

A TERRIBLE SCENE—PHILIP AND JIM AT THE OLD HOUSE AT BORDEN.
A loud grating noise followed, which echoed along the passage within, and as after this there could be no more hope of secrecy, they both instinctively felt that quick and prompt action was now essential. Jim therefore quickly threw open the door, and next moment they were groping their way forward through the intense darkness.

Their progress in the unknown passage was not satisfactory. What with the darkness, their ignorance of the place, and the natural excitement under which they labored, they stumbled about aimlessly, and would have continued to do so had a door not been suddenly opened in front, and a light streamed out—a loud, harsh, woman's voice exclaiming at the same moment—

"The Devil take you, Dick, for being so long. You are drunk, I hear. Why did you go drinking at the inn, staying so long, and me here by myself in this cursed old rook of a place? Isn't there liquor enough here for you to swill? You beast, I've a good mind to—"

What Moll had a mind to do could only be guessed, for at that moment she caught sight of Philip and Jim, and the words died on her tongue, while she bore up against the wall and stared at them in dumb amazement.

Jim, fearful that she would let the lamp fall, stepped forward and took it from her nervous hand, her eyes meanwhile going from one to the other with a look of stolid inquiry.

"Who are you, and what do you want?" she at length managed to articulate. Philip paused a moment, fixed her firmly with his eyes, then slowly said—

"I am Philip Weston."
Had the wall not been close behind her she must have recoiled for at least a yard or two, so violent was the start she gave, and her red face took on mixed hues of green and yellow.

"You Philip Weston?" she gasped.
"Ay, the same, I doubt not, brings with it a revelation. Knowing now who I am, you do not require to ask what I want. Where have you your captive confined? Where is Annabel?"

Moll was not a woman who could be easily upset, but for once in her rough life she was what she herself would have termed "flabbergasted." This came upon her like a sledge-hammer blow, and it stunned—petrified her.

"Come, quick," said Philip, with quivering sternness. "Show us the room."
"What—what is it you mean at all?" faltered Moll, making a desperate effort to rally.

"Oh, make no attempt of evasion," he impatiently returned. The announcement of my name must tell you that all is discovered. Dick Matlock and his employer, Bernard Hayes, are in custody at Forsley, and I have come here for Annabel."

"Oh, ho! The game is up, is it?" said Moll, drawing a long breath.

"Yes, the game, as you call it, is up."

"And Dick in limbo?"

"Even so."

"How the devil has this ill-luck happened?"

"Don't stay to ask that just now, or of me. You can easily understand the feelings under which I labor; also, that it is impossible you can offer resistance or continue your wickedness. It may tell something for you, therefore, if you show us at once the room in which the young lady is confined."

His words seemed to bring a conviction of their truth, for, turning away along the passage, she made a gesture with her arm, and said hesitantly, "Follow me."
And very promptly they did as she asked—followed close at her heels, Jim carrying the lamp, up the broad stone staircase, then along the corridor, up the narrow stair, and along the corridor again, till she paused at a closed door, in which a strong iron bolt was fixed.

"Go up there and you'll find her," said Moll, pausing and pointing to the fastened door.

Philip's face flushed and paled with violent rapidity.

"In what state will I find her," he asked.

"Sleeping, most likely."

"Answer me this—is she well: in bodily health, I mean?"

"Why, you'll know that when you see her."

"Yes; but I should like to know beforehand. If she is weak and ill, it may do her infinite harm should I suddenly appear before her."

"Well, her health is not amiss, and that's all I can say about it."

With which sullen reply Moll turned and walked down the stairs, leaving Philip and Jim standing close to the bolted door.

Hespler People Overcharged.

To the Editor of The Mercury.
SIR,—We went to Brantford to see Earnum's Great Show yesterday, and the G. W. R. Company made us pay full fare there and back. And that too after they had advertised that we might ride the round trip for a single fare. Of course some one must have told Mr. Metcalf that the Hespler people have more money than you Guelphites or the Galtians, or he would not have instructed the Station Master here, after 4 o'clock P. M., Monday, to give us ordinary tickets instead of return tickets. Now, Mr. Editor, I want you to tell Mr. Metcalf that this story is all a fraud got up by some evil minded person to rob us of 85c. each, and to ask him how soon he can spare that \$28.50 to return it to us. We would like it again before the cold weather comes on, to buy coal and wood for the winter.

I am yours, &c.,
"One who lent twice 85 cents to the G. W. R. yesterday."
Hespler, Sept. 10th.

A HERO.—The Chicago Tribune tells of one of the victims by the Lemont collision, who can be said to have shown clear grit. It was a Mr. Lettice, of Springfield, who, while in the agony of death, told him his name, made his will and signed it, and handed over his watch and jewelry to be sent to his wife and family, and then requested the conductor to leave him and help those to whom help would be of avail. That man was made in the heroic mould. He was horribly scalded, boiled and mutilated, and yet he would not die until he had performed his last duty like a man. In this terrible retrospect it is gratifying to contemplate such instances as we have cited. It proves once more that, in the presence of these great catastrophes, as high a nobility of character and as chivalrous a degree of purpose may be developed as the world's battle-fields have ever shown, or the pages of history have recorded.

An enterprising drummer in Alabama presented an editor with two plugs of tobacco, and elicited a half-column puff in grateful return.

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SOME EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS WILL BE GIVEN FOR 30 DAYS,
As the stock must be cleared out regardless of cost. Over 2000 Remnants of Prints will be sold at 10 cents per yard, worth from 15c to 20c;
Over 3000 Remnants of Dress Goods will be sold at any price,
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GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH.

GUELPH, JULY 10, 1878.
SPRING AND SUMMER, 1878.

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Call and examine my new stock of **LADIES', GENTS' & CHILDRENS Boots and Shoes,** which for moderate prices, style and workmanship, cannot be surpassed in the town. Particular attention paid to **Custom Work and Repairing.**
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Jobbing done as usual.
Store next the Post Office.
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McCullough's Diarrhoea and Cholera Remedy!
The safest and most reliable remedy in use for the speedy and effectual cure of Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Cholera, and Cholera Morbus, and not one out of thousands who have used it has ever known it to fail. Price 25 cents per bottle.
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G. B. McCullough, Dispensing Chemist
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TUNING ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY
Prices lower than any Imported, and quality and finish unsurpassed. Show Rooms and Office,
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The Largest! Most Attractive! Most Fashionable! and the Cheapest Goods ever Imported by any one House in Canada!

The Golden Lion this season will have the most extraordinary Stock of Fancy and Staple Goods ever exhibited.
Over 560 Cases and Bales to Arrive; 340 Cases and Bales already received. Containing Silks, Poplins, Fancy Dresses, French Merinoes, Shawls, Mantles, Millinery, Furs, Prints, Flannels, Blankets, and an

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CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.
Guelph, Sept. 9, 1878. dw

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The Stock of Fall and Winter Clothing (formerly owned by Mr. Galloway) **WILL BE SOLD AT THE FIRST COST.**
Men's Wool Pants \$2.50, former price \$4.00
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Boys' Wool Suits 6.00, " 8.50

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J. C. MACKLIN & Co.
GUELPH, Sept. 5, 1878. dw

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UPPER WYNDHAM STREET, **FOR ONE MONTH ONLY!**
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All the Stock will be offered at and under Cost prices to make room for

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Also, a large and varied stock of **CANADIAN TWEEDS.**
Ready-made Clothing, Boy's Suits; Gent's Furnishing Goods of the best quality and latest styles.
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Dye Stuffs, Dye Stuffs!
A very large stock of carefully selected Dye Stuffs just received.
All colors guaranteed.

OIL, OIL, OIL.

Threshing Machine Oil—a very superior quality kept constantly on hand. Give it a trial.
PAINTS AND OILS
A large stock will be sold very low.

Leeches, Leeches!

Medical men and Others can always get Leeches of the best quality by sending them to Petrie's Drug Store.
Orders by mail or telegraph promptly attended to.
Remember the place,
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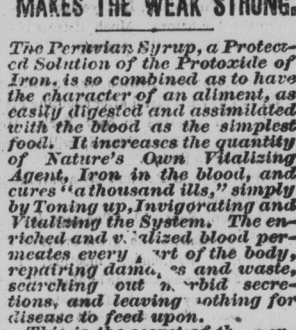
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Family Sewing Machine (single thread) " Hand Lock Stitch (double thread) " No. 1, Foot Power, " No. 2, for heavy work; " Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.
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July 12, 1878. dw

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The Peruvian Syrup, a Protected Solution of the Protoxide of Iron, is so combined as to have the character of an aliment, as easily digested and assimilated with the blood as the simplest food. It increases the quantity of Nature's Own Vitalizing Agent, Iron in the blood, and cures "a thousand ills," simply by Toning up, invigorating and Vitalizing the System. The enriched and vitalized blood permeates every part of the body, repairing damage, and waste, scratching out noxious secretions, and leaving nothing for disease to feed upon.
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