### Buelph Evening Mercury

EDNESDAY EV'G, DEC. 16, 1874.

#### HELENA GRAHAM. THE BRIDE'S SACRIFICE.

CHAPTER XI.

What were Herbert Clinton's thoughts

s, sitting silently in the stem of the boat,

e watched the dancing waves flash and

parkle in the sunlight. Very different

rom those he had indulged not long

ince, when, on one evential night, he

nd Jessie had crossed it together. This

anny Yaughan, with her pretty, piquant

sce, and pert, saucy manners had first

con his boyish heart. He had raved, and

owed, and implored at her feet, but she

nly laughed at him and his passion, and

owe she had no more power over his

sart than if she had never existed.

flight it not be the same with those he

sal loved sine? Was not his passion

r Jessie beginning to grow cold already?

Yould it not grow colder every day?

and in the hot ardor of his love he had

tade this little, obscure, uneducated, shy

hild his wife. Why, oh, why had he

ot waited? And now that the deed was

or ever irreparable, where was this to

nd?

They reached Crais's End before dark CHAPTER XI

mistress, in close conversation with his mother.

"Good gracious, Miss Helens, you here?" was Evan's first ejaculation.

"Yes, Evan; and glad to be home again," she answered, gayly. "Aunt Allie tells me that you have just been taking Mr. Clinton over to Craig's End."

"So I have; but I'm to go for him early to-morrow mornin'. I expect if he'd knowed you was comin', he'd stayed."

"Humph!" said Aunt Allie, dubiously. "Did he seem lonely during my — during our absence?" asked Helens.

"Lonely? Indeed he didn't. He was in first rate spirits all the time."

"Ah!" said Helens, a shadow falling over her face; "he spent his time in fishing, and shooting, I suppose, and snaring birds?"

"Snarin' birds? Yes; an' caught one,

"Snarin' birds? Yes; an' caught one, too," said Aunt Allie, in a tone that

spoke volumes.

"Caught one! What do you mean,
Amandalie? I don't understand," said
Helens. anxiously.

"Miss Helens, don't listen to her.
She's always got some nonsense to tell,"
interrupted Evan, casting an angry warning glance at his mother.
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long waited for had come, the old woman's tongue was not to be stopped.

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