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HOP BITTERS. (A Medicine, not a Drink.) HOP, RICHIE, MANDEKAY, DANDELION, AND THE PUREST AND BEST MALT-QUALETIES OF ALL OTHER BITTERS.

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TIN, SHEET-IRON, GAS-FITTING. Granite Ware, Japanese Stamped and Plain.

TINWARE. PLOUGHS, Parlor and Cooking Stoves, fitted with PATENT Ovens the latest styles...

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General Business. HORSE SHOEING. Excellent good satisfaction, at a money rate! RICHARD D. STAPLEDOES.

General Business. Scantling Wanted. TENDERS for heavy sawn Scantling are wanted, according to specification to be seen at the factory of Mr. Geo. G. Gentry, South, until the 15th December inst.

General Business. Sewing Machines. Branch Office of the Singer Manufacturing Company, Corner St. John & Duke Sts., CHATHAM, N. B.

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General Business. Sultana, Pound, Fruit. And lots of other Fancy Things suitable for CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. T. H. FOYNTAIN.

General Business. TO LET OR SELL. The two story Dwelling on St. John Street, near the Convention Buildings. Also the house on Grand St. at present occupied by the Rev. G. Howie. Apply to the Subscriber J. F. LITTON.

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Miramichi Advance. CHATHAM, DECEMBER 22, 1881. Public Holiday. The following Proclamation is made by order of the Lieutenant Governor in the Royal Gazette:—

Whereas Christmas Day of the present year, and the First Day of January, 1882, fall upon Sunday; I do hereby appoint and proclaim Monday the twenty-sixth day of December, 1881, and Monday the second day of January, 1882, to be Public Holidays throughout the Province of New Brunswick.

Is it a Safe Prospect? A good many persons had their attention directed last week to the fact that a member of the Government of the Province—Sir J. W. Adams—was conducting a case before the Sheriff, in which he certainly would not have appeared had he properly considered the effect of the precedent he was establishing.

West Northumberland. An Ottawa despatch says:—The election in West Northumberland, to fill the vacancy in the Dominion Parliament caused by the resignation, through ill health, of the Hon. James Cockburn, for some time Speaker of the House of Commons, resulted in the return of George Buell, Conservative, by a majority of six to nine.

Political Weathercocks. An English Tory M. P., who recently visited Canada, is described in the papers as narrating in Great Britain, how Sir John A. Macdonald and his associates had brought property to Canada, by the simple expedient of imposing heavy taxes on the raw material of various industries, by taxing food and fuel and by adopting a tariff which increased the cost of production.

Hard on Sir Leonard. The news, which has been known as a staunch supporter of Sir Leonard Tilley since a short time after that gentleman was returned for St. John and became a member of the Government, publishes the following:—

The Quebec Trial. The trial of President Garfield's assassin is still proceeding at Washington and the testimony of numerous witnesses, including the prisoner's divorced wife, strengthens the belief that the insanity theory will break down entirely and develop into persistent depravity.

An Important Work. A good many attempts have been made to induce the Dominion Government to provide a short cut for ships from the Bay of Fundy into the Straits of Northumberland by way of the isthmus which connects New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Diphtheria. From the latest report on Diphtheria, by Dr. A. Jaoubi of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, we make the following extracts, which will be of interest to our readers.

The Winter Port of Canada. When the question between the rival Syndicates, as to which of them should build the Canada Pacific Railway, was before Parliament, we heard a great deal about the importance of a through line from the Pacific to the Atlantic, from the Canadian port on the one side to a Canadian port on the other.

A Great Move. A large hotel in Boston, was lately moved from its old site, to a new one, and the building is of freestone and brick, fronting 96 ft. and 67 ft., a basement and seven stories, the total height above the ground being 96 ft.

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In every home preparations were being made for the great Christmas Festival which the morrow was to celebrate. Many were the fair fingers deftly engaged in weaving graceful devices for the adornment of home, and many a joyous Christmas song rang forth from light and youthful hearts.

In one of the spacious reception-rooms of Morton Hall were two young and lovely girls surrounded by holly, ivy, and flowers, of which they were forming bright and elegant decorations. These were Gertrude, the only daughter of Squire Morton, and her cousin, Clara Winton.

As the setting beaus of the winter sun glanced through the long windows, and played upon their fair features, a more charming sight could scarcely be conceived. Yes, youth is indeed beautiful, in its early sweet-ness, when no cloud of sorrow has rested upon the heart, and when the light of hope shines full upon the brow of the vessel which is bearing the youthful voyager onward.

"How lovely the room will look when it is quite completed, dear Gertrude!" exclaimed her cousin. "These garlands which we have already hung are exceedingly effective. But here are others waiting which are to occupy positions that we cannot reach. I thought you told me Edward Fenton was coming to assist you in the arrangement. I wish he were here."

"I do not doubt that he will be here soon," rejoined Gertrude, as a soft blush, which she in vain strove to conceal, played upon her fair face. "Besides, the time appointed has scarcely arrived."

"Gertrude, what should you say if you knew that I had divined a secret?" cried Clara, as she passed by, and affectionately arched her cousin's neck. "and that it concerns two persons?"

"I must first be convinced that you possess the power of divination before I comment upon its particular exercise," replied Gertrude.

"Your remark is evidently meant as a satire upon my poor capacity, as if it were too shallow to grasp anything so profound as a secret," retorted Clara, laughing. "But I will put another construction upon your words, and regard them as a challenge to prove my 'power of divination' by declaring what it is I have discovered."

"No—no! Spare me!" cried Gertrude, as her cheek grew yet more crimson. "Why, you little witch!" said Clara. "Talk about 'divination,' you seem gifted with the knowledge of that particular science yourself, unless you deride its possession by another in a very remarkable degree! You can positively read my thoughts, and thus save me the trouble of shaping them into words! But suffer me to say, my dear Gertrude, she proceeded, affectionately, "that I know no one more worthy of your affection than he, who, I am well assured, returns it in equal measure. But there goes the ball-bell; and as I have little doubt that it proclaims Mr. Fenton's arrival, I will withdraw, and give him an opportunity to breathe those tender thoughts which are unutterable in the presence of strangers."

The light-hearted girl vanished as she spoke, and it was in vain that her cousin called to her to return.

Left alone, the fair Gertrude became conscious, in the brief interval that elapsed before her visitor was announced, of an indefinable feeling of joy as Clara's assurance that Edward Fenton reciprocated her attachment lingered in her ears. She knew that her own heart was unopposed to all but him, and the thought that she held the key to his affections was inexpressibly sweet.

Tall and strikingly handsome, with a tender light in his dark eyes, and an expression of true manliness upon his noble features, Edward Fenton looked, indeed, worthy of the love of a pure and lovely girl, such as Gertrude. When he entered the apartment in which the latter was seated on that December afternoon.

And now, as briefly as may be, we must trouble the reader with a word or two of explanation. Edward's father, Dr. Fenton, and Squire Morton had been near neighbours for many years, and a close friendship existed between them. Thus it was that, in her early years, Gertrude Morton had been intimately associated with Edward Fenton, although the latter was some years her senior.

As time passed, however, and the young friends left their native village—Gertrude repairing to a fashionable ladies' seminary, in an adjoining town, and Edward to Eton, and thence to Oxford—they met but seldom. The education of both was now completed yet separation was again at hand. An only brother of Dr. Fenton's, residing in London (himself in the medical profession) had been left a widower, and being childless, he had entrusted that Edward, upon the conclusion of his college career, might spend at least a year with him.

Dr. Fenton had willingly persuaded Edward to embrace his uncle's offer, for, apart from his own desire to minister comfort to his bereaved brother, he well knew the professional advantages which the young man would secure, the latter having long since resolved to devote himself to the science of medicine.

And now, to return to the drawing-room of Squire Morton's mansion. Edward's willing fingers soon adjusted the fair Christmas decorations which had been waiting for his disposal upon the walls of the spacious apartment.

"How beautiful it looks!" exclaimed Gertrude with unfeigned admiration, as she viewed the scene before her.

"Yes Gertrude," rejoined Edward, as he stood beside the lovely girl, "it is a charming scene. The blossoms which you have intertwined with those sober evergreens are emblems of the many graces of your own heart! They shine forth brightly, and gladden all around! Ah! Gertrude," he continued, "surely there could be no more fitting season than the present, when I shall soon be parted from you, to speak to you of the deep love which fills my

heart. Am I too presumptuous in hoping that you return my affection?" As Edward spoke he took the young girl's hand, and finding that she did not withdraw it, he proceeded thus: "Do you remember, Gertrude, that happy Christmas, now two years since, when, in idle play, you severed a tiny curl from your golden locks? I remember how you laughed when I said I should always prize it. See (and he produced it from an inner pocket), I have worn it ever since in my bosom. Let it plead for me now!"

There was a softened light in Gertrude's eye, which trembled with something very like a tear, as Edward ceased speaking.

He saw it, and his heart leaped with hope and joy.

"Gertrude," he cried, "see how beautifully the white berries of the mistletoe-bough are glittering this afternoon! If you do not spare my suit, suffer me to lead you beneath it, and with one pure kiss of love we will seal our vows."

And so it was. In the consent of silence Gertrude suffered the young man to read her heart, and angels might have bent from Heaven to mark the purity of the kiss which Edward Fenton pressed upon the young girl's ruby lips under the mistletoe bough.

The young man lost no time in acquainting Squire Morton with the mutual attachment which subsisted between himself and Gertrude. Great was Mr. Morton's joy on hearing that the son of his old friend had anticipated what had long been the most cherished desire of his own heart, and warm was the consent which he accorded to the union.

That happy Christmas sped all too quickly for the affianced lovers, and soon the period arrived for Edward Fenton to proceed to London.

Very tender was the parting between him and Gertrude, and the young man bore with him the measure of his beloved one's taper finger, that he might preserve an engagement-ring in town, and send it to her. This he did with one delay, and as Gertrude looked upon it, the sparkling sapphires seemed to have borrowed the lips of Edward, and to whisper, "Forget me not!"

Christmas-eve had come again, and once more a glory that was born of Heaven rested upon the earth.

In Morton Hall there was one young heart beating with glad expectation, for one dearer to Gertrude Morton than life itself would soon arrive.

Once more the two fair cousins were busily engaged intertwining the graceful garlands for Christmas decoration. Again the setting sun lit up their youthful features, and the face of Gertrude Morton looked even more lovely than on the previous Christmas-eve, for there was in her violet orbs that tender and holy light which the knowledge that she was to be united to the man she loved, and that she felt for Edward Fenton was fully returned by its inspirer had kindled.

"Now our task is completed, dear Gertrude," exclaimed Clara Winton, at length. "We will leave these garlands, for I know that you have set your heart upon their being hung by your dear Edward in the same positions as they were last year. It is nearly time for his arrival; I shall leave you to receive him alone."

This time Gertrude did not attempt to recall her cousin as she had done a year ago. No; she felt that the first meeting between her and Edward Fenton would to-day be far too sacred a thing for the presence of a third person.

For some time Gertrude sat in a pleasing reverie, while scenes, in which he whose advent she was now expecting bore a prominent part, flitted before her mind.

At length she became conscious that the time had come for her lover's arrival, and as she heard the hall-bell vibrate with his well-remembered impetuous ring, she stood in eager, yet bashful impatience to receive him; and when he entered the room, her eye sought his with that look of tender coyness which is so natural to youth. But soon she withdrew her gaze in fearful amazement, for there was no answering smile on Edward Fenton's face. The tone in which he addressed her was so strangely cold, that her limbs trembled violently, and, unable to support herself, she sank upon a seat.

"What is the matter, Edward?" she gasped. "You bring no Christmas gladness with you. Why did you come to cast a shadow over my heart?"

"Gertrude!" he rejoined, and his voice was hoarse and constrained, "you remember last Christmas-eve? Then we were happy; but the dream was too bright to last. Then I gathered a lovely human flower, only to find, by experience, that it was not the fairest that should greet my eyes. I need not speak further. Gertrude, I come now to release you from your vows!"

The young girl did not faint, though how she managed to retain consciousness was a mystery, for she herself was never able to explain. She rose in simple dignity, and grasping a chair for support she spoke thus: "Edward, at this happy yet holy season, when earth seems linked with heaven, I would not that any mean spirit of pride should inspire my language, leading me to affect an indifference which I do not feel. No; though your words imply that you have transferred your affections to one whom you have found more worthy of your regard, you are still to me the brightest, the only star of life; and I would not have you bound by your vows to me for one moment longer. Take this engagement-ring, she proceeded, as she drew it from her finger, "and when you place it upon the hand of another, remember that you are still followed by the prayers of Gertrude Morton, who will devote a solitary life to the memory of Edward Fenton."

She ceased, overcome by the emotion which she could no longer suppress, and burying her face in her hands, she sobbed aloud.

When she at length raised her eyes she found that Edward Fenton had left her, but, advancing towards her, she beheld her cousin, Clara Winton.

"Oh, Clara, Clara!" she cried, in a fresh paroxysm of grief, "you will never guess the bitter sorrow which has fallen upon my heart!"

"Dearest Gertrude," rejoined her

cousin, "I know all, and I am come to render to you the balm of woe. There is in reality no cause for the tears you are now shedding, as you will soon know. Calm yourself, and I will explain. About a month since, as you will remember, I visited London with my father. There we met with Edward Fenton; and one day, as I told you afterwards, he and I took a long walk together. I related to you the chief part of our conversation, but there was one portion to which I did not refer. When we were speaking of you, Edward said how dearly he loved you, and that his love grew stronger every day. 'But, Clara,' said he, and his voice trembled with intensity of feeling, 'do you think I am all in all to her? She is so young, so beautiful, and so much admired, that I fear at times lest some change should have passed over the first enthusiasm of her love for me, and that she may have seen one among her many suitors whom she would prefer to myself. I often think I should like to test her affection.'

"In that you must be guided by your own feelings," I rejoined; "but I am certain that, whatever test you may apply, you will find that Gertrude Morton's heart is yours, and yours only."

"The subject then dropped, and I concluded, as I heard no word relating to it, that Edward had relinquished the idea."

"This morning, however, I received a letter from him, addressed to me here (where he knew I should be spending my Christmas), informing me of the test which he intended to apply, and requesting me to station myself in the vicinity of this apartment, so that, should he find you did, indeed, still love him, he might, on quitting it himself, give the signal for us to enter and reassure you. This you say, Gertrude," continued Clara, playfully, "my powers of divination, which you sought to impugn last Christmas-eve, are proved to demonstration, for I can not only penetrate the most carefully-guarded secrets, but I can also gauge the extent of a woman's love, for I knew this test would manifest the strength of your attachment. And now, dearest, I will leave you, and send Edward, that he may plead for your forgiveness."

So saying, she departed, and Edward Fenton immediately afterwards entered the room.

"Gertrude," he exclaimed, "it was a cruel test, but infinitely more trying to me to apply than for you to endure. I knew, however, that if I acted thus, I should soon learn from your manner whether you did indeed love me. Never did my heart beat with such mighty gladness as now, when I know that I do indeed possess the priceless treasure of your affection. Ah! dearest, can you forgive the pain which I have caused you? If so, suffer me to place this ring once more upon your finger, and let us renew our vows in the same way as we pledged them first last Christmas-eve."

And with a heart in which sorrow was turned to joy, and cloud to sunshine, Gertrude Morton suffered Edward Fenton to adorn her hand once more with the engagement-ring, and to lead her "Under the Mistletoe-bough!"

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