

**A SPRING CAROL.**  
(By Eudora May Stone, aged 12.)  
The gray is stealing away from the blue,  
The robin is singing so loud,  
And the sunshine in glory is bursting thro'  
The gates of the riven cloud.  
The blue bird calls to the babbling brook,  
The brooklet sings to the flowers,  
And the blossom starts from the sun-warm  
nook,  
And blooms through the glad some hours.  
The swallows are building under the eaves,  
The green is hiding the brown,  
And the sunbeams dance through the shimmering  
leaves,  
Or the rain comes pattering down.  
From "Our Young Folks" for May.

**ANNABEL**  
—OR—  
**THE TEMPTATION.**

CHAPTER XV.  
BARNARD HAYES AND DICK MATTOCKS COME  
TO TERMS.

"Pooh, Dick Mattocks, don't be foolish,"  
said Barnard Hayes, with as cool a look  
and in as steady a tone as he could com-  
mand.  
"Foolish," he shouted, "that's just the  
one thing that Dick Mattocks can't be  
called. And I would be the biggest fool  
on earth if I allowed you to go out of this  
alive after what you have just said."  
"Suppose you killed me, what good  
would it do you? Why, you would then  
be sure of the gallows, whereas now you  
can escape it if you will. And yet you  
say you can't be called foolish! Tell that  
to those who don't know, but not to me,  
Dick, after this exhibition."  
"I'm not to be caught—I'm not to be  
come over," returned Dick, his decided  
words being somewhat belied by the more  
subdued aspect of his face. "If you  
don't satisfy me that I am safe—if you  
don't explain everything and give me a  
fair and open tip—damn me if I don't do  
for you. So out with it, if you want to  
live."

"If I want to live," repeated the law-  
yer, secretly relieved by seeing that he  
was beginning to gain the mastery in this  
contest. "If you are foolish, Dick Mat-  
tocks, I am not, though I certainly would  
have been had I sought you out at  
Mother Crimp's and followed you into  
this place, where I am wholly in your  
power, simply to tell you that you have  
come within the swing of the law. Your  
own shrewdness ought tell you that I  
have a purpose beyond this, and one by  
which both of us may be benefited."  
"In the fiend's name, who are you?"  
roared Dick, "and how come you to  
know of the Woolman's Lane business?  
That I could have sworn the devil alone  
knew anything about."  
"Be patient for a moment, and I will  
satisfy you, and tell you some things that  
you do not yourself know."  
"What?" demanded Dick, impatiently.

"Why, this for one thing. The old  
man whom you assaulted on that occa-  
sion is dead."  
"Dead is he! Never got over it?"  
"No; the shock was more than his  
system could stand. He lingered till a  
few weeks ago, and the doctor says he  
died from the injuries inflicted that night  
—inflicted by you."  
"Hell and fury, how was it known that  
I—"  
"Stop; be patient, I tell you. How  
was it known? Why, you betrayed your-  
self!"

"That's a lie," roared the other, grasp-  
ing more firmly the knife he still held in  
his hand—"a lie, I tell you. I never  
spoke of it even to a pal, and I don't blab  
in my sleep."  
"Wait—only wait, and you will learn  
how the thing came out. Where did you  
go when you bolted from the lane after  
the young fellow smashed your arm with  
his stick?"  
"Where did I go?" said Dick, sharply,  
a scowl darkening his features. "Don't  
try to trap me by asking questions."  
"I am not trying to trap you, and I  
don't need to ask questions. I only want  
you to see how the thing came to my  
knowledge. For I may as well set you at  
rest by telling you that your share in that  
night's work is known only to one other  
person besides myself. Beyond us two,  
no mortal has the faintest suspicion of it."  
Dick would only regard him with a look  
of puzzled astonishment.

"Go on," he impatiently growled.  
"Well, though you don't say where you  
went with your wounded arm, I can tell  
you. It was to your sister Ellen, at Mr.  
Langton's in Gower Terrace."  
"Curses it, how coolly that betray me!"  
said Dick. "I said not a word to Nell as  
to how or where I got the blow."  
"No; and had other circumstances  
not conspired to reveal it, your visit to  
Ellen would not in itself have betrayed  
you. But Mrs. Langton, unknown to you  
or your sister, was a witness of your  
visit, and heard all that took place."  
"You don't say so?"  
"She did. Your sister was not in the  
room when first you tapped at the win-  
dow, but Mrs. Langton was, and thinking  
it was a lover her maid was receiving  
 clandestinely, she went into a closet.  
Here she remained all the time you were  
there, and when she discovered you were  
Ellen's brother she said nothing."  
"Well, but she could make nothing of  
what Nell and I said?"  
"Not at the time, but she could after-  
wards. The old man whom you had at-  
tacked was her cousin, the proprietor of  
a large estate in Yorkshire. He had  
been on a visit to them, and had just left  
to sleep at a hotel that night, and start  
for home in the morning."  
Dick emitted a low whistle in token  
that he was beginning to be enlightened.

**THE NEW ATLANTIC CABLE.**—Prepara-  
tions are making for the laying of the  
shore end of the new submarine cable  
on board the steamship *Kangaroo*, now  
lying in the North River off pier No. 31.  
The cable on the *Kangaroo* is more heav-  
ily armored than the ordinary ocean  
cables. The reason for this is that the  
cable will be laid in shallower water than  
the majority of ocean cables. This is  
owing to the fact that this portion of the  
cable will be laid in water so shallow  
that on the occasion of storms it will be  
likely to be disturbed, and unless more  
heavily armored than the ordinary ocean  
cables, the coating would soon be worn  
through, and the cable rendered worth-  
less. It is believed that the precautions  
taken in this particular will insure the  
safety of the cable for a long time.  
The shore end will be landed on Hog Island,  
on the south side of Long Island, and  
hence will be brought over Long Island  
to Brooklyn, crossing the East River, and  
thence to the main office of the Western  
Union Telegraph Company. The object  
is to obtain direct communication from  
the Western Union office in this city  
with Europe without the trouble of re-  
peating the message, as is now done, by  
sending it over the land wire to Duxbury,  
Mass.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

A company has been formed in Lon-  
don, Ont., to manufacture an article  
similar to India rubber, out of a common  
Canadian weed, by a process discovered  
by a gentleman of this place. If the  
manufacture proves successful it will be  
a most important discovery.

**NOTICE**  
**To Masons, Plasterers, Far-**  
**mers, and Others.**  
The subscriber keeps on hand a large  
quantity of First-class Fresh Lime, Cut and  
Uncut Stone Sills, Lintels, Corners, Marble  
Sashes, etc. etc., which he is in a position  
to sell at a very low rate to parties who  
favor him with their patronage. As he in-  
tends enlarging this branch of industry, he  
will offer inducements that few men in the  
trade can offer.  
Said sold by the load or otherwise.  
Don't mistake place—the new stone house  
near the G. T. R. passenger station, where  
he will be always found attending to his  
business. DENIS COFFEY,  
Guelpb, April 18, 1873. dtf  
Pergus News Record copy.

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FOR A GOOD SMOKE  
Use the "Myrtle Navy."  
See T. & B. on each plug.  
Price so low that all can  
Use it!  
CAUTION.—The BRAND "MYRTLE NAVY"  
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will be prosecuted.  
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each caddy, and T. & B. on each plug.  
Hamilton, Feb 10, 1873 dsm

**PLUGS.**  
Just received, a quantity of the celebrated  
**Gray Ploughs,**  
From Scotland, manufactured by Gray &  
Caldington, near Glasgow;  
**THE PORTER, ONTARIO & VICTOR**  
Steel board Ploughs; also some cheap Cast  
Board Ploughs on hand. Prices from \$7.50  
to \$30.  
A good assortment of Stoves and Tin-  
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Corner Woolwich-st. and Eramosa Road  
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Lot 17, 4th Con. Fuslinch.  
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**THE FIRST ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS**  
**AT GEORGE JEFFREY'S.**

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

**OVER TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PIECES OF M. NAUGHTAN & THOM'S BEST PRINTS**

Which he will sell at 12 1/2c. 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.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH.

**GREAT SALE OF**  
**Watches, Jewellery, etc.**  
CONTINUED  
**AT R. CRAWFORD'S**  
**OWN STORE.**

Having to remove the Bankrupt Stock of  
John R. Porter from his old stand, the great  
cheap sale of the same will be continued at  
my own store.

Next the Post Office,  
**FOR ONE MONTH LONGER.**

As the balance of the stock must be clear-  
ed out in that time, the goods will be sold at  
**An Immense Sacrifice.**

Guelpb, March 4, 1873. dtw

**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.)  
Fifth  
**GUELPH.**

**HART & SPEIRS,**  
Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance  
and General Agents,  
4 Day's Block, Guelpb.

In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs  
to inform his friends and the public that he  
has entered into partnership with Mr. Jas.  
Speirs in the above business, and will be  
expressing his grateful acknowledgments  
for the liberal share of patronage bestowed  
upon him for the past three years, would  
respectfully solicit a continuance of the  
same to the new firm.  
All business entrusted to us will receive  
prompt and strict attention.  
**Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, &c., &c.**  
neatly and correctly prepared.  
MONEY always on hand in sums to suit  
borrowers, on mortgages of good personal  
security. No delay or extravagant charges.  
Our list of Town and Farm Property is  
in good order, and parties in want of real  
estate of any kind should call on us before  
purchasing elsewhere.  
Agents for the Commercial Union Assur-  
ance Company of London, England.  
**HART & SPEIRS,**  
Market-Place  
Dav Block Guelpb, Ont.

**NEW**  
**Lumber Yard**  
IN GUELPH.

The subscriber has opened, under the su-  
pervision of Mr. Richard Madlock, a  
Lumber Yard on Paisley and Oxford streets,  
and is prepared to supply the various de-  
scriptions of building and other lumber.

**Near the G. W. Railway Station,**  
**Stingles, Lath and Pickets.**  
Lumber, etc., delivered in either large or  
small quantities, in any part of the town, or  
delivered by the car load on the track here,  
at any station on the G. W. R., or in cars at  
the Mill siding north of Wellington.

**Bill Lumber saved to order, and delivered**  
**with promptness.**

**Sokasippi Mills Lumber Yard.**  
April 21st, 1873. CHARLES MICKLE,  
Lumber

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**OPENING**  
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**ALL the NOVELTIES of THE SEASON!**

**French Pattern Bonnets,**  
**French Pattern Hats,**

**MANTLES,**  
**JACKETS, COSTUMES, &c.,**

Making the finest stock ever shown in Guelpb, and  
**AT MODERATE PRICES.**

**R. CLAYTON,**  
Upper Wyndham Street.

P. S.—I have secured the services of Miss Moore to manage the Millin-  
ery Department.

**JAMES CORMACK,**  
**TAILOR and CLOTHIER,**  
Begg to announce to his customers and the public the arrival of his

**SPRING IMPORTATIONS!**

His stock is now complete in **BROADCLOTHS,**  
**Fancy COATINGS,**  
**Fancy VESTINGS,**  
**Fancy TROUSERS,**

**English and Scotch Tweeds;**  
Also, a large and varied stock of  
**CANADIAN TWEEDS!**

**READY-MADE CLOTHING**  
**BOYS SUITS!**  
Gent's Furnishing Goods of the best quality and latest styles.

**NO. 1 WYNDHAM STREET.**

**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., Guelpb.  
Guelpb, March 15, 1873. do

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**New Dry Goods!**

**Wm. STEWART**

Has much pleasure in stating 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!**

Files of Scarlet Flannel at 25c  
Files of Grey Flannel at 35c  
Files of Wincey from 10c  
Files of Clouds in white, grey, and  
colors, from 50c

**BLANKETS ALL PRICES**

All Wool TWEEDS from 50 cents.

**Dress Goods.**

The Cheapest and Newest. Prices suit  
everyone.

**WM. STEWART.**  
Guelpb, Dec. 12, 1872

**NEW GOODS.**

**GIFTS**

**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,  
Guelpb, Jan. 25, 1873. dtw

**NEW COAL YARD.**

The undersigned having opened a Coal  
Yard in Guelpb is prepared to furnish all  
kinds of  
**Hard and Soft Coal**  
At moderate prices. Orders left at the store  
of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street,  
will be promptly attended to.  
GEO. MURTON,  
Guelpb, Nov. 1, 1872. dy

**PARKER'S HOTEL,**  
—DIRECTLY—  
**OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH**

First-class accommodation for travellers  
Commodious stabling and an attentive  
hostler.  
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar.  
He has just fitted up a room where Oysters  
will be served up at all hours, in the favorite  
styles.  
**Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.**  
Guelpb, Feb 1, 1873. dtf

**FASHIONS**  
**For Spring and Summer.**  
All the Novelties of the Season.

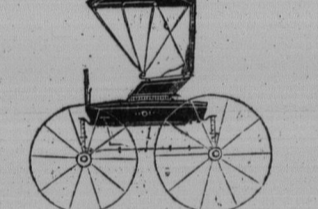
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—JUST ARRIVED—  
**At J. HUNTER'S**

The Largest and Best Stock in Town of  
Sewed Muslins, Edgings, Trimmings,  
Fringes, Braids, Point Lace Patterns,  
and milliners' Ladies' Corsets and  
Underclothing; Infant's Waists,  
Robes, Wrappers, etc.

Chignons, Braids, Coronets; Curis, and  
Switches in real hair; also, in Jute, Silk,  
and Mohair.

**Jewellery and Small Wares**  
In great variety, and cheaper than ever.

**SPEX—Another Lot of those Celebrated**  
**Rock Crystal Spectacles.**  
A full assortment of Machine Demorest's  
reliable and fashionable patterns for Spring  
and Summer.  
Stamping done to order with neatness and  
despatch.  
**AT J. HUNTER'S**  
Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods, and Toy Store,  
Wyndham Street Guelpb. dw



**PARKER'S**  
**CARRIAGE WORKS,**  
Macdonnell Street, near the Grand  
Trunk Station, Guelpb.

The subscriber has now on hand a  
large stock of

**Carriages, Buggies & Market Wagons**  
ready for the coming season, which he will  
sell cheap for cash, or on short time.  
Call and see the styles and prices, and as-  
certain the price of your order, and you will  
be satisfied that this is the place to buy.  
All work warranted, as in carriages, lamp  
but best-class workmen, and uses all selected  
material, Repainting and Refitting done  
clean as new, on short notice.  
address: ROBERT PARKER

**THE BEST AND CHEAPEST**  
**HORSE BILLS**  
In the County printed at  
**THE MERCURY OFFICE.**

**FOUR CUTS TO CHOOSE FROM.**  
Bills printed on the six-cut notice.

**Call and See Specimens.**  
**SPRING AND SUMMER, 1873.**

**POWELL'S**

**BOOT & SHOESTORE**

Call and examine my new stock of  
**LADIES', GENTS' & CHILDRENS'**  
**Boots and Shoes.**

Which for moderate prices, style and work-  
manship, can not be surpassed  
in the town.

Particular attention paid to  
**Custom Work and Repairing.**

West side Wyndham Street, Guelpb.  
Guelpb, April 5th, 1873. dtw

**ROBERT CRAWFORD,**  
PRACTICAL

**Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller,**  
Wyndham Street, Guelpb.

Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Neck-  
laces, Rings, &c., Hair Pins and Devise Work,  
Clocks and Time pieces, Jewellery of all  
kinds made to order. Plate Goods in variety.  
Guelpb, Feb 12, 1873. dtf