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ANNABEL

—OR—

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XII.

BARNARD HAYES FINDS A TOOL FOR HIS PURPOSE.

Quentin's Court was situated off one of the busy Liverpool thoroughfares. It was approached by a long, narrow passage or alley, between houses, and consisted of a pretty large square, to which ingress and egress could be had by a similar passage from a quiet back street in the opposite direction. In the forenoon it seemed nearly deserted, but towards evening the denizens of the court were in full activity, and ill-favoured men began to congregate in the passage and at the door of one of the houses in the court, over which a red lamp was lighted. As the hour drew towards midnight, Quentin's Court became a noisy place indeed. Loud sounds of shouting, singing, cursing, swearing, wild laughter, sounded from within many of the habitations, and continued with greater or less intensity for many hours. It was into these precincts that, one evening after dark, came Barnard Hayes. This was two nights after the conversation he had held with Mrs. Langton in the shrubbery at Rockstone. When he had glided into the court, the red lamp had been for some time lighted, and most of the frequenters of the place had already gone in. Having opened the door, which he did by pulling it towards him, he was immediately met by another of precisely similar character. This Hayes pushed from him, when a blaze of light streamed forth from within, and the lawyer entered a large chamber where a striking scene was presented. Billiard and other gaming tables were placed at regular distances over the room, lights burned brilliantly from brackets in the varnished walls, a soft, thick carpet of a large, showy pattern covered the floor, large mirrors were hung on all sides, and chairs and sofa lounges lined the sides of the apartment, while an immense side board stretching across the upper end was spread with bottles, decanters, and glasses. Here a tall, bold faced woman, served out such drinks as was demanded. Nearly every table was surrounded by players, and those who stood witnessing the game. Barnard Hayes, however, was not an observer of this description, tho' he had not come for the purpose of joining in the play which went on there. His entrance was not particularly noticed by those present. Everyone was too much engaged, interested, and absorbed in the several contests which were going forward to notice the new comer, who, after casting his eye inquiringly over the room, nodded to himself as it lighted on a group round one of the upper tables, towards which he immediately moved.

This group consisted of about a dozen individuals, in no way particularly distinguished either in feature or expression from the rest, save in one instance, and that was in the case of a very thick-set, broad-chested man, rather under the middle height, who was leading the game on one side, though as it appeared with no prospect of success. His scowling face sufficiently showed this, and the scowl did not improve but aggravate the natural ugliness and ferocity of his countenance, which bore a hardened, vagabond, yet intelligent look, indicative of talents misapplied and powers abused.

The most notable thing on this man's face was the nose, the bridge of which was broken and the lower portion flattened as if from a heavy blow. It was wonderful how this controlled and determined the entire facial expression, and gave to it a ferocity of aspect altogether peculiar, though it must be admitted that the general outline of the other portions lent willing assistance to the disfigured nose in producing the repulsive effect. The thick, flabby lips, the broad, sensual chin, the small eyes, half hid by the surrouding fat, the shaggy eyebrows, and the low, flat brow which surmounted them, all betokened a coarse, desperate, yet shrewd and knowing man, whom it would be dangerous to meet on his own particular field of action.

This latter did not seem to be the place where he now was, for he was losing heavily, and had been doing most of the night. Had he been as cool and cautious as he should, he might have known that he was no match for the slim-made sharp-motioned fellow against whom he was playing, whose active fingers and quick eye gave him an advantage over his antagonist of which he was not slow to avail himself, and each time as he pocketed the stakes his smile, intentionally formed to enrage, so madened the other that in his blind fury he staked on more heavily than before, till it was evident he must soon "cave in," however heavily his pockets were lined when he began.

Barnard Hayes stood quietly by, waiting patiently for the consummation. This was the man he had come to see; but he was too prudent to seek his attention so long as he was thus engaged. No man knew better than the lawyer the wrong moment and the right, and there was no danger that impulse should induce him to run counter to the dictates of his cool judgment. Therefore he stood waiting with silent equanimity, and watched the progress of the unequal contest, waiting till the time came when the losing man's last coin should be staked.

Barnard Hayes was not unknown in the saloon. He had had professional connection with not a few of those present, and had on several occasions visited the room in a business capacity. He was therefore not surprised to have the remark addressed to him—

"Sam's luck is devilish bad to-night."

"So it would seem," answered the lawyer, turning to the speaker, and recognising in him a man whom not long before he had helped out of a scrape.

"What's the cause of it?" asked Hayes. "Has anything put him out?"

"Nothing particular as I knows on. He ain't groggy nor down with the blues, but the truth is he ain't no match for Tarleton Tom, and he ought to know it. None but the best of players ever think of tackling Tom, and everybody knows that Sam Lorton is fishy at this sort o'thing. He's a rare chap is Sam at outside work, but when it comes to the cue and balls, Lord bless ye! he's not much more nor a booby. There's another miss, and he's lost again."

"He'll surely stop now," observed the lawyer.

"Not a bit on him," rejoined the other. "Sam aint the lad to give in till his last coin is on the table, and that don't seem to be just yet."

This remark was borne out by the fact that the object of their conversation drew from his pocket, with a vehement gesture, a handful of gold, which, without counting, he dashed on the table, and in fierce tones challenged his opponent to stake an equal amount.

A literary curiosity, the poems of Mary Queen of Scots, is in preparation. The poems of this Queen, collected from original obscure sources, will be prefaced with an introduction by Mr. Julian Sharman.

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AT GEORGE JEFFREY'S.

THE SUBSCRIBER BEGS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT HE HAS JUST RECEIVED

OVER TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PIECES OF McNAUGHTAN & THOM'S BEST PRINTS

Which he will sell at 12½c. per yard, being usually sold at 16c. per yard, in beautiful New Designs and Colors.

Ladies ought to come early and get a good choice of those

UNPRECEDENTED CHEAP GOODS!

Also, another Lot of Lace Collars at Half Price.

NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS.

GUELPH, FEB. 21, 1873.

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The New Store is the one formerly occupied by Mr. H. Berry, and lately by Mr. J. R. Porte, as a Confectionery Store. The store has been enlarged and refitted, making it a much more desirable place of business than the old stand.

Having secured the new store for a term of Ten Years, I hope, with the assistance of the Public, to prevent in the future as I have done during the past seven years, any monopoly in the Drug Trade i Guelph.

I have removed my stock to the new store, where business will only be conducted in future.

By conducting my business in the future in the same upright principle as in the past, I trust to receive a continuance of your generous support.

I am, yours very truly,

A. B. PETRIE.

New Dry Goods!

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WM. STEWART

Has much pleasure in statin to the public that he has secured many lots of desirable New Dry Goods under current prices, and they will be offered

At Decided Bargains!

Piles of Scarlet Flannel at	25c
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BLANKETS ALL PRICES

All Wool TWEEDS from 50 cents.

Dress Goods.

The Choicest and Newest. Prices to suit everyone.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, Dec. 12, 1872 dw

PHŒNIX MILLS,

WATERLOO ROAD.

Chopping and Gristing

Carefully attended to, and satisfaction promised.

Family and Fall Flour, Graham Flour, Cracked Wheat, Corn Meal, Chopped Corn, Feed and Millers' Offals

Of all sorts for sale at the old Stand,

Upper Wyndham Street

Next door to D. Naismith's.

Having our own Mill, parties dealing with us can rely that our Flour, Feed, &c., is fresh good, and as cheap as any place in Town. Buckwheat Flour for sale.

Orders promptly attended to.

McWATTERS & BUTT.

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GAS FITTING

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STEAM FITTING

Done in the best style and most workmanlike manner

AT HOWARD'S

All Kinds of Fixtures made to order on the Shortest Notice.

Changing Pipes, &c. or Repairs

Done on the shortest notice. (dw

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SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread);
" Hand Lock Stitch (double thread)
" No. 1, Foot Power,
" No. 2, for heavy work!

Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND,

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July 12, 1871 dwly

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STALL NO. 5.

The undersigned having entered into partnership as Butchers, beg leave to inform their friends and the public generally that they have taken Stall No. 5, in the Guelph Market, where, by keeping a good supply of

Fresh Meat, Poultry, etc,

Of the best quality, they hope to receive a share of public patronage.

Meat delivered in any part of the town.

HALES & SIMPSON.

WM. HALES. THOS. SIMPSON.

Guelph, March 14, 1873. d2w

COAL.

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JUST ARRIVED,

Chestnut Coal,

Stove Size Coal,

Egg Size Coal.

JOHN M. BOND AND Co.,

DIRECT IMPORTERS,

GUELPH.

HOTEL CARD.

The Right Man in the Right Place.

THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the Post Office.

THOMAS WARD,
(Late of Crown Hotel),
Proprietor.

Guelph, Dec. 1 th, 1872. dawly

Direct from Glasgow!

Ex. S.S. "NORTH AMERICAN."

CHEVIOT AND BANNOCKBURN

TWEEDS FOR SUITS!

Gentlemen requiring medium heavy suits for spring wear will find at the

GUELPH CLOTH HALL

An unusually attractive stock to select from.

SHAW & MURTON,

Wyndham St., Guelph.

Guelph, March 15, 1873 do

10lbs. best Bright Sugar

FOR $1.00;

11lbs. good Musc. Sugar

FOR $1.00;

20lbs. good Currants

FOR $1.00;

J. E. McELDERRY

2 DAY'S BLOCK.

Co-Operative Store.

ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS

New Cottons	New Tweeds.
New Prints.	New Lustres.
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NEW BOOTS AND SHOES

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, Feb. 18. dw

GUELPH TEA DEPOT

GO TO

E. O'DONNELL & Co.

For Cheap Groceries.

NEW RAISINS	5 cents per pound
NEW FIGS	5 cents per pound
WALKER'S SOAP	15 cents per bar
GOOD PRUNES	30 pounds for $1
10 pounds of the BEST BRIGHT SUGAR	for $1.
11 pounds of GOOD COOKING SUGAR	for $1.

First-class TEAS!

OUR VERY BEST GUNPOWDER TEA	for 80 cents per lb
A VERY FINE BLACK TEA	for 75 cents per lb
A NICE YOUNG HYSON TEA	for 50 cents per lb

All orders will be delivered at your houses. Give us a call.

E. O'DONNELL & CO.

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MRS. WRIGHT

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

Toys and other Fancy Goods

Suitable for the Season.

MRS. WRIGHT,

UPPER WYNDHAM STREET.

Next to the Wellington Hotel.

Guelph, Jan. 25, 1873. dw

IF YOU WANT

FRESH Oysters

GO TO PICKARD'S.

IF YOU WANT

FRESH FISH

GO TO PICKARD'S.

IF YOU WANT

Sweet Oranges

GO TO PICKARD'S.

Pickard's Fruit Store,

ALMA BLOCK.

Guelph, March 15, 1873 do

MEDICAL DISPENSARY.

Just Received, a Large Supply of LUBIN'S

"GRAND TRUNK,"

The most elegant and fashionable Perfume of the day.

PIESSE & LUBIN'S

RIBBON OF BRUGES,

A very fragrant Fumigator

For THE SICK ROOM

MEDICINE SPOONS,
TEA AND DESSERT SPOONS,

A fresh supply at the Medical Dispensary.

G. B. McCullough,

Dispensing Chemist

(Late McCullough & Moore.)

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Cigar Factory.

Enlargement of Business.

S. MYERS,

Having recently enlarged his Cigar Factory, having in his employment the best workmen in the Province, and being constantly in receipt of Fresh supplies of the finest Havana Tobacco, is now prepared to receive orders for his Famous Cigars in any quantity.

Country Orders

Left at the store of Messrs. Massie, Paterson & Co., will be promptly and satisfactorily filled.

Ask for the "M. P. C.'s," the best Cigar in the Dominion.

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Proprietor

Guelph, Dec. 4, 1872. dwtf

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Boot and Shoe Store.

The subscriber begs to announce to the Public that he has opened a first-class Custom Shop, where he is prepared to

MAKE TO ORDER

All kinds of Boots and Shoes on the shortest notice. A neat fit and good leather guaranteed.

Ladies, Misses and Children's Boots and Shoes made in the neatest style.

Repairing done with neatness and dispatch. Give us one trial and you will be sure to call again.

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D. TRIPP.

Guelph, Feb. 6, 1873. d3m