

ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XIV.

DICK MATTOCKS IS BROUGHT TO BAY. Besides these most advanced graduates in the school of crime, there were all grades and degrees of vice and vagabondism, placed, however, on the same downward sliding scale, and destined, if some merciful influence intervened not, to sink into the irretrievable abyss. Here they were congregated together in the only kind of home they knew, and, as might be expected, their pleasure and enjoyment were of a sensual and degraded character. The good of most of them was their belly, and the savoury messes which they were cooking and consuming would have made glad for a week the household of many a toiling artisan. Much wastefulness was also observable, for economy or thrift are far from being accompaniments of vice. Hard drinking, too, was going forward in more than one of the groups, and over the heads of the students, the scene would grow terrible enough ere the feasting multitude had sunk into the silence of sleep, herded together in indecent promiscuousness in the inner apartments, whose dirty straw couches awaited their recumbent forms.

Seated in a quiet corner as he could find, Barnard Hayes surveyed the strange and saddening scene with cold and unemotional curiosity. It had a professional interest for him in more ways than one, and it was in this light chiefly that he viewed it—its moral, social, and religious aspects troubling him not.

After nearly half-an-hour spent in this manner, he was recalled from the observations which were engrossing him by becoming aware of the presence of a man standing over against where he sat, and steadily regarding him. He in turn brought his gaze to bear on this personage, and after nearly a minute of mutual scrutiny, he concluded—and hoped his conclusion was right—that the man before him was the man of whom he had been in quest—Dick Mattocks. He supposed so from the very particular manner in which the man was looking at him, as if he had a special personal interest in so doing, and also from his appearance, which tallied with the description he had received of Dick; and he sincerely hoped he was right, because the man he looked on seemed well fitted for the dark business he meant him to undertake. He was a strong, hard-faceted man, with no appearance of being troubled with scruples of any kind, or with a softness of heart likely to make him turn from any deed, however cruel, which it was considered necessary for him to perform. There was a wild recklessness in his look and manner—a hardened, defiant kind of expression—which declared that he was quite conscious of the path into which he had gone, yet did not mean to regret it or turn from it.

He and the lawyer closely regarded each other, as we have said, for nearly a minute, when Dick ended the duet of the other by saying—

"Mother Crimp tells me you want to see me."

"Ah, you are Dick Mattocks, then. I am glad of it. Yes, I want to have a little talk with you, but not here. The business requires a more private place of conference."

"Oh, bless you, no—not at all," responded Dick. "We are as safe for talking here as anywhere. Nobody peaches in Mother Crimp's kitchen."

"Possibly not, nevertheless my business is such as to necessitate another place for the conversation—a private room in some neighbouring public-house, for instance. No doubt you will know where."

"The business ain't fishy, is it?" said Dick, with a suspicious look, through which rising anger was observable.

"Fishy?" repeated Hayes. "Because, mind you, you'll raise the devil in me if you go on that tack. Dick Mattocks ain't the man to stand pumping. Now, look you here, you may not know so well as you ought, for you and I don't seem to have met before, so I give you fair warning. If it's on any ferreting game you have come I'd advise you to take yourself off, as long as you have a whole skin. On the other hand, if it is a fair swag you mean to scent, I'm good for a beating of it."

Equitable Insurance Company.

The published statements of this Company, shows that it is one of the most prosperous and best managed insurance companies on the continent. In 1872 it issued new policies to within a few thousand dollars of fifty two millions.

This is an amount of new business in a single year unprecedented in the history of life insurance. The nearest approach to it was made by the Equitable itself in 1869—a year which presented none of the disadvantages which so abounded in 1872—when it wrote \$31,021,141.

It is \$11,015,280 more than the company wrote in 1870, and \$10,167,050 more than in 1871, in both of which years, as well as in 1869 and 1872, the new business of the Equitable exceeded that of any other life insurance company in the world.

The entire sixty-eight life companies doing business in New York in 1871 lost nine and four-tenths times as much business in that year as the Equitable alone did in 1872.

The presentation of these figures in the circular before us, shows that the Equitable has in the last four years—1869, 70, 71, and 72—issued 15,817 policies, exceeding the enormous sum of \$185,022,000. This sum is more than any company in the country, with a single exception, and that a company of more than double the age of the Equitable, has now reached.

One year's net assets of this company amounted to \$15,017,717.63. To-day the amount is \$18,465,954.16, an increase of \$3,388,237.53. The gross assets now are \$19,695,053.20. The total receipts of the company during the year were \$8,420,041.89, of which \$7,426,891.74 were premiums paid by policy holders. Of this latter sum \$3,646,249.76, or but little short of 50 per cent., has been returned to the policy-holders in the form of death-claims, dividends etc. An almost equal sum, or \$3,388,237.53, has been added to the assets as shown above, indicating that but \$234,352.11 of the money paid by the policy-holders has been required for the expenses of the company.

These assets exceed the liabilities \$2,620,090.17, and this in spite of the large benefits which the policy holders have in the last year received from the company.

Mr. W. J. Paterson, Guelph, is agent for the Equitable.

IMPUDENT ROBBERY.—On Saturday afternoon, about three o'clock, a man going south on Richmond street, London, in the most unbecoming manner possible, appropriated a suit of boys' clothes valued at \$4, that were hanging in front of Goldner's store, and walked off with them. So far no trace of the thief has been discovered.

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 McNAUGHTAN & THOM'S BEST PRINTS

Which he will sell at 12½c. 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

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!

Piles of Scarlet Flannel at 25c
Piles of Grey Flannel at 35c
Piles of Winey from 10c
Piles 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 to suit everyone.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, Dec. 12, 1872

NEW AND SEASONABLE HARDWARE.

SPADES AND SHOVELS
LADIES SPADES
GARDEN TOOLS IN SETS
GARDEN LINES
GARDEN REELS
PRUNING SAWS
GARDEN HOES
HEDGE SHEARS
GRASS CUTTING SHEARS
PRUNING KNIVES
GARDEN TROWELS
BILL HOOKS
EDGING KNIVES
BEDDING KNIVES
WEED HOOKS

All of choice quality and at low prices.

JOHN M. BOND & Co.

DIRECT IMPORTERS.
GUELPH.

SMOKERS.

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" is registered, and any infringement on it will be prosecuted.

The name TUCKETT & BILLINGS is on each plug, and T. & B. on each plug.
Hamilton, Feb. 10, 1873

NEW GOODS!

THE GREAT SALE

Of BANKRUPT STOCK!

Is going on lively at the old stand, Wyndham St.

The whole stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES

Belonging to the Insolvent Estate of John A. McMillan is being sold at a tremendous sacrifice. Large additions have been made from the Insolvent's store in Collingwood, and the whole must be sold off without reserve to wind up the Estate.

Special inducements to retail merchants and jobbers, who desire to secure job lots.

The Entire Stock of Machinery

Consisting of Sewing, Pegging, Eyelitting and Splitting Machines. Also, a large number of Sole Dies, which will be sold very cheap. Also, a SMALL SAFE will be sold at a sacrifice.

Guelph, April 17, 1873.

CASH, CASH, CASH!

GRAND SHOW ROOM

OPENING

WITH

ALL the NOVELTIES of THE SEASON!

French Pattern Bonnets,

French Pattern Hats,

MANTLES,

JACKETS, COSTUMES, &c.,

Making the finest stock ever shown in Guelph, and

AT MODERATE PRICES.

R. CLAYTON,

Upper Wyndham Street.

P.S.—I have secured the services of Miss Moore to manage the Millinery Department.

GUELPH TEA DEPOT

GO TO

E. O'DONNELL & Co.

For Cheap Groceries.

NEW RAISINS, 5 cents per pound
NEW FIGS, 5 cents per pound
WALKER'S SOAP, 15 cents per bar
GOOD PRUNES, 30 pounds for \$1
10 pounds of the BEST BRIGHT SUGAR, for \$1
11 pounds of GOOD COOKING SUGAR, for \$1

First-class TEAS!

OUR VERY BEST GREEN TEA, for 80 cents per lb
A VERY FINE BLACK TEA, for 75 cents per lb
A NICE YOUNG HYSOON TEA, for 50 cents per lb

All orders will be delivered at your houses. Give us a call.

E. O'DONNELL & Co.

Guelph, Jan. 23, 1873 Wyndham Street, Guelph.

STEAM DYE WORKS,

Upper Wyndham Street.

The subscriber is now prepared to execute all orders entrusted to his care, in a manner that will gain the confidence of the public in general.

DYEING and SCOURING done in all its branches, from within two to six days. Feathers cleaned, dyed and curled. Kid Gloves dyed at 25c per pair.

N.B.—Mourning done on the shortest notice. All orders sent by express will have prompt attention.
SAMUEL McDONALD.
Guelph, March 5, 1873.

NEW Confectionery and Fancy Store.

The subscribers beg to inform their friends and the public that they have opened a new Confectionery and Fancy Store.

On the Market Square.

Directly opposite the Market.

Always on hand all kinds of Cakes, Biscuits, Confectionery, and Canned Fruits.

A general assortment of Fancy Goods, Toys, etc., in stock.

Hair Jewellery of every kind made to order.

Having made a great deal of this kind of Jewellery, the subscribers are confident in giving satisfaction. Samples on hand for inspection.

Hot Coffee can be had at all hours, also Ice Cream, Water Ice, Soda Water, and other Temperance Drinks in season.

L. & J. ANDREWS, dwt
Guelph, April 14th, 1873

NOTICE

To Masons, Plasterers, Farmers, and Others.

The subscriber keeps on hand a large quantity of First-class Fresh Lime, Cut and Quenched Stone Sills, Lintels, Corners, Marble Sockets, 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 intends enlarging this branch of industry, he will offer inducements that few men in the trade can offer.

Sand 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.
Guelph, April 18, 1873.
Fergus News Record copy. dwt

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.)

GUELPH.

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.

Guelph, Jan. 25, 1873. dw

NEW COAL YARD.

The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph 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.

Guelph, Nov. 1, 1872 GEO MURTON, dy

FARM FOR SALE

NEAR GUELPH.

There will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION at the Market House, in Guelph,

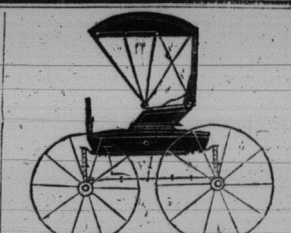
On SATURDAY, the 26th day of APRIL,

1873, at 12 o'clock, noon, under the powers of sale in three certain mortgages, made by Robert McKersie, the farm upon which he lives, being composed of Lot No. 2, in the 2nd con. Division E. Township of Guelph, containing 100 acres, more or less; and also about 9 acres, being part of lots one and two, in the 1st concession of said division, such nine acres running from the Waterloo Road to the said 100 acres, and forming a roadway to the same.

This farm is about a mile and a half from the Market House, Guelph, and comprises about 90 acres cleared, and under cultivation; excellent bank barn and stabling, orchard, &c.

Terms for sale made known on application to Guthrie, Watt & Cutten, Solicitors, Guelph.

W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.
Guelph, April 9, 1873. wst-d3taw



PARKER'S

CARRIAGE WORKS,

Macdonnell Street, near the Grand Trunk Station, Guelph.

THE subscriber has now on hand a large stock of

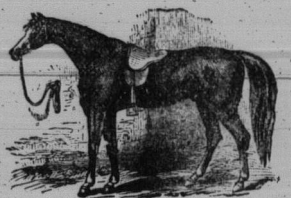
Carriages, Buggies & Market Wagons

ready for the coming season, which he will sell cheap for cash, or on short time.

Call and see the style and finish, and ascertain the prices of our work, and you will be satisfied that this is the place to buy.

All work warranted, as his employees none but first-class workmen, and use all selected hickory. Repairing and Retrimming done as usual, on short notice.

addres 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 shortest notice

Call and See Specimens.

ROBERT CRAWFORD,

PRACTICAL

Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller,

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c., Hair Plait and Device Work, Clocks and Time pieces, Jewelry repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety.

Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. dw

GUELPH

Pianoforte Factory

IS NOW

IN FULL OPERATION

affording an opportunity to interested purchasers of inspecting the construction of these celebrated instruments

All new instruments

Warranted for Six Years:

Tuned (if in town) free for one year. Second hand taken in exchange or repaired.

TUNING ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY

Prices lower than any imported, and quality and finish unsurpassed.

WEST MARKET SQUARE,

GUELPH, ONT.

JOSEPH F. BAKER, Proprietor

Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872 dw

THE GUELPH "M. P. C."

Cigar Factory.

Enlargement of Business

S. MYERS,

Having recently enlarged his Cigar Factory, having in his employment the best workmen in the Province, and being constantly in receipt of fresh supplies of the finest Havana Tobacco, is now prepared to receive orders for his Famous Cigars in any quantity.

Country Orders

Left at the store of Messrs. Masie, Paterson & Co., will be promptly and satisfactorily filled.

Ask for the "M. P. C.," the best Cigar in the Dominion.

S. MYERS, Proprietor

Guelph, Dec. 4, 1872. dw

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. Herbs suit fitted up a room where Cysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite style.

Fried Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.

Guelph, Feb. 1, 1873 dw