

NORAH CUSHALEEN

OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

CHAPTER XXII.—THE LIFE AND DEATH
STRUGGLE.

Norah had to ascend to the chamber in the tower for the light, and when she returned her father had groped more than half way along the passage.

"Oh, masha, but this is a cold, damp, lonesome place to be sure," he remarked. "Norah, avick, isn't it yer heavy-hearted father that's sorry to think you have to put up in such a nasty ghost uv a castle, all by yourself."

Not quite by myself, father, returned Norah in a cheerful tone. "You forget that I have little Malvra beside me."

"God save the swate little crayture to be sure; but barrin' his presence, that hasn't come to the knowledge of his senses yet, ye haven't a decent Christian to speak to or to hear spake."

"It is hard, no doubt, and far from pleasant, but it must be borne," returned Norah, in tones, the sadness of which she strove to disguise. "But come," she added, "you must be tired, dear father, with your long walk and that heavy load. Come up the stair, and I will cast the light back on the steps."

"Oh, but it's yourself that has the kind heart, Norah darlin'," said Michael, as he followed her. "If I was tin times tinner than I am, the words that come out of your swate purty lips would make me as fresh as the daisies in the mornin'."

When half way up the stair, Michael suddenly paused.

"Bedad!" he exclaimed, "if I haven't forgot to bar the door."

"Ah," cried Norah, "that must be immediately rectified," and setting down the light, she tripped hurriedly down the stair, and came along the dark passage. The door was not only unfastened, but half open, and she immediately set herself to pile up the stones which secured it.

Lady Blantyre was crouching down close at Norah's side within a broken piece of the wall, and in her right hand she held the dagger ready to plunge it into the bosom of the unsuspecting girl should she discover her presence. But Norah completed her task and retreated without the faintest suspicion of the presence of any one in the passage.

"I might have struck the blow," muttered Lady Blantyre, when Norah's footsteps had died away in the distance. "Ay, and I would have done it but for the child. The brat, as I heard by their conversation, still lives, and he too must be put out of the way. I will wait till the old man is gone, and then strike the double blow."

She rose slowly from her lair, retraced the dagger to her bosom, and cautiously advanced along the passage, till she came to a doorway, and entered a dark and empty chamber. Here she remained waiting patiently till Michael should be gone, when she would be able to effect her cruel purpose.

"The poor frightened fools, to run at the sight of a weak, helpless woman," she muttered, thinking of Malvra and his two accomplices. "Had I been as superstitious, utter ruin would have come upon our house. Dennis must have deceived Malvra with a false story of Norah's death, and yet he saw them in the boat and tossing upon the waves. How, then, could the girl escape? Dennis himself was drowned, for Malvra saw his body; and yet the girl and her child still live. It is a mystery; but if I cannot unravel it, I shall make it harmless. If they escaped the sea, my dagger will be more true and faithful."

Musing thus in the darkness, more than an hour passed away, and then there was a noise of voices and footsteps and a glare of light flashed along the passage.

Lady Blantyre retreated to the corner of the apartment, and there crouched down, but there was no means of further concealment, and if Norah and her father came into the chamber with the light she would inevitably be discovered.

But they passed the doorway, and having parted with tender, loving expressions, Michael took his leave, and Norah carefully closed and secured the door.

"I could do it now," muttered Lady Blantyre to herself; "one swift and sure blow in the passage and the deed is done, but I'll rather wait, and steal upon her when she is asleep."

Her ladyship acting on this resolution, Norah was allowed to return to the chamber above. Poor, persecuted girl, little did she dream of the ruthless enemy that was lurking near—of the heart and hand steered to strike the fatal blow on herself and the darling child. She thought not of danger, imagined not that she was less secure than she had been on other nights, and prepared to go to rest with a heart cheered by the visit of her father.

When she returned to the chamber, the little boy lay on the couch quite awake and on her appearance set up a cry of delight. He had enjoyed a long and sound sleep from which he had been aroused by the kiss which his grandfather had imprinted on his balmy lips. The tears of the old man lay like fresh dew drops on his downy cheeks, and the laughing glance of the child's bright eyes was like sunshine on the sparkling flowers.

Norah took him up, kissed him fondly and sat down to give him his second supper. Full of health and young gushing life, he partook eagerly of the food she offered, and soon relapsed into the deep and undisturbed slumber of infancy.

It was now passed midnight. After leaving the child again upon the couch, she prepared to take her place beside him. But first she knelt down and recommended herself to the care of the Great Father in Heaven. Oh, how greatly did she that night stand in need of Divine protection, though she knew it not. The murderer was without, watching and waiting for her victims, and all human help was distant. Shall that prayer rise in vain through the midnight darkness? Shall the protection petitioned for be denied? Will heaven gaze with silent apathy on the deed of crime and blood? And will the watching angels interpose not to save the lives of the innocent? Will they not ask the God of justice to palsy the hand when raised to strike the blow?

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Standard Syrup.
Golden Syrup.
Amber or Honey do.

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AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Guelph, 3rd September, 1867. dtf

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FLOUR AND FEED STORE

Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill

Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran,

Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.

Guelph, 28th August, 1867. dw-tf

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FOR sale, that well-known farm adjoining Mr.

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If not sold by the 10th inst., this farm will be

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Guelph, 3rd October, 1867. dwtf

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STRAYED from the York Road, on the night of

the last Guelph Fair, a Red Steer, with

white spot on forehead, three years old, and marked

with a small H on the right hip bone. Any per-

son giving such information to the undersigned as

will lead to the recovery of the animal will be suit-

ably rewarded, by applying to the undersigned at

Lindsay's Hotel, Guelph.

GEO. PATTERSON.

Guelph, Sept. 26. 3 daw

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for purity and excellence will be found un-

equalled.

The Company have made arrangements

whereby they have secured the entire pro-

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and on the slopes of the Himalayas, and by

a judicious blending of these magnificent

Teas with the best varieties of China of times,

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quality and flavour hitherto unknown to the

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The Company supply two qualities only,

either Black, Green or Mixed. Their Black

Teas will be found to possess great briskness

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PRICES: Rich, full-flavoured Tea, for

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cents per lb. Finest quality procurable, one

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The above can be had either Black,

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To be had in packets of Quarter Pound

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Orders.—All packages have the Company's

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MR. N. HIGINBOTHAM

Agent, Guelph.

Guelph, August 3, 1867 daw-13

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and Maple Cordwood at \$4 per cord, or \$2 for

a half cord. Also for sale a quantity of good,

sound Rock, Elm and \$3 per cord. He will

constantly keep on hand good Cedar, Spruce,

lumber wood, at \$3 per cord, or \$1.50 for half a

cord, guarantee that a full cord in each

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WHICH WILL BE FOUND ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE IN
CANADA. HE WOULD PARTICULARLY DIRECT AT-
TENTION TO A FEW DEPARTMENTS:

SILKS, Black and Coloured.

REPS, PRINCESS' CLOTHS,

MANTLE CLOTHS,

Some things Quite New.

And every other description of Goods will be shown as they

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GEORGE JEFFREY.

Guelph, September 21, 1867. d tf

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BOOT AND SHOE STORE

JOHN McNEIL,

Who has been in the employment of Wm. McLaren for years,

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the whole stock in trade of Wm. McLaren, consisting of BOOTS and SHOES, at

A GREAT

Reduction on Original Cost!

and is determined to give A BENEFIT to the old customers of this Institution, and all who may

be coupled with Ready Money. No man can sell at small profits unless he does a large business, and

always at the LOWEST PRICES.

During the Next Thirty Days,

he will sell off all Light Goods at less than original Cost Prices. Low prices must be

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J. M. solicits an early call from those in want of good and cheap Boots and Shoes. A supply of

JOHN McNEIL,

Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ontario

Guelph, 3rd September, 1867. (dw)

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ALL WORK WARRANTED!

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JOHN McNEIL,

Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ontario

Guelph, 3rd September, 1867. (dw)

CARD.

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period in my employment, I have much pleasure in recommending him as worthy and highly

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Boot and Shoe Store since it was opened. The best proof I could have of the good name of

the Store is the more than liberal support extended to myself during the long years which the

Montreal Boot and Shoe Store has been under my control. MR. McNEIL has been a long time in

your midst, and has an extensive connection in this County, which, coupled with PRACTICAL EXPER-

IENCE OF HIS BUSINESS, and courteous manner, augurs well for his success, and I trust you will

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WM. McLAREN.

Guelph, 2nd September, 1867.

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NOVELTIES JUST RECEIVED IN

GOLD BROOCHES!

Gold Ear-rings,

Ladies' Gold Chains,

Gents' Gold Albert Chains,

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Guelph, 5th Aug. 1867. dw-1y

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THE SHOW ROOM will be OPEN on the 23rd INSTANT,

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ALL ARE OFFERED AT

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES!

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Guelph, 13th September, 1867. do-tf

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DRY GOODS, GROCERIES

BOOTS AND SHOES.

The Stock amounts to \$4,070. The price paid was \$2,381.70, being Fifty-one Cents on the Dol-

lar, and the Goods will be sold at the undermentioned figures, being on an average 40 per cent.

under wholesale and 108 per cent. below retail prices. For example, goods which originally cost

\$1.00, and which have been retailed for \$1.25, cost the subscribers only .51 cents, and are now

offered at 60 cents.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT BANKRUPT STOCKS.

A merchant only a short time in business fails and assigns, and then his Goods are called an old

Bankrupt Stock. Does the circumstance of his failure convert new goods into old? May not Bank-

rupt Stocks be as good and as new as others? Purchasers, however, should be the judges. Sellers

should not give evidence in their own cause.

LIST OF GOODS AND PRICES:

Former Retail	Wholesale	Present	Former Retail	Wholesale	Present
Prices.	Prices.	Prices.	Prices.	Prices.	Prices.
Wineys, Challies, Checks \$0 40	\$0 32	\$0 20	Beaver Cloth	\$2 50	\$2 00
Coloured Lustres, Orleans 0 25	0 20	0 12 1/2	Wool Shawls	3 25	2 50
French Merino	1 00	0 80	Mixed Carpets	0 75	0 60
Black and Striped Silks	1 50	1 18	Coats	3 75	3 00
Bleached Cottons	0 12 1/2	0 10	Pants	2 25	1 80
Prints	0 16	0 12 1/2	Vests	1 70	1 35
Cambr Linings	0 10	0 08	Ladies Mantles	2 50	2 00
Flannels	0 40	0 32	Hats	0 62 1/2	0 50
Striped Shirts	0 30	0 16	Capes	0 50	0 40
Canadian Tweeds	1 00	0 85	Ribbons	0 20	0 15
Cassimeres	2 25	1 80	Hose	0 25	0 20
Black Cloth	3 50	2 80	Glove Cloves	0 37 1/2	0 30

Handkerchiefs, Ties, Falls, Collars, Sets, Laces, Trimmings, Bel