

Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
WEDNESDAY EVG, JULY 20, 1868.

The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

A pause, during which Mistress Douglas continued to pace the floor; and Gilbert lay musing upon her singular revelation. At length he said—
"What would you do?"
"I would save him, if that were possible, from the ruin to which he is rushing."
Gilbert shook his head discouragingly—
"Think you he can be turned from his bent?"
"He may be shown its madness—or he may be frustrated."
"That will be no easy task."
"I have surely a few friends to aid me."
"You Y—her face brightened for an instant and then grew dark; but no there is danger."
"I am not afraid," he said as if somewhat pained by the suggestion.
"But I am, for your sake," she crimsoned as the impulsive words left her lips, and again became pallid—"I mean that—I do not wish to be more indebted to you than I am already."
"I am the debtor, and shall think that you hold my friendship without value if you refuse my aid in this."
"I am too poor in friends to alight any, and you I value most of all."
"Then I am with you in aught that you do, come good or ill."
"You shall be my first councillor and general. There is my hand."
She smiled half sadly as he pressed it reverently to his lips.
"I shall be well to-morrow, since you need my help."
"No compliments, or I leave you."
"I shall be gruff as Tushielaw himself if so you would have me."
"Be what you will, but be secret."
"Ay, as the grave, I will but report myself to Captain Lindsay, obtain a few weeks' grace."
"Stop, Stop, you must not be in such hot haste to see Captain Lindsay."
"And wherefore, since it is my duty?"
She turned away her face again, while she spoke as if to conceal her agitation.
"You have already been absent four weeks without permission, and—"
"Go on—why do you stop? Do I lose my commission?"
"Worse: you may be condemned to death for desertion, which is equivalent to treason."
His countenance was overwhelmed with the consciousness of a new difficulty.
"I will straight to Edinburgh, naughtless, as soon as my limbs have strength enough to steady me in the saddle."
She would have pleaded with him to be wary, but a tap at the door interrupted her. She answered the summons, something was whispered to her. She passed out, closing the door after her.
The summoner was Kirsty Hyslop. This strange creature, who has been so frequently mentioned in this chronicle, was a woman whose appearance was as peculiar as her reputation.
She would have been tall had she not stooped so much that she appeared to be rather under than over the average height. Her body was stout—not fat—and her hands were long and marked on the back by veins and sinews. Her features were harsh and rugged, forming a singular contrast to her robust body; and her eyes were as red and fiery as those of the basilisk. To conceal them she had apparently contracted a habit of keeping the lids half-closed, so that she looked always as if she was half asleep. When she raised the eyelids the effect of the large burning eyes was all the more startling. Her dress was composed of a petticoat of the commonest stuff, striped red, a short gown of brownish hue, and a large red kerchief wound round her head so as to conceal her brow partly and her hair entirely. For the rest she was reticent to a degree, and singularly noiseless in her movements. Her age was as great a mystery as her life. The oldest men of the country-side declared themselves to have been familiar with the dreaded name of Kirsty Hyslop for their very infancy.
She lived upon the contributions of the country folk who sought her assistance in sickness and distress. Their propitiatory gifts were enough to have enabled her to live well; yet she always seemed to be in poverty. Some said her evil master carried away the greater share of her profits; but there were also strange tales told of gifts of produce finding their way mysteriously into the hovels of the poor. There had been talk of burning her at one time, but she had somehow hitherto escaped the usual fate of acknowledged witches. That might have been partly on account of the protection extended to her by Sir Walter Spens of Halstane when his boy was of import in Ettrick and Yarrow.

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POSITIVELY 4 NIGHTS ONLY.

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G. H. TWOMBLY, Agent.
Guelph, July 25. do 71

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FANCY GOODS!

JUST RECEIVED, a large addition to the already splendid stock of

Beads, Nail Heads, Portmonies, Satchels, Albums, Combs, Rings, Brooches,

Wools, and a general assortment of Small Stationery. A large quantity of LIN for sale by the yard, quart, or furnished with bottle or without.

For the above mentioned Goods, or any fancy articles in stock, SILVER will be taken at par.

The largest and best assortment of PIPES in Guelph are to be had at

Mrs. Robinson's,
Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, July 20th, 1868. daw

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CAUSTIC SODA—"Gambles," "Widnes,"
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Montreal, 1st April, 1868. dw-2m

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A SUPERIOR LOT OF

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AT HALF THE COST

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Two undotted lines will bear out his statement that he is now giving the public benefit:

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Former Price, 20c.

235 do do do 0.12

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A LOT of Gambroons and Kentucky Jeans from 12c per yard.

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SPECIAL ATTENTION

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Lace and Muslin Curtains, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, White and Coloured Quilts, Toilet Covers, Damasks, in Union and Wool, Reps, Towels, Hucks, Crash, Tickings, Bleached and Grey Cottons will be offered at Low Prices.

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WM. STEWART,
Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph July 20. daw 12

Silver Question.

IN CONSIDERATION

Of the mutual agreement herein contained,

WE, the undersigned, Merchants and Traders in the Town of Guelph, do severally agree, the one with the others, but not the one for the others, that we respectively will not from and after the first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, accept, or permit our agents to accept, in payment of any debt due, or to become due to us, or of any goods sold, or to be sold by us or our agents, any silver coin of the coinage of the United States of America, (when offered in amounts over five cents), unless there be at the same time paid therewith to us discount at the rate of ten per cent. on each of said coins, under denomination or nominal value of a quarter of a dollar, and at the rate of four per cent. on each of said coins of the denomination of nominal value of a quarter of a dollar and upwards; the British shilling to be received at the rate of twenty-four cents, and the British sixpence at the rate of twelve cents.

AND, in consideration of the premises, we further severally agree, the one with the others, but not the one for the others, that in the event of default being made by us respectively in the due performance of the above agreement, we will forthwith pay to John Hogg, of the Town of Guelph, Merchant, (party hereto), his executors and administrators as trustee or trustees for himself and the other signers, the sum of fifty dollars of lawful money of Canada, which is hereby expressly declared shall not be considered as a penalty, but as liquidated damages for each breach of the said agreement, which said damages may be recovered by him or his executors or administrators from any one or more of us who shall make default in the due performance of the said agreement in any court having competent jurisdiction in that behalf.

AND, it is hereby expressly declared and agreed that in the event of two-thirds in number of the undersigned at any time desiring to withdraw from this arrangement, it shall be competent for them at any time to give notice in writing to the said John Hogg of such their intention, and at the expiration of one month from delivery of the said notice to the said John Hogg, these presents shall *pro facto* cease and become of no effect, provided, nevertheless, it shall be competent for the said John Hogg to commence or continue any proceeding for the recovery of any damages, in virtue thereof, for any breach of the agreement herein contained, prior to the expiration of said month.

AS WITNESS our hands this tenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight:

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James Massie & Co.
Wm Stewart
Wm Clarke, M. D.
A. O. Bucham
G. B. Fraser
J. M. Bond & Co.
James Cornack
Prest & Hepburn
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Wm McMill & Co.
H. Berry
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John Hunter
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WITNESSES: WILLIAM STEWART
JAMES CORNACK
Guelph, July 10, 1868. daw 12

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DYE-STUFFS,

of every description, consisting of

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LOGWOOD, Chip and Extract.

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FOR SALE CHEAP.

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Chemist and Druggist, Wyndham-st.

Guelph, 10th July. daw 12

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Opposite the Market.

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People's Magazine,
London Society
St. James, St. Paul's
Belgravia,
Tinsley's
Broadway, Quiver,
Cassell's Magazine
English Woman's
Young English Woman's Magazine
Family Herald,
World of Fashion
Argosy
Temple Bar
London Journal
All the Year Round
Once a Week
Good Words
Sunday Magazine

Leisure Hour
Sunday at Home
Chamber's Journal, &c., &c.

FOR JULY.

Guelph, July 16th. dw

ALBION HOTEL!

St. Paul-st., MONTREAL.

MR. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the Albion, he hopes by personal attention to merit a continuance of patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 12 years.

L. W. DECKER,
Montreal 30th March, 1868. d

R. GALBRAITH

TAILOR.

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Parties Furnishing their Own Goods

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Garments Altered, Repaired and Cut with Neatness and Dispatch.
Guelph, 1st July, 1868. dw 12m

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STAPLE DRY GOODS

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NOTICE THIS—Silver taken at par until the first of August. Come this way with your small change, and help to get rid of the Nuisance.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, July 25, 1868. daw 12

A. O. BUCHAM.

Bankrupt STOCK.

(Late F. & H.) beg to inform the public that he has bought a BANKRUPT STOCK, value, Twenty-one Thousand Dollars

At equally Low Prices on and after WEDNESDAY, the 15th Inst.

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This being no Bogus Sale, the public may rely on getting Goods at prices far below their expectations.

G. B. FRASER.

Guelph, July 15th, 1868. dim

KEEP COOL.

SELLING OFF FOR LESS THAN COST A LARGE LOT OF

Butter Coolers

Wine Glasses

Goblets, Tumblers

Decanters, &c.

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HUGH WALKER,

Wholesale and Retail Fruit dealer Wyndham-St., Guelph

Guelph, 12th July. dw

SUMMER DRINKS

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Also a superior quality of Champagne Clarified BOTTLED CIDER in pints or quarts, which has been tested and highly recommended for years.

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JAMES McCULLOCH.
Guelph, 22nd May, 1868. d1w4

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W. VALEN CLARK, Patentee, Guelph, Ont.
July 16th. dw

Shoe Tools & Findings

A COMPLETE assortment of the latest patterns of Shoe Tools, Shoe and Machine Thread, Machine Silk, Shoe Pegs, Shoe Nails, Shoe Tacks, Heel and Toe Plates, &c., wholesale and retail.

RYAN & OLIVER,
114 Yonge Street, Toronto
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

TO TAILORS.

AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straight-edges, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Hairdressing Needles and Brushes, all the best quality, and at lowest prices.

RYAN & OLIVER,
Importers of Hardware—114 Yonge-st. Toronto
Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

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STEEL Squares, Steel Rules, Centre Gauges, Vernier Calipers, Steel Caliper Rules, Caliper Squares, Ames' Universal Squares, Self-regulating Callipers and Dividers, Stub Files and Tools, Patent Oilers, Sheet Steel, &c. For sale by

General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d

Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.

HAIR Seating, Curled Hair, Tow, Sofa Springs, Twine, Chair Web, Buttons, Screws, Hinges, Locks, Tacks, Flint Paper, Glue, Piano Stool screws, Coffin Trimmings, Upholsterers' Needles and Be-gulators, Addis' Carvers' Tools, Extension Lip Auger Bits, Melodion Hardware, &c. For sale at lowest Prices.

RYAN & OLIVER,
General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge Street Toronto, 1st April, 1868. d-ly

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Montreal, 30th April. dw 2m

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Guelph, Apr. daw m

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