

NORAH CUSHALEEN

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 tiner than I am, the words that come out uv 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 Blantire 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 Blantire, 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 Blantire 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 Blantire 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 murderess 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?

MOLASSES!

Standard Syrup. Golden Syrup. Amber or Honey do.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Guelph, 3rd September, 1867. dtf

H. HOGG'S

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-1f

FARM FOR SALE.

FOR sale, that well-known farm adjoining Mr. Gideon Hood's, about one mile from the Great Western Station, Guelph. Terms made known by applying to the subscriber.

If not sold by the 10th inst., this farm will be taken out of the market.

JAMES MAYS. Guelph, 3rd October, 1867. dtwf

STRAYED STEER.

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 person giving such information to the undersigned as will lead to the recovery of the animal will be suitably rewarded, by applying to the undersigned at Lindsay's Hotel, Guelph.

GEO. PATTERSON. Guelph, Sept. 26. 3 daw

INDIA & CHINA TEA COY.

Home Depot at London and Liverpool. Canada's Depot, 23 Hospital Street, Montreal.

THE India and China Tea Company beg to call the attention of the Canadian community to their directly imported Teas, which for purity and excellence will be found unequalled.

The Company have made arrangements whereby they have secured the entire produce of some of the best plantations in Assam and on the slopes of the Himalayas, and by a judicious blending of these magnificent Teas with the best varieties of China Teas, they are enabled to offer to the public Teas of quality and flavour hitherto unknown to the general consumer. These Teas are in high favour in England and France, and a single trial will prove their superiority.

The Company supply two qualities only, either Black, Green or Mixed. Their Black Teas will be found to possess great briskness and flavour, combined with colour and strength, and to be entirely different to the flat and vapid article usually sold as Black Tea; while their Green Teas are altogether free from the deleterious mineral powder so commonly used for coloring the leaf.

PRICES: Rich, full-flavoured Tea, for family use a real genuine and fine article 70 cents per lb. Finest quality procurable, one dollar per lb.

The above can be had either Black, Green or Mixed. To be had in packets of Quarter Pound Half Pound, One Pound, and upwards, or in tin canisters of 5 lbs, and upwards from the Company's Agents in all the chief towns of Canada.—N.B. All the packages are lined with tin foil paper, and the Tea will consequently retain its flavour any length of time.

Orders.—All packages have the Company's trade-mark, without which none are genuine.

MR. N. HIGINBOTHAM Agent, Guelph. Guelph, August 3, 1867. daw-13

GUELPH WOOD YARD.

THE undersigned is now prepared to deliver to any part of the town good Beech and Maple Cordwood at \$4 per cord, or \$2 for a half cord. Also for sale a quantity of good sound Rock Elm at \$3 per cord. He will constantly keep on hand good Elm Land-ling wood, at \$3 per cord, or \$1.60 for half a cord, and guarantees that a full cord in each case will be delivered.

Orders left at No. 4 Butcher's Stall, Market House, or at the Yard opposite Deady's Hotel, will be promptly attended to.—Terms strictly cash.

JOHN WEST. Guelph, 3rd September, 1867.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE Undersigned having bought out No. 4 Stall, lately occupied by Mr. R. Cochrane, is prepared to sell meat of the very best quality at the lowest possible prices for cash.

JOHN WEST.

HAY IN TRUSSES

Constantly on hand. Also fine Straw for beds.

TERMS, CASH. Guelph, July 22. daw-1f

OYSTERS!

JUST RECEIVED those celebrated

XXX BALTIMORE OYSTERS!

At GEORGE WILKINSON'S, Next door to Telegraph and Express Office. Guelph, 10th Sept., 1867. (d)

YOUNGER'S

EDINBURGH ALE,

At E. CARROLL & Co's, No. 2, Dan's Block. Guelph Oct. 7, 1867.

CREDIT SALE

IN ERIN TOWNSHIP.

THE SUBSCRIBER will sell by Public Auction on Lot No. 22, 9th Con., Erin, On Thursday, October 24, 1867

The following stock, viz: 1 Bull three years old, nearly thorough-bred, 1 aged Cotswold Ram, 6 shaggy Rams, 20 Ram Lambs, 35 Ewe Lambs, 25 breeding Ewes. All of the above named Sheep are well-bred Cotswolds and Leicester.

Terms.—12 months' credit will be given on furnishing joint notes. Ten per cent. discount for Cash. Sale to commence at 1 p.m. precisely.

W. W. ROE, HUGH McMILLAN, Auctioneer. Proprietor. October 8, 1867. 2w

Cash Auction Sale

OR HORSES, WAGGONS, COWS, &c.

W. S. G. KNOWLES will offer for sale by Public Auction, on

Wednesday, 23rd October, 1867

On the farm lately occupied by Mr. William McHardy, Waterloo Road, adjoining the Town of Guelph, at the hour of 1 o'clock, p.m., 4 Team Horses, 1 Mare in foal, 1 Horse, 2 Cows, 2 sets of Bob-sleighs, 3 Waggon, Carriage, Buggy, 2 Plows, Harrows, Fanning Mill, 2 stacks of Straw, 4 acres of Turnips, 1 acre of Carrots, and other articles. No Reserve. Terms—Cash.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS

OF STAPLE AND FANCY

DRY GOODS!

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE.

GEORGE JEFFREY

Has much pleasure in announcing the arrival of his

FALL AND WINTER STOCK!

WHICH WILL BE FOUND ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE IN CANADA. HE WOULD PARTICULARLY DIRECT ATTENTION 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 appear in the Market.

GEORGE JEFFREY. Guelph, September 21, 1867. dtf

IMPORTANT BUSINESS CHANGE!

MONTREAL

BOOT AND SHOE STORE

JOHN McNEIL,

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

WOULD respectfully announce to the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has purchased 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 favor him with their patronage. JOHN McNEIL is determined to maintain the old laurels won by his predecessor, and also to add many new ones, by keeping only the best of Goods, and always selling 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 coupled with Ready Money. No man can sell at small profits unless he does a large business, and acquiesce strictly to the cash principle.

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

HOME MANUFACTURED GOODS!

always on hand. All kinds of Goods made to order. REPAIRING done with Neatness and Dispatch.

ALL WORK WARRANTED!

Country Merchants are invited to call, examine our Stock, and hear our Prices.

JOHN McNEIL, Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ontario. Guelph, 3rd September, 1867. (dw)

CARD.

HAVING disposed of my BUSINESS to Mr. JOHN McNEIL, who has been for a long period in my employment, I have much pleasure in recommending him as worthy and highly qualified to maintain the reputation which I flatter myself has been accorded to the Montreal 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 EXPERIENCE of his BUSINESS, and courteous manner, augurs well for his success, and I trust you will confer on him a share of your esteemed patronage.

WM. McLAREN. Guelph, 2nd September, 1867.

NOVELTIES

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GOLD BROOCHES!

Gold Ear-rings, Ladies' Gold Chains, Gents' Gold Albert Chains, Jet Ear-rings.

D. SAVAGE. Guelph, 6th Aug. 1867. dw-1y

NEW FALL GOODS.

R. B. MORISON & CO., MORRISTON.

GREAT REDUCTION in PRICES

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

AND WILL BE UP TO THE TIMES.

CLOTHES made to order in the latest styles, and READY-MADES in great variety. Wholesale and Retail.

NEW GOODS



DIRECT from ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

Just Received, a few Cases of New

MANTLE CLOTHS!

NEW SHAWLS, NEW DRESS GOODS, NEW SKIRTINGS, NEW WINEYES, NEW MANTLE BUTTONS.

ALL ARE OFFERED AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES!

Special attention is directed to our new Autumn and Winter CLOAKINGS, &c.

HOGG & CHANCE. Guelph, 15th September, 1867. do-1f

CO-OPERATIVE STORE!

GUELPH, ONTARIO.

THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE PURCHASED FROM JOHN WYTE, ESQ. ASSIGNEE, MONTREAL JOHN DAVIDSON'S STOCK, CONSISTING OF

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 Dollar, 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 Bankrupt 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 Price.	Wholesale Price.	Present Price.	Former Retail Price.	Wholesale Price.	Present Price.		
Wineys, Challies, Checks \$0 40	\$0 32	\$0 20	Beaver Cloth	\$2 50	\$2 00	\$1 25	
Coloured Lustres, Orleans 0 25	0 20	0 12 1/2	Wool Shawls	5 25	2 50	1 50	
French Merino	1 00	0 80	0 50	Mixed Carpets	0 75	0 60	0 37 1/2
Black and Striped Silks ..	1 50	1 18	0 70	Coats	3 75	3 00	1 80
Bleached Cottons	0 12 1/2	0 10	0 08	Pants	2 25	1 80	1 12
Prints	0 16	0 12 1/2	0 08	Vests	1 70	1 35	0 80
Cambric Linings	0 10	0 08	0 05	Ladies' Mantles	2 50	2 00	1 30
Flannels	0 40	0 32	0 20	Hats	0 62 1/2	0 50	0 30
Striped Shirtings	0 20	0 16	0 10	Caps	0 50	0 40	0 25
Canadian Tweeds	1 00	0 85	0 50	Ribbons	0 20	0 15	0 10
Casimeres	2 25	1 80	1 10	Hose	0 25	0 20	0 12 1/2
Black Cloth	3 50	2 80	1 70	Cloth Gloves	0 37 1/2	0 30	0 18

Hankkerchiefs, Ties, Falls, Collars, Sets, Laces, Trimmings, Belts, Flowers, Braids, Buttons, &c., &c., Equally Low.

The second semi-annual dividend of three per cent. will be paid to customers on presenting their Pass Books, on and after the 1st of October.

Fresh Importations Just Arriving.

WILLIAM MACKLIN & CO. Guelph, 21st September, 1867. dw

RUSSELL WATCH!

A FEW REASONS THAT MAKE IT SUPERIOR TO ALL COMERS.

- 1st.—It proves itself a reliable time-keeper beyond all question.
- 2nd.—The RUSSELL WATCH being made on correct and scientific principles, it must follow as a natural consequence that it will keep time.
- 3rd.—Each part of which the RUSSELL WATCH is composed is a reflex of the perfect machine which, under skillful direction, it is produced.
- 4th.—Truth is the essential of each part.
- 5th.—Uniformity and conformity must therefore characterize the several parts in fulfilling the purpose for which they are made and brought together.
- 6th.—Reproduction, as regards watch work, is simply an application of the principle that "things which are equal to the same things are equal to one another," and if there is any merit, the RUSSELL WATCH possesses that merit to a demonstration.
- 7th.—The greatest variety of price, quality and size, that confidence and perfection will admit, afforded by the RUSSELL WATCH.
- 8th.—The RUSSELL WATCH stands pre-eminently above all competitors for public favor and patronage.
- 9th.—Proofs of the foregoing—the universal testimony of all Watchmakers who have sold, and the positive statements of the thousands in Europe, the United States and Canada, who have worn the RUSSELL WATCH.

TESTIMONIAL.

To Robert Cuthbert, Watchmaker, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

If Society was as perfect in its organization, and was as obedient to the dictates of truth as the RUSSELL WATCH I bought from you is in indicating time, evil would be swallowed up in good, and happiness would become monotonous.

G. RENNIE, Guelph

IMPORTANT!

ROBERT CUTHBERT,

WATCHMAKER, WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH,

has always on hand a large variety of the celebrated RUSSELL WATCHES. His stock of Clocks, Jewellery and Fancy Goods will be found equally large and attractive.

Guelph, 20th July, 1867. dw-1f

New Songs. Toll-gates to Let

"I am Dreaming." "The Colonel from Constantinople." "Mary Allen." "Pat Malloy." "Somebody's Darling Slumbers Here." "Lonely Oh, So Lonely!" "When shall I see my Darling Again?" "Sweet Face at the Window." "Come when you will, I've a Welcome for Thee." "North O'Connell." "Belmonte's Waltz." "Wandering Bohemian."

Elora and Saugeen Rivers. The two Toll-gates below Elora, and the one below Saugeen, will be let at Higgin's Hotel, SATURDAY, 12th of OCTOBER, at 9 o'clock a.m.; and on the following day, at 11 o'clock a.m., the remainder of the gates on the Elora and Saugeen Rivers. The parties tendering bids, to be accompanied with two responsible persons.

DAY'S BOOKSTORE,