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The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKEN LEUCH. A Tale of the Covenanters.

"We must not hesitate for even a moment, was her reply. "Farewell, Sir Gilbert," said Walter, turning the horse's head...

Then Walter and Marion resumed their journey to Birken Leuch, the tower of which could be seen in the distance...

We shall proceed thither, and see how it has fared with the inmates during their absence.

No sooner had the cavaliers departed, bearing his master and mistress away as prisoners...

"What will we do, Andrew? Oh, dear, what will we do?" she moaned.

"We needna sit down an' grieve, at our rates," answered her husband, whose concern was not less than her own...

Though Marion had spent the greater portion of her life in the maner, she had never been in the region of it before...

Andrew himself was little better acquainted with the region than she was...

"Very queer," responded Andrew, who was too intent on discovering his way to favour her with a more lengthened rejoinder.

"The passages seem to have been made by the water, or rather they are a cleft together, for they gang here, and there, and every airth. It beats me the ken how ye find out the road, for I'm sure I wad lose my way."

"Wad ye, said Andrew, faintly; then, inwardly, he said to himself—'Faith, lass, but there's mair than you can doo that if ye ken d a in. Confound the place, I hae nae mair idea o' where I am than this flect in my hand; and if we ever find out the waul-waul, it will be mair by guid luck than guid wits."

As they went, however, from cell to cell, up steps and down steps, always finding another passage to traverse as they proceeded...

"Montreal Markets," Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co., report by Special Telegram to 'Evening Mercury.'

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AN EARTHQUAKE.—It is stated that a sharp shock of earthquake was felt at St. Andrew's, Quebec, at midnight on the 14th, and that the same was slightly felt in Montreal, accompanied by an unusually loud noise.

After the Funeral.

Of all returnings, that one, "after the funeral," is the saddest. Who will say it is not so, that has ever followed him they loved to the grave?

There are his clothes, and things begin to move as usual—then it is we begin to feel as if we had been left.

ABOUT FEET.—The French foot is meagre, narrow and bony; the Spanish is small and elegantly formed—thick to its Moorish blood...

TRADE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—From a comparative statement, compiled and published by Mr. Johnson, Assistant Commissioner of Customs...

TRUCE THROUGH LIQUOR.—A man named Wm. Anthony, 56 years of age, of Elliot, Yorkshire, England, committed suicide in Toronto on Thursday...

GRACE OF SCOTLAND.—The sum of \$7,710 has been collected by the managers of the Temporalities board of the Church of Scotland...

A certain nine of the Detroit Ball Club have signified their intention to play any other nine in the city...

NATIONAL Steamship Company. Steamers weekly from Liverpool and New York, calling at Queenstown.

TROOPS FOR COBURG.—The World says that on Tuesday evening last, the first detachment of the troops destined to be quartered in Cobourg, arrived from Ottawa...

COMMERCIAL. Guelph Markets. MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH. January 20, 1868.

Flour, per 100 lbs. \$3 75 to 4 00. Fall Wheat per bushel 1 70 to 1 75. Spring Wheat do 1 50 to 1 55.

Money Market. JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, GUELPH, January 20, 1868. Gold, 130 1/2. Greenbacks bought at 70 1/2 to 71 1/2...

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WHIPS, Horse Covers, Sleigh Bells. A very large and well-assorted stock of Whips will be sold at 25c on the dollar of our former low price...

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We have opened our stock of FURS, from our own manufacture, which we will sell at LOW PRICES, etc.

Extra Dark Mink, Royal Ermine, Siberian Squirrel, River Mink, Ladies' Hoods, GENTS' MUFFLERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.

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THE GROCERY & WINE TRADE.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT. FRANK SMITH & CO., 77 Front Street, Toronto.

FRANK SMITH & CO. 77 Front Street, Toronto. Began to intimate to their Western friends and the public generally, that they have now received a large portion of their Fall supply of...

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