













REVOLVERS AND GOLD.

I was one of the actors in an exciting and rather mysterious episode during the Rebellion, the details of which will never be known unless I record them here.

It will make no difference to the reader what position I held during the war, or in what capacity I acted. Suffice it to say that I was honorably employed, and in pursuit of duties frequently found myself at the front and in places of great danger.

I will remember one night that I was riding up through the Cumberland valley toward the headquarters of the Union army. It was the memorable time of the battle of Antietam.

It was lonely travelling as the night wore on. The country bore the desolate appearance which was alone given by the multitude of farm houses and cottages were apparently deserted by their occupants.

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In the subterranean passage, "Confound the villain," shouted he; "they are off like the wind, and with our horse and wagon, too. No use to follow them, he continued, and sprang up the stairs. They are lost in the darkness already. Come back, and let us explore their den."

"Well, I suppose it is the only thing to be done; but I hate to think of losing Boston, and—"

"Hush! What was that?" interrupted Harold. A groan came from below, which very seriously disturbed our equanimity.

Striking a match and making a torch of a newspaper I had in my pocket I said: "Follow me," and jumped down into the cellar. Harold followed and we stood ready to do battle. But there was no battle to be fought. Almost at our very feet lay a young woman in a swoon and from her position we judged that she had been struck by the falling wall and left behind by the others in their scramble to escape.

"You guard the woman while I explore this passage-way. We must know we are safe from attack before anything else, though I think there is no one else here, and I am sure the passage is clear."

"All right. The passage leads to the stable, and is clear. Now for quick work, or the sound will be back with reinforcements."

"First let us carry this woman up into the house, where we can have a little light," said I.

We lifted her unconscious form, and carefully carried her into a room above, where she soon revived; but she only opened her eyes to close them again wearily.

She was a woman of remarkable beauty. To find a woman with a classical, refined face and superb form in a place like this, and in such company, was, to say the least, exceedingly strange.

But we had no time to waste in speculation, and rummaging the closets until we discovered a candle for our purpose, we hastily returned to the underground apartment to explore further.

Imagine our astonishment when encountering a long bench which appeared to have been left by the night of a man of glittering jewelry, in sufficient quantity to be measured by the bushel. It was in a large box, and it comprised watches, rings, chains, lockets and every description of finely wrought gold ornaments.

Had apparently been in use, and most of them were valuable. Many were set with precious stones. At the bottom of the box our delighted eyes rested upon gold coins to the amount of several hundred dollars. This, without comment, we secured about our persons, so that, come what might, we would be provided with the means of war. It was clear that this was the plunder of persons who had robbed the dead and buried in the hospitals, or pilfered from the living in the camps of the armies.

There was thousands of dollars worth of booty here, but it was out of our power to remove it to a place of safety. After a moment's consultation we decided to bury the treasure in an unfrequented spot near by, and risk its remaining undisturbed until we should have a better opportunity to remove it. It was not yet daylight, though so much had been compressed into the last hour that it seemed an age to us, and we found an old shovel and pick in the barn, with which we prepared a place and deposited the booty without being interrupted.

We made a careful memorandum of the distance and direction from the house to the spot and then hurried into the house, where we found our fair prisoner, conscious but helpless. She had a beautiful creature, whom to see once was to remember forever. Her countenance bore a startled though resolute look.

"Who are you, and how came I here?" she demanded.

"We found you in the cellar," we replied, "and would like very much to know who you are and how you came here."

which we had no control made it inconvenient for us to keep a record of our running time on that occasion. We sought the most difficult and hidden course, and made considerable headway before our pursuers could be detected.

It will seem incredible to you, reader, but not nearly so incredible as it seemed to us, that as we ran through a deep wood, a turn brought us face to face with my own horse and wagon. By their side on the ground sat a villainous looking man, who was taking all sorts of things into consideration, and then sent a bullet into the fore; he rolled in the dust, and a moment later we were being borne over that narrow wagon track by the steadiest horse in the valley. We escaped.

The shifting scene of the war and our duties elsewhere made it impossible for us to fulfill our promise to the beautiful woman; but it was not many days before we went over the ground again. The farm house and barn were in ruins, by whom destroyed or under what circumstances we never learned.

Harold and I, at the first opportunity, covertly visited the hiding place of our buried treasure. The box was there, but its golden contents were gone. Wrapped up carefully within it lay a photograph of the beautiful unknown woman; on the back of it was written in pencil in a feminine hand, "I shall never forget your kindness. God bless you!"

The war over, I settled down to the practice of my profession in a Western city. Harold and I had long before parted, and I knew nothing of his whereabouts.

One morning, in 1870, I received a large white envelope, postmarked London. It contained a rather worn photograph, which I instantly recognized as that of the beautiful woman of the story. I had never forgotten your kindness, God bless you!"

"I was so much absorbed in thinking of this that it was some time before I looked at the other contents of the envelope. When I did so, I discovered a card, which contained an announcement which astounded me. It was that of Harold Mayo to Louise Farquhar. On the fly-leaf was written:

"I have never seen either of them since I have never unravelled the mystery of that night, though of one thing I am sure, that Louise Farquhar was an innocent as she was lovely or she never could have become the wife of Harold Mayo."

"When Baby was sick," we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a Woman, she stilling Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

GENERAL NOTES AND NEWS. A Postmaster's Opinion. "I have great pleasure in certifying to the usefulness of Hayward's Yellow Oil," writes Dr. Kavanagh, Boston, Feb. 18, 1888. "I have used it for several cases of the throat, colds, burns, etc. I find nothing equal to it."

Empress William's remains were interred on Friday last with all the ceremony befitting such an occasion.

The Time to Act. If you are threatened with Headache, Constipation, Biliousness, or nervous prostration, once a bottle of Barlett Blood Purifier will do you good. It is a safe and reliable remedy, and is sold by all druggists.

Novo Scotia News. "I had Scrofula on my neck very bad for two years, had tried all remedies and doctors, but did not get any help until I got a bottle of your Barlett Blood Purifier which cured me of it entirely. I am James Cochran, Fox River, Cumberland Co., N.S."

"Who are you, and how came I here?" she demanded. "We found you in the cellar," we replied, "and would like very much to know who you are and how you came here."

"Madam," said Harold, trying to smooth over my brusqueness, "we are a-aiding and honoring men, and you are perfectly safe with us; but we wish to know who you are in the cellar, and why they were there. We had fled, leaving everything behind them. Their plunder has been removed to a place of safety."

"That is, however, for that I shall rest better now," she exclaimed fervently. "But, gentlemen, if you value your lives, get away from this place without a moment's delay. If you will be back with a strong party, and if you see here, nothing will save you. Get away, get away, get away!"

GENERAL BUSINESS. CASTORIA for Infants and Children. Castoria is so well adapted to children that I recommend it as superior to any purgative known to me. E. A. ANDERSON, D. O. 111 Chestnut St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Fire, Marine & Life INSURANCE AGENCY AT CHATHAM, - - N. B. The undersigned is prepared to insure property from fire in the County of Northumberland in the following Old and Reliable English, American and Canadian Fire Insurance Companies.

ENGLISH. The London & Liverpool & Globe Insurance Company of London, Phoenix Fire Assurance, Fire Insurance Association, Limited, Lancashire Insurance Company of Manchester, London & Lancashire Insurance Company of Liverpool, Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society of Norwich.

AMERICAN. The Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford, Hartford Insurance Company of Hartford, Commercial Union Assurance Company of New York, Western Assurance Company of Toronto.

CANADIAN. The Royal Canadian Assurance Company of Montreal, Western Assurance Company of Toronto, Citizen.

MARINE INSURANCE. Risks taken on Vessels, Cargoes, Freight and Disbursements Sterling Certificates issued, if required, in the following Marine Insurance Companies: Boston Marine Insurance Company, Manheim Insurance Company, Royal Canadian Insurance Co., British America, Western.

LIFE INSURANCE. The Standard Life Assurance Company of Edinburgh. The Rates of Insurance in this Office are low and the Bonuses large. Low Rates, Fair Settlements and prompt payment of Losses guaranteed.

Thos. F. Gillespie, Insurance Agent. Chatham, July 11th, 1887. The Scientific American, ESTABLISHED 1845. Weekly, \$3.00 a Year - - - \$1.50 for Six Months.

TIN SHOP. I have now on hand a larger and better assortment of goods than ever before, comprising Japanned, Stamped and Plain Tinware, The Peerless Creamer, ROCHESTER LAMP, The Success Oil Stove, Parlor and Cooking Stoves, PATENT TELESCOPIQUE OVEN, A. C. McLean, COFFINS & CASKETS, COFFIN FINDINGS AND ROBES, WM. McLEAN, Undertaker, INFORMATION.

For Sale and to Let. DWELLING HOUSE For Sale or to Let. The subscriber offers for sale or to let the dwelling house here and premises on King St., Chatham, now occupied by him. The property is well adapted for a boarding house or private dwelling. Terms made known on application.

Wesleyan Church Property. The lot of land corner on Duke and Grand Streets, Chatham, and known as the BEST BUSINESS STANDS IN TOWN. The buildings are in good repair and suitable for WAREHOUSE or FACTORY. Possession given at once. Price low and terms flexible.

FARM FOR SALE. The subscriber offers for sale his extensive and well known farm on the right bank of the Chatham River at the end of the great road leading to the farm. The farm contains one hundred and forty acres, seventy-five of which are under high cultivation. It is well watered and has a fine view of the bay. For particulars apply to J. B. SNOWBALL, Chatham, N. B.

Legal Notices. SHERIFF'S SALE. To be sold at Public Auction on Saturday, the 26th day of May next, in front of the Post Office in Chatham, the following real estate: One lot of land in the Parish of St. John, in the County of Northumberland, containing one acre and one-half, more or less, bounded by the Parish of St. John, the Parish of St. John, the Parish of St. John, and the Parish of St. John.

Notice of Legislation. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick for an Act to amend the Act in relation to the Corporation of a Joint-Stock Company for the purpose of carrying on business, and for other purposes connected therewith. The Bill is now in the hands of the Hon. the Attorney General, and will be introduced on the 1st day of June next.

Executors' Notice. All persons having any claim against the estate of the late William Douglas, Merchant of Chatham, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested within three months from the date hereof to the undersigned, who will be pleased to make immediate payment to the proper parties.

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Sutherland & Creaghan's, Newcastle. Grey Union Flannels, 25 inches wide, 12 to 16cts per yard. Grey, pure all-wool Flannels 27 in. wide, 20 " " A Good, strong Grey Cotton, 31 " " Fine Dress Melton Cloths, all Colors, 10, 12, & 15 " " Very fine Saxony Melton Flannels, 18 & 20 " " P E Island Grey or White Twill Homepun 30 " " Ladies' all wool Knitted Stockings, 25 " pair Blankets and Wool Goods of all kinds cut away down in price. Goods must be moved off regardless of cost—before Stock taking.

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CLARKE, KERR & THORNE, Hardware Merchants. St. John, Feb. 7th, 1888.

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