, and will be in a position to serve his customers to better advantage to them and to himself.

T. J. DAY, Bookseller, opposite the Market, Guelph.

Guelph, April 2, 1868.

MONTREAL Boot and Shoe Store

WHOLESALE & RETAIL

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FASHIONABLE BOOTS & SHOES

The Dominion can Produce. TERMS, CASH.

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All outstanding accounts to be paid in bankable currency to G. B. FRASER up to the 12th of April, any remaining unpaid then will be put into Court for collection, as the books of the late firm must be closed within 30 days after date.

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TO TAILORS

A COMPLETE assortment of the latest patterns of shoe Tools, Shoe and Machine Thread, Machine Silk, Shoe Pags, Shoe Nails, Shoe Tacks, Heel and Toe Plates, etc., wholesale and retail.

RYAN & OLIVER, 114 Yonge Street, Toronto.

TO MACHINISTS.

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

RYAN & OLIVER, Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st., Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.

HAIR Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Snaws, Rings, Locks, Tacks, Flint Paper, Glue, Piano Stool screws Coffin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Regulators, Adair's Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip August Bits, Melodion Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest prices.

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DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

In consequence of the rapid increase of the subscriber's business within the past few years, he has pleasure in intimating to his numerous patrons, and the Trade in general, that he has

THIS DAY REMOVED

To a much larger and much more commodious store,

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WHOLESALE and RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT.

GUELPH, ONT.

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JOHN HOGG AT IT AGAIN.

From unforeseen circumstances, I am obliged to once more plunge into the torments of active business life. It affords me no small degree of pleasure and satisfaction to know that I am still to continue to serve and be a means of profit to the great mass of the inhabitants of the County of Wellington and its vicinity.

I shall in the time to come, as in the past, make it a study and one of the leading features in my business affairs at all times to be in a position to secure Goods in the very best markets, and to the best possible advantage. My purchases will all be made for Ready Money—and money will command Bargains such as credit cannot. This advantage will be given to my customers.

It is needless to remind my numerous friends and supporters that the immense variety of every description of Goods presented to select from is a very great advantage, together with the undeniable fact that my Goods are all imported from the manufacturers direct, ensures to my patrons a saving of a fair profit over that of any other establishment in the trade. I possess great advantages this season for offering extra inducements to my customers.

COTTON GOODS have all advanced very rapidly within the last month. During the period of panic prices I bought heavily, indeed sufficient to do my business requirements during the summer. Since an advance of fully forty per cent. has taken place.

My stock now in every branch is full, and an early call from my old friends will be well repaid both as regards variety to select from and the great saving to be effected in price.

Thanking you for past favors,

I remain yours,

JOHN HOGG.

Guelph, 3rd April, 1868.

SOMETHING NEW!

LIFE SIZE PORTRAITS OF CHARLES DICKENS AND CHROMO LITHOGRAPHS

That cannot be distinguished from Oil Paintings, at

Cuthbert's Bookstore!

Guelph, 3rd April, 1868.

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.

W. MACKLIN & CO.

Guelph, April 7, 1868.

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.

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THE GREATEST ATTRACTION OF THE SEASON

IS THE DISPLAY OF

NEW HATS & CAPS

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THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL

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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 contributed one of the most useful and valuable discoveries of the age for the benefit of mankind, and known as

PROFESSOR ESMERALDO'S PELLATTE.

This Pellatte is the Concrete Juice of the Fruit of the Anthemic Pyrrhus, a Brazilian Shrub that grows along the banks of the Amazon River. This fruit and its juice possess the peculiar properties 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 Pellatte stands as

THE VICTORIA OF ALL GREY HAIR RESTORERS!

It differs from all others as follows: The Joyful Side. (The Melancholy side.)

Other Preparations Are all made of preparations of Lead, Sulphur, Lime, Chemicals and Minerals. They impart its colour at once. It is free from minerals and chemicals. They stain the skin & clothing. They are filthy & execrable.

WHY THEY DO NOT HEALING TO THE SCALP. It softens and glossens the Hair. It is healing to the scalp. It removes Dandruff and Scurf. It combines a Hair Dressing.

It combines a Color Restorer. It predisposes the Hair to Curl. It is indispensable, and it is universally desired.

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 Pellatte.

At one bound it sweeps the field, and the old gray crustles of Minerals are dropped by the public like a red hot iron.

Go to your nearest Druggist, and ask him to furnish you with the Pellatte. Don't fail 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 Pellatte healed my scalp and colored my hair beautifully." "I am delighted with your Pellatte—I will never again use any other wash or dye."

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The rate of interest allowed on all deposits will be four per cent. per annum, to commence from day of deposit, and five per cent. on all sums remaining in the Bank six months from 3rd of June or 31st of December.

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Further information will be given upon application at the office of the Bank in Guelph.

For all deposits made in this Savings Bank, the Canadian Bank of Commerce is fully responsible.

R. J. DALLAS, Cashier. Guelph, 1st April, 1868.

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They can get better, cheaper and handsomer Horse Bills than at any other office in the County, and printed while they wait.

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MCLACAN & INNES. EVENING MERCURY Buildings, Macdonnell-st Guelph, 1st April, 1868.

Insolvent Act of 1864.

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GEORGE WILKINSON, By Palmer and Lillie, His Attorneys at litem. Guelph, April 11, 1868.

R. GALBRAITH TAILOR,

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