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The Maiden's Choice

OR THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH
A Tale of the Covenanters.

CHAPTER XXV.—WALTER is CAPTURED AND CONDEMNED TO IMPRISONMENT IN THE BARR.

The shout of his pursuers was to Walter Elliot what a spur is to a high spirited horse. Amusing as had been his exertions in the race he had already run, that sound from behind, intimating that he was seen, and already considered captured, acted like a stimulant, which banished weakness and exhaustion, and he bounded on at a speed greater than anything he had yet reached.

It was dreadfully galling the thought of being overtaken, and the packet lost just when it was on the eve of being put into the hands of Sir Gilbert. His own escape, he knew, was hopeless. He had made up his mind as to that even before he had made his exit from Birkenleuch, but this misfortune, serious as it was, would be greatly increased if he had sacrificed himself uselessly. It would be a still more bitter element in his fate if he knew that he had risked and lost his life in vain.

Moment by moment the huge irregular mass of the building he was straining to reach grew nearer and more distinct through the darkness. If he could but reach it, rouse Sir Gilbert, and give him the packet before Allan and his men came up, he would yield himself almost with contentment to his fate, but another shout fearfully close behind him nearly dashed this hope from his heart, though it did not cause him to relax his superhuman efforts.

It was the rear of the mansion he was approaching—the great entrance was in front, and lay on the other side; he had, therefore, to pass round the end of the building before he could rouse the inmates by his importunate summons. A thick impenetrable hedge of yew, of immense height, enclosing within an assemblage of ancient yew clumps, surrounded the mansion, and this was, he knew, a small advantage in his favour, for it would compel the troops to skirt the outside of them and take a circuit round, while he could dash through at the nearest. This thought flashed through his mind like lightning. The yew hedge was just before him, and his keen eye having detected a hole near the roots, he glanced round before dashing through to see how far his pursuers were behind.

They came on in a group of half-a-dozen or so, and had still a considerable portion of the park to traverse. He was now within the deep shadow of the yews, and was out of their sight, though, of course, they had seen his course hitherto, and knew that he had approached the mansion.

Diving towards the ground, he forced a passage through the thick hedge, leapt to his feet again on the other side, threaded his way at headlong speed among the massive clumps which grew on the lawn, and stood at length with panting lungs and bursting heart before the great oaken door.

He clutched convulsively at the chain of the bell which hung in the hall, and pulled at it with frantic vehemence, shouting at the same time with hoarse and desperate eagerness—

"Ho! Sir Gilbert. Sir Gilbert! open quickly—quickly open!"

The bell changed with a long and startling peal reverberating like thunder through the silent mansion, and Walter waited with feverish impatience for his summons to be answered. Some moments passed without any noise of stirring within, and again he clutched convulsively at the chain, making another tremendous peal resound through the building, and accompanying it with still louder and more urgent shouts for instant admittance.

"Ho! within! within there open; for God's sake open. A moment's delay is ruinous. Great heaven! they come not, and the packet is lost."

Listening with an impatience beyond endurance, and listening in vain, for any noise intimating that the inmates were aroused, Walter was about to give a third desperate tug at the chain of the bell, when the foot-steps of galloping horses thundered on the turf on the other side of the high hedge, and he knew that in another moment he would be in the hands of the troops. He looked aside and caught sight of their flying forms passing the openings between the yews with the swiftness of lightning, and knew that his chance of gaining admittance to the mansion was lost. He uttered a bitter ejaculation, and looked instinctively round for a place of concealment. Close by his side was a square cut yew, reaching down to the very ground, and without a moment's further consideration he tore its lower branches aside and forced his body into the centre of the bush, where there was a small space sufficient to contain him. He had but time to coil himself up and put the outside branches back into their place when the troops came dashing forward to the entrance.

"He has got within, Captain!" exclaimed a gruff deep-set voice.

"Curse on it, so he has," roared another voice, which Walter recognized as that of Charlie Allan. "But he shan't escape us. We'll unearth him, we have to take the building down to the foundation. Smash the door with the butt of your carbine."

Sloggan dismounted and did as he was bid, and a succession of his thunderous blows on the oaken door might have been heard a mile away.

"Open!—in the King's name—open I say. Open! I demand instant admittance!"

This verbal summons was shouted by Allan, reiterated between Sloggan's ponderous blows.

TO BE CONTINUED.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN WAR.—A great battle is reported to have taken place last month in South America. The Brazilian army succeeded in storming the Paraguayan fortress of Humatia after a desperate hand to hand fight. They captured fifteen guns and a large quantity of military stores. While the land forces were thus engaged the Brazilian fleet steamed past the land batteries and reached Asencion. This is the most important success which the allies have gained since the commencement of the war. The Paraguayans numbering in all only 1,300,000 persons have for three years successfully resisted Brazil, the Argentine Republic and Uruguay with an aggregate population of 13,000,000, it would now seem however, that they will have to yield to overpowering numbers. Their heroic struggle will long be remembered as an evidence of what may be accomplished against great odds by a nation battling for liberty and independence.

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Frightful Burns!—Frightful Scalds!—Dr. Maggic's Salve stops the most violent pain of burns, scalds, etc., it is unparelleled.

Sold in Guelph by A. B. PETRIE, Druggist, Market Square.

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

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ALEWIVES,
BLOATERS,
FINNAN HADDIES,
SEA SALMON,
TABLE CODFISH,
Smoked HERRING, &c.

E. CARROLL & CO.,
No. 2, Wyndham Street.
Guelph, April 7, 1868.

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FOR Extra BARGAINS
In WALL PAPER try

SHEWAN'S BOOKSTORE!

Next-door to H. Walker's Grocery.
Guelph, 27th March, 1868.

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Ever brought into Ontario, at No. 80 Yonge Street, three doors north of King-st.

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Orders by post will be promptly attended to, and forwarded by the earliest conveyances. Give us a call.

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The Trade supplied with Washable Gilt and Imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Looking Glass Plate. Country orders promptly attended to—onto 1st April 1868.

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Guelph, 27th March, 1868.

Wool, Hide and Leather

DEPOT,
No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street.
Guelph, July 31, 1868.

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A COMPLETE assortment of the latest patterns of Cloth, Shirts, 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.

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AMERICAN Shears, Trimmers, and Points of all sizes, Squares, Carved Rules, Straight-edge, Improved Irons, English and American Crayons, Bartlett's Needles, Tapes, &c. All the best quality, and at lowest prices.

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

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

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

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

NOTICE OF

REMOVAL.

In consequence of the rapid increase of the subscriber's business within the past few years, he has pleasure in intimating to his numerous patrons, and the Trade in general, that he has

THIS DAY REMOVED
To a much larger and much more commodious store,

One Door West of the Old Stand,

And directly opposite the front door of the Market House, where he will be enabled to carry on his business on a much more extensive scale, and will be in a position to serve his customers to better advantage to them and to himself.

T. J. DAY,
Bookseller, opposite the Market, Guelph.
Guelph, April 2, 1868.

FOR SALE.

200 lbs. Honey, Strained or Comb.
500 lbs. Boston Canned Peaches
200 lbs. Keiller's Dundee Marmalade.

50 lbs. Red and Black Currant Jelly.
100 bushels Dried Apples.
French Plums and Prunes.
Anchovy Paste.
BLOATER Paste.
Maple Sugar and Amber Syrup.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, March 24th 1868.

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DOUGLAS-ST., GUELPH.

Painter, Glazier, Paper Hanger, &c.

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GOOD WORKMANSHIP

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When not at the shop, orders to be left at Mr. Brownlow's.

THOS. BREADON.
Guelph, 1st April, 1868.

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OPEN a Savings Bank Department at their Branch in Guelph this day.

The rate of interest allowed on all deposits will be four per cent. per annum, to commence from day of deposit, and five per cent. on all sums remaining in the Bank six months from 3rd of June or 1st of December.

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It is made in this Saving Bank that the Commerce is fully maintainable.

R. J. DALLAS, Cashier.
Herald copy four weeks.

GEORGE PALMER
BARRISTER and Attorney-at-Law, Guelph, in Charge of Notary Public and Conveyancer. Office, No. 2, Day's Block.

WHOLESALE and RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT.

GUELPH, ONT.



JOHN HOGG

AT IT AGAIN.

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My stock now in every branch is full, and an early call from my old friends will be well repaid both as regards variety to select from and the great saving to be effected in price.

Thanking you for past favors,
I remain yours,
JOHN HOGG.

Guelph, 3rd April, 1868.

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

FIRST IMPORTATIONS

NEW SPRING GOODS!

WILL BE OPENED

ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH INST.

The Subscribers are now paying the Third-half yearly dividend.

W. MACKLIN & CO.
Guelph, April 7, 1868.

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LIFE SIZE PORTRAITS OF

CHARLES DICKENS

AND CHROMO LITHOGRAPHS

That cannot be distinguished from Oil Paintings, at

Cuthbert's Bookstore!

Guelph, 3rd April, 1868.

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Importers, Manufacturers, and General Warehousemen,

Have now in stock one of the most magnificent assortments of

Staple & Fancy Dry Goods

In the Dominion. A large assortment of

Home and Foreign Woollens! AND TAILORS' GOODS AND TRIMMINGS.

They are constantly receiving Leading Styles from the various places of production.—Terms Liberal.

Lybster Mills Sheetings 33 and 36 inches. Also, Lybster Mills YARNS and BATTING. Toronto 26th March, 1868.

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BRITANNIA HOUSE

A Splendid Assortment of

SPRING FURNISHINGS

2 & 3 PLY CARPETS,
Tapestry, Brussels, Hemp, Felt, &c.

Muslin and Lace Curtains, Damasks, Fringes, &c.

HEFFERNAN BROS.
Guelph, 15th March, 1868.

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WHO CAN TELL

How Nature Colors the Peach?
How Nature Colors the Plum?
How Nature Colors the Green Grape,
And Berries of various kinds?

The celebrated Portuguese Chemist and Botanist, Professor Esmeraldo, has contributed one of the most useful and valuable discoveries of the age for the benefit of mankind, and known as

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This Pellatite is the Concrete Juice of the Fruit of the Anthemis Pyrethrum, a Brazilian Shrub that grows along the banks of the Amazon River. This fruit contains in its essence the peculiar properties of imparting its color to the human hair only, and gives it an elastic, glossy, Brown or Black Color, promoting its rapid and luxuriant growth. It will not stain the skin or clothing. Among Ladies and Gentlemen whose hair is turning or already become grey, the Pellatite stands as

THE VICTORIA

OF ALL

GREY HAIR RESTORERS!

It differs from all others as follows:

The Joyful Side. The Melancholy Side.

Other Preparations Are all made of preparations of Lead, Sulphur, Lime, Chemicals and Minerals. They crystallize on the hair and make it stiff and harsh. They stain the skin & clothing. They are filthy—excoriate.

WHAT THEY DO. They are carried to the brain by the absorbents—cause pain in the Head, Dizziness, Blindness. Softening of the Brain, Lunacy and Death.

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WHICH WILL YOU HAVE? WHICH WILL YOU USE?

Compare them. Test them and decide. Away with filthy, dangerous Compounds, and use the clean and Harmless Pellatite.

At one bound it sweeps the field, and the old foggy crucibles of Minerals are dropped by the public like a red hot iron.

Go to your nearest Dr. agent and ask him to furnish you with the Pellatite. Don't fail to give it a trial, and don't wait until your Hair is destroyed or you are the inmate of a Lunatic Asylum. Go at once.

What the People Say: "It does not stain the skin, but colors the Hair immediately."

"Professor—My head was sore from other Dyes. Your Pellatite healed my scalp and colored my hair beautifully."

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Guelph, 1st April, 1868.

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