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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE. GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. GOING EAST. GOING WEST.

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Local News. BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—There was no business transacted by the Board on Monday night, the cause being the want of a quorum.

AGRICULTURAL MEETING.—A meeting of Directors of the Farmers' Agricultural Society was held at the Centre Inn, on Saturday last, to decide as to whether the annual exhibition of the Society should be held in Rockwood, the villagers having offered a certain sum to induce its removal there this year; but after duly considering the matter, it was moved and carried by a majority of 9 to 1, that it would not be beneficial to the interests of the society to accept the proposition.

THE FORCE OF CIRCUMSTANCES.—Every one who had the hardihood to venture on the streets on Monday morning is aware that a number of curlers from Guelph took their departure about half past eleven in the forenoon, in order to play a match at the "roaring game" with certain gentlemen in Toronto. We learn that the train which conveyed them reached that city about midnight, consequently we may fairly infer that there was no curling at Toronto on Monday. There was one consolation left, they could probably enjoy themselves remarkably well on Tuesday.

A CALM.—After the storm then comes a calm. Old Borcas has been spluttering about at a fearful rate lately, and it was only this (Tuesday) morning that he gave over his pranks. He did considerable mischief before his wrath was appeased; he has stopped the trains; put all the post-office clerks to playing "hide and seek" prevented the telegraph despatches, and imposed a tremendous amount of labour upon those who cater for newspaper readers. The Town has been as quiet these last two days as if every family had put on mourning; there was nobody on the market, nobody by the proprietors and clerks in the stores; nobody in the Police Court except the Magistrate, the Chief Constable, Janet Leith, and Solitude. Everybody who could stay at home did so, and those who could not went forth most grudgingly. About ten o'clock on Tuesday morning the storm subsided, and shovelling began. Every man who had a shovel used it, and those who had none waited until their next neighbour had his work finished, and then borrowed his. It was very pleasant to watch the industry exhibited in clearing off the snow, and it was particularly agreeable to those who had no snow to remove. We admired very much the boys who were assiduously engaged in shovelling the snow off the verandas; we could not help thinking, that they were the bone and sinew of the country, or at least that they had bones and sinews, and that they were very useful to the Town, and might some time or other do the State good service. Every person made a hole by which he might have egress from his own house, and when he had got out he stood and wondered what had become of his neighbours, much as a man might be supposed to do who had been a sharer in the catastrophe produced by the falling of an avalanche. February has not departed without giving us a reminder of his presence, but he has done his worst, and we shall console ourselves with the hope, that we shall live to see the last of him. In a day or two nearly all traces of the storm will have vanished, and business will have assumed its wonted vigour and activity.

NEWSPAPORIAL.—The Spectator contradicts the statement in the Hamilton Times to the effect that negotiations have been going on between Mr. White and leading politicians in Toronto for the publication of the Spectator in that city.

BRUSHES. Cloth, Hat, Hair, Tooth, and Bath Brushes JOHN HORSMAN.

The Silver Nuisance. As we intimated on Monday a meeting of the Board of Trade was called by the President, John McCrea, Esq., in consequence of some resolutions passed at a meeting of some of the merchants in the office of the Bank of Commerce.

The English National Debt. Mr. William Howitt, the author of "Casell's History of England," writes to the Star on the subject of the National Debt. Before the reign of Charles the Second, he writes, these kingdoms knew nothing of a national debt.

Prostration of American Manufacturers. The following article is from the National Intelligencer. The prostration of all domestic manufactures in this country in spite of high protection, is universally felt, and the subject of much complaint.

AMERICAN DISPATCHES. Impairment of President Andy Johnson. Intense Excitement throughout the Union. "Nobody Hurt" as yet.

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THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY AND CABINET.—The Montreal Witness says: The French Canadian route, namely, that which goes round the Gulf of St. Lawrence, in preference to the more direct route, one reason, if not the chief one, being that it will involve a much larger expenditure in Lower Canada than any other. Ontario, New Brunswick, and Quebec, it is believed, favor some one of the more direct routes, which involves less expensive freight, considerably cheaper conveyance, and a shorter time.

REV. D. FRASER.—It may be interesting to our readers to know that the Rev. Donald Fraser formerly of Cole street Montreal, now of Inverness Scotland, has been preaching and lecturing in Dublin within the last few days. By the removal of the Rev. Dr. John Hall to New York, and the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, the pastorate of Rutland-square Church, in the Irish capital, is at present vacant. It is one of the wealthiest Presbyterian congregations in Ireland, and it is understood that they would be prepared to give Mr. Fraser the vacant office if it could be accepted. It must however, be strong inducement which will lead Mr. Fraser to remove from Inverness; and it is well known that his tendencies do not run in the direction of Ireland. A Dublin paper, in noticing his presence in that city, says that he is, since Dr. Guthrie gave up preaching, perhaps the most eloquent and popular preacher in Scotland. Dr. Hall's ministry in New York, during his short residence there, has been most successful. His new flock are said to be remarkably well pleased with him.

THE WAIL OF "HARD TIMES" comes up from Kingston. By the death of Mr. Fox three hundred persons were thrown out of employment; then came the fire at Morton's Distillery, and the failure of a large forwarding firm, pulling down with it several otherwise good houses. These misfortunes have made matters very dull here, and the Wail blames the short harvest of last year for not a little of the existing stagnation. Indeed, it says that the Bishop of Ontario was ill-advised, among the various blessings of Providence, he made choice of "the late bountiful harvest" as the main reason for his proclamation of his last General Thanksgiving.

THE PRESIDENT FEARED THAT IF THE proposition which Mr. Massey had laid down were adhered to it would drive the people to look for silver in other markets, and that the trade would not readily be brought back to Guelph.

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Horsman, and seconded by Mr. Massey, that this meeting pledge itself to sell silver only for shipment out of the Dominion.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rutledge, seconded by Mr. Thomson, that on and after the 1st day of April we, the undersigned, pledge ourselves to receive silver in payment of sales only at the rate of 4 per cent.—Carried.

AS ALL THE merchants were not present, it was considered that it would be best for a committee to call upon them on Tuesday.

THE COMMITTEE have not yet finished their labors on this (Tuesday) evening and, of course, we are unable to give the names of those who subscribed to the document.

MOVED BY Mr. Massey, seconded by Mr. Horsman, that Messrs. McCrea, Massey, Thomson and Horsman be a committee to wait upon the Bank managers, and procure their assistance in the removal of the silver nuisance.—Carried.

MOVED BY Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brill, that the merchants of Fergus, Elora, Durham, Clifford and Mount Forest be requested to act in concert with the resolutions passed at this meeting; and that Messrs. Buchan, Lewis and Massey be a committee to correspond with them.—Carried.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

MR. A. SHERWOOD, of Brockville, P. O., is said to be the oldest Freeman of the Dominion, and perhaps in America.

EARLY LAMBING.—The Stratford Beacon says:—As early as the 1st of the present month, an ewe, the property of Mr. David Martin, lot 16, con. 9, Downie, dropped two lambs, one of which, however, died from the extreme cold, but the other is alive and hearty.

THE defaulting collector at Woodstock, who escaped from custody and made off with £200 government money in his possession, is described as a fast and reckless young man, addicted to all manner of profligacies, which would better qualify him for the position of manager of a brothel than the responsible office entrusted to him.

THE MONTVIE MYSTERY.—No light is likely to be thrown upon the mystery at Bratford. The colored boy Corry directed suspicion towards Cathward by saying that the latter had killed McIntyre and put him under the ice at a certain place; but Corry is known to be a liar, and although Cathward who fled but was apprehended, is known to be fit for almost anything it is feared he will have to be discharged from custody.

IT IS NOW understood that Lord Russell will continue to act as leader of the Liberal party under the assembling of the new Parliament, when he will formally retire from active public life. A man 75 years of age, who has been prominently engaged in public life for considerably more than half a century, is surely entitled to "rest and be thankful."

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SIR NAIGESSE Belleau and General Doyle are gazetted Lieut-Governors of Quebec and Nova Scotia, respectively.

BY TELEGRAPH. Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Extraordinary Scene in the French Corps Legislatif. Freedom of Speech Ignored. Several Members Expelled from the House.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE. London, Feb. 24—A remarkable scene occurred at last session of the French Legislatif body. A member was engaged in discussion of the bill for regulating of the press, when Mr. Hovin, of the Siecle, rose and said he had a document which he wished to read to members. It was the judgment of the Court exonerating himself and Mr. Gerolot from charges brought against them by the government. The President interrupted Mr. Hovin and refused to allow him to proceed. Mr. Hovin insisted on reading the document. Much disorder and confusion followed, whereupon the President declared the sitting for the day dissolved.—Government members then retired; the Liberal members remained, loudly protesting against the arbitrary action of the President. They were finally expelled from the building by officers.

London, Feb. 24, 10 p.m.—In the House of Lords to-night the bill renewing the suspension of operation of writ of Habeas Corpus Act in Ireland was advanced to its second reading. In the debate to which the bill gave rise Earl Russell and Grey spoke at length, advocating reform in Ireland, both in State and Church. Replies were made by Earls of Hardwicke and Ellenborough and the Marquis of Westmesth.

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Guelph, 8th February, 1868.

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TUESDAY EV'NG, FEB. 25, 1868.

#### A NEW SENSATION.

Emergencies call forth heroes, and the peculiar requirements of a certain party in Nova Scotia have been the means of issuing a new organ into existence. Its name is ominous, and declares at once what interest it purposes employing its efforts to promote—it is called *The Repealer*. The first number has seen the light, and it promises many things that will be not only very agreeable but highly satisfactory to men of erudition in general and to those who are disaffected towards Confederation in particular. It has an array of talent such as very few papers can boast of as an editorial staff, and which but few in the Dominion would not find considerable difficulty in scratching up the wherewithal to remunerate. Among the guns in this battery which is to blow the Union to pieces we find no less a one than Mr Howe himself. There is just one consolation left the opposite party, and that is, that he will seldom fire. But there are many other gentlemen whose calibre is only a little less heavy who will be regular contributors. Like in all great literary enterprises a poet was believed to be indispensable, and a poet has been engaged. The first effusion has made its appearance enounced singly in a corner of the first number. There are many big words in it that we have met in poetry somewhere before, in Milton we believe, only that Milton had the happy knack of using them at proper times and places. Their arrangement by the Nova Scotian Bard obscures the sense in some respects, but perhaps the lines are perfectly intelligible to the Repeal Organs to which they are addressed. There is one other fact in connection with the new journal which deserves notice. In the prospectus occur the following words: "We expect that every Anti-Unionist in the Province will become a subscriber to our paper, which will secure us a list of nearly 5000, equal to that of any other journal in the Province." If five thousand includes all of the population of Nova Scotia who are dissatisfied with Confederation, then there is a terrible fuss being made over a very small matter, and the delegates will appear in England speaking the sentiments of an insignificant minority. Five thousand men, who scarcely know what they want, obeying the beck of leaders whose sincerity is very much doubted, do not form an element likely to produce a disruption in the State.

\*The New Orleans *Picayune* is rejoicing over the failure of all the attempts made by the Southern people to establish colonies in Honduras or other foreign countries. News has been received of the entire failure of an attempt of this kind made at Taxman, where a large number of Southerners tried to establish themselves after the overthrow of the Confederacy; they are in great distress and would be very glad to return. The *Picayune* says the Southern people will very soon learn that their own country after all is the best in the world, and if they will stay in it and devote themselves to its interests they can remedy whatever evils at present afflict it.

#### THE SILVER MOVEMENT.

The Press has for a long time urged a crusade against silver with a zeal no less ardent than that with which Peter the Hermit roused the nations of Europe to make war upon the Saracens. Silver has been condemned as a nuisance, there is scarcely a voice raised to plead in its behalf, and the consequence is that it has been sentenced to transportation. The great commercial marts of Canada were the first to promulgate the edict of banishment and Guelph has resolved to imitate the example thus set. Montreal, London and other cities have collected and exported silver coin to a very large extent, and our merchants purpose doing likewise. So far as we can discover no class of men can be more interested than the retail merchants in the expulsion from the Dominion of the American silver coin. It is with it that the principal part of the retail business in the Upper Provinces is transacted, and as money it is a deception. The intrinsic value of what is popularly known as a dollar in silver is not a dollar, but in consequence of the metal having been debased it is really worth some six cents less than a dollar when judged by gold—the proper standard. The wholesale houses must be paid in gold, and retailers assure us that their percentage of profits is no larger now that they are obliged to take silver from customers than what it was when their goods were paid for in bills, consequently in the first instance retail merchants are positive losers to the amount of the discount they are obliged to pay in order to convert the silver which they receive from those who do business with them into gold, or its equivalent, with which to pay those with whom they do business. So far they know their loss, and if, after one lot of silver had been disposed of, future transactions were made in money that would pass at par there would not be a great deal to complain of. But suppose a merchant to have started a retail business five or six years ago, with a capital of \$10,000 in gold, imagine that the silver nuisance will continue for an unlimited time, that the stock is turned completely over every year, and that he has received, and will receive, only silver, while his own payments have been made in gold (worth four per cent. more), it must be evident that it is only a question of time for the discount to annihilate the original capital. Thus then it is undoubtedly to the interest of the merchants that American silver should be expelled from the Dominion.

But there is another class of men among us whose co-operation is considered indispensable in gaining the desired end—that is the grain buyers. The question of their power to influence the movement was pretty fully discussed at the meeting of the Board of Trade on Monday. Now we think the case is very plain; it might not be laid on silver, and when it could have been so plain before the impost be imported to any amount. But it is obvious that since it has been excluded there must be only a certain amount of silver circulating in this town and locality. It is still further evident that the grain merchants cannot be possessed of the whole of this amount; that what they do possess must soon

become exhausted, unless the stock be replenished; and that the storekeepers receive from the farmers much of the silver which the latter get from the grain merchants. Then the storekeepers sell the coin to the grain buyers, and if the latter (as they affirm they do) pay it out again at the same discount at which they buy it, they reap no benefit whatever; the farmer is the sole gainer, and the storekeeper the exclusive loser. We have no doubt the farmer is a gainer, and the storekeeper the only loser; but whether the grain merchant goes to the trouble of buying silver and paying it out again merely to accommodate others is something very doubtful. If one offer \$1.50 in bills for a bushel of wheat, he who is buying with silver would require to bid \$1.57 in order to give one cent more and secure the grain, and we think there is seldom such a margin. Yet there seems to be a pretty general inclination to drive silver whence it cannot return.

The pledge of the Bank of Montreal that it will take all the silver brought to it at five per cent. discount and send it out of the Dominion will ensure a reduction in the volume now in circulation. The loss to those who exchange the coin will be a little heavier than usual, but it will be all over at once, and the package deposited in the Bank will not come back to trouble them again. The Bank will make by the exportation in two ways. First when gold is 142, silver is about 135, and this will make the exchange between silver and gold something over 4 per cent., and the Bank will therefore have the difference between that and five per cent.; and the difference will more than pay carriage; and secondly it will replace the coin it drives out of circulation by legal tenders on which it receives a very decent percentage. We trust that good faith may be kept by our merchants, and that they will adhere to the resolutions passed at the meeting. We hope too that other places will follow the example set by the cities and imitated so recently by Guelph, and united and persistent action will soon reduce very much, if it does not completely expel, the four and a half millions of American silver said to be now circulating in Canada. The attention of farmers and country readers generally is especially directed to the report of the proceedings of the Board of Trade, which will be found in another column.

An official order has been issued by Mr. Seward, recommending all citizens of the United States, native or naturalized, who have occasion to visit Great Britain and Ireland, to procure passports from the State Department at Washington, while the *habeas corpus* act remains suspended in the latter country.

IMPEACHMENT. — President Johnston will likely be impeached. The resolution passed in the House by a majority of 128 to 45. The excitement is intense, but does not appear to be anything more than the President anticipated. Consequently he abides the result with calm serenity. Our American despatches will by their extraordinary interest well repay perusal.

#### New Advertisements.

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WANTED, a steady man to take care of a horse, and make himself generally useful. Apply to PALMER & LILLIE. Guelph, 25th Feb, 1868. (417) — Boy's Block

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WANTED, a boy as an apprentice to House Painting, &c. Apply at the old established stand. "Show me the Job." D. GOUCK dw-4f Guelph, 25th Feb., 1868.

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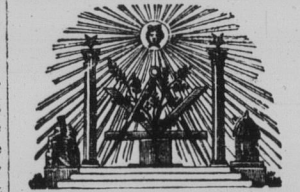
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AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

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### Speed Lodge No. 180.



AN EMERGENCY MEETING of Speed Lodge No. 180 will be held in the Masonic Hall, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th inst., at half-past seven o'clock. A full and punctual attendance is requested. JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary. Guelph, Feb. 24, 1868. dit

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Terms for Stock (which will be sold at 2 o'clock P.M.) under \$100 cash, that amount and over, credit till 1st January, 1869, on approved Joint Notes, payable at Bank of Montreal, Guelph. Catalogues of thorough-bred may be had at the law office of J. Guthrie, Esq., Guelph, or of G. D. FERGUSON, Esq., Fergus. For other particulars see posters, and consult G.W.B. time table. Woodhill is 2 and a half miles from Waterdown station, and 6 from Hamilton—a free conveyance will be in attendance at the former on the arrival of the morning trains. Feb. 22nd, 1868. 7msl-w1t

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Each complete in one Volume.—  
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Where he is prepared as formerly to make up CLOTHING of every description at short notice and in a superior style.

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And trim it CHEAPER than can be done at any other Establishment in Town.

All Work carefully finished, and at Moderate Rates.  
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HARDWARE IMPORTERS,

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Guelph, 10th Feb., 1868.

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Do you want a good Saddle? We can supply you cheaper than ever, 15 yards from O'Connor's Wellington Hotel.

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Brushes, Combs, Spits, Bins, in endless variety. REPAIRING done as usual.

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HENRY MULHOLLAND Guelph, 22nd January, 1868.

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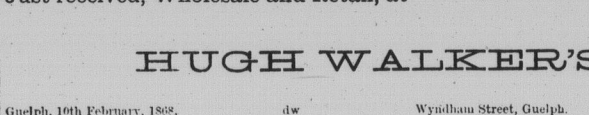
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Salmon Trout and Herring!

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Guelph, 27th Jan, 1868. dwlv

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JOHN ANDERSON, Proprietor. The best of accommodations for travellers. First-class accommodations. Good stone stabling and attentive hostler.

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WILLIAM STOVIEL, Rockwood, 30th October, 1867.

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Where did you get those delicious OYSTERS?

### Why, at BERRY'S to be Sure!

WHO'S BERRY? WHY,

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PRICES: Rich, full-flavoured Tea for family use a real genuine and fine article 70 cents per lb. Finest quality procurable, one dollar per lb.

The above can be had either Black, Green or Mixed.

To be had in packets of Quarter Pound Half Pound, One Pound, and upwards, or in tin canisters of 5 lbs, and upwards, from the Company's Agents in all the chief towns of Canada.—N.B. All the packages are lined with tin foil paper, and the Teas will consequently retain its flavour any length of time.

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MR. N. HIGINBOTHAM Agent, Guelph. dw-13

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JUST RECEIVED a large assortment of Embroidery for Ladies Underclothing. Also, for Braiding on all sorts of Dress Goods.

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Call and see them, they are for sale singly.—Stamping done to order on the shortest notice. Also on hand an assortment of

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**Guelph Evening Mercury**  
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.  
TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 25, 1868.

## The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LADY OF BIRKENLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

"My daughter Helen your wife? he slowly repeated.

"Ay, why shouldn't I? She's pretty, good-natured, well-mannered, and I have her. So, look at her and yours. She will be raised to a high station; be the mistress of a fine mansion; and have everything she can desire at command. We will have money to your heart's content. First of all, you will get the hundred pounds left by Lady Barton, for, of course, I won't touch it. Then you will be my father-in-law, you know, and I will give you a good round sum now and then. Why, man, in a few years that iron box will be full to the brim with gold, and you will be able to bury your name in it to the clouds."

Cringan's eyes glittered with intense delight. Then all in a moment he put on a look of intense disappointment.

"Alas! he murmured, 'it cannot be. Helen is engaged to be married to the youth called Richard Wayland.'

"Engaged is she? Is the matter gone so far? But I tell you, old man, were she engaged to ten Waylands she must still be mine; and you must find means to put an end to the engagement."

Cringan shook his head dolefully. "Helen won't listen to it. I am sure she won't. No; even to be mistress of Birkenleuch won't tempt her to cast off Wayland, for she loves him. Ay, loves him, Captain Allan, as I love gold. More fool she; but not it is, and I haven't authority enough with her to change her purpose."

"Can't you accomplish it by stratagem?" suggested Allan. "Come, man, has the golden prospect no power to quicken your invention? Think what you will gain by it. This fellow Wayland, no doubt, knows what he is about. He'll not give up the legacy, depend upon it."

"I know he won't. I know he won't," groaned the miser. "I am ready to do anything—anything possible—to get her to marry you. Could you get the youth out of the way? You have power, Captain. Make him out a Covenantor, and have him murdered in the Bass, or—strung up in the Grassmarket."

"Fshaw, you forget that he is a protegee of that meddling fool of a Baronet, whose influence, curse him, is greater than mine. It is even rumored that this Wayland is his son—the fruit of an early amour—and, egad, there's nothing more likely, for we all know that he never had parents to own him, that he was laid, when an infant, at one of the lodge gates, and the way Sir Gilbert and Lady Barton took to him argued a closer relationship than they cared to admit. So it will not do, you see, to go on that track. Cunning and craft are the things wanted, Cringan, and you have both. So set your wits to work, and remember the golden reward you will have."

There was little need for Allan to refresh the miser's memory with the temptation presented. It had taken hold of his one passion with consuming intensity, and if his subtle and scheming brain, quickened to its greatest power of action by the potent influence of his thirst for gold, could not devise a method of separating Helen and Richard, then no scheme could be hit upon by another, and the case was hopeless. But even as Allan spoke, his remarks regarding the unknown but suspected parentage of Wayland brought a suggestion into Cringan's mind, dim enough and vague enough, but which he wildly seized, and, in a state of almost frantic excitement, he hurried the Captain away, that he might have an opportunity to ponder it over and work it out into practical shape.

"You have thought of something then?" said Charlie, as he passed out. "I thought you would. But can't you give me a hint of what it is?"

"Not now—not now," exclaimed Cringan. "Lord love you, Captain, leave me—leave me to think about it, and come back to-morrow."

"Very well, I'll trot over from Birkenleuch in the morning, and will then expect to hear of something feasible."

No sooner had Charlie crossed the threshold than Cringan locked and barred it. It was past sunset now, and the summer twilight was descending over the hills and valleys of the North. In Jabez Cringan's chamber there was deep darkness, for the soft light of the June night could not come in any measure. In common circumstances the miser would have at this hour retired to rest, for artificial light, either in the shape of fire or candle, was an extravagance which he never indulged in.

But this night he did not retire to rest. He walked to and fro on the earthen floor of his room, brooding over the dark, cruel, hellish thought that had at first in shapelessness formed across his mind. And, oh, most hellish it was; for the only fit origin it could have was the pit of perdition. Neither, most surely, had it come, if the human belief is well founded that diabolical influence is at work in the hearts of evil men. We call such thoughts suggestions of Satan, but do not let us charge the Devil with too much of the blame. He succeeds with men only as far as men permit. When he is resisted he fears. The chains which he is so ready to make last and sure are forged, not by him, but by the victims of his power. He gets at men through the medium of the particular passion to which they give themselves up.

Through most of that summer night Jabez Cringan paced his chamber, musing over the details of the infamous falsehood he meditated, as these required much careful study and particularity of invention. But Charlie Allan was right in believing that his cunning brain, quickened by the golden reward in prospect, would prove equal to the task; for by sunrise his black and dastardly lie was coined, had rounded and finished off, and with it he was certain he should make an effectual separation between Helen and Richard Wayland. This done, the ultimate purpose was in a fair way of accomplishment, and he trusted to time and certain persuasive influences to bring it about.

At an early hour in the day, Charlie Allan made his appearance, and to him Cringan detailed the falsehood he had invented, and the plausible appearances which to the mind of Helen would give it support. Allan heard it with unbounded satisfaction, and urged Jabez to go at once to Brankwood, and, delivering it there, let it have its full effect.

"But," said Charlie, "art sure that Helen won't repeat to Wayland what you tell her? If it comes to the Baronet's ears the bubble will burst, and our plan miscarry."

"She won't—I know the nature of the girl and she won't. But, to make sure, I'll make her swear beforehand to keep the secret."

"Away then," returned Allan. "You can't get them parted too soon. I'll come again at night and learn the result."

Under the sweltering heat of the mid-day sun, Jabez Cringan made his way across the upland to Brankwood, a place which he had seldom visited, and that not for years. We have not yet particularly described him to the reader, and scarcely require to do so. We know his character pretty thoroughly now, and his appearance was strikingly in accordance with it. We can all fancy it—a thin, croaking figure, long flat feet, with heels protruding behind, spindle legs, and spindle arms, high shoulders, concave chest, a long sharp, pinched face, large file-like teeth, big eyes in hollow sockets, and a moderate crop of iron-grey hair. The skin of his face was dry, like old parchment, and something approaching to it in colour, and the expression of it was had as granite. We need not add that his dress was such as fitly matched his ungainly and unlovely figure.

Helen Cringan was excessively surprised when told by a fellow-servant that her father had come to see her, and was waiting for her in her own little room. A visit from him at Guelph was an extraordinary occurrence,

but inasmuch as she had seen him only the previous evening, his coming was all the more wonderful, and she could not but imagine that something very unusual had occurred. It was with a rather anxious expectation, therefore, that she ran down stairs and went to her own room—a pretty pleasant room, which looked out upon a part of the lawn.

TO BE CONTINUED.

SEQUEL TO THE ANGOLA DISASTER.—It is said that Mrs. Green, the wife of the Malden murderer, was to have been married on Christmas, and that her affianced became one of the victims of the shocking Buffalo and Erie catastrophe, while on his way east to be married. What adds a melancholy interest to the story is the fact that it is the same gentleman to whom she was engaged previous to her marriage with Green. It may be remembered that it was proved that Green intercepted the letters between them, leading her to suppose that he had deserted her. It seems that this gentleman afterwards married Mrs. Green's sister, who subsequently died. A short time since, she buried her daughter, a bright and beautiful child, so that her cup of sorrow seems to be filled to the brim. Another sorrowful story is connected with the bunch of keys which were found. The gentleman to whom they belonged was a lawyer of ability and promise, who, after long years of study, had succeeded in establishing his business and position in Cincinnati. He was on his way home to be married to a very beautiful and accomplished young lady, lately a teacher in Dean Academy at Franklin, Massachusetts. Before starting on his journey, he obtained an accident-policy for her benefit for \$5,000. The bunch of keys bearing his name was the only clue to his sad fate.

By latest accounts there was a rumour to the effect that the British Government was about to create an "Educational Minister," and that the post would be offered to Mr. Lowe, with a seat in the Cabinet.

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- 7th—I won't do any such thing.

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JOHN McNEIL.

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GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICE of the AMERICAN WATCH

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December 10th, 1867

## Commercial Union Assurance Co'y.

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACT OF PARLIAMENT, 23rd Vict., Cap. 33, Section 11.

THE Capital of this Company is £2,500,000 sterling, divided into 50,000 shares of £50 each. The number of shares issued is 20,000. Calls to the amount of £5 per share have been made, under which the sum of £200,000 have been received.

THE LIABILITIES of the Company on the 1st day of July, 1867, were:

On Notes and Bills.....	£ 25 14 3d
On Estimated Liabilities, including Duty, Fire, Life, and Marine Losses.....	20,000 0s 0d
	£20,25 14 3d

The ASSETS of the Company on that day were:

Government Securities.....	£58,787 13 4	£54,682 0 0
Consols.....	35,000 0 0	31,560 17 11
New 3 per cents.....		86,212 18 5
Bills (drafts not matured).....		118,193 8 3
Cash at bankers and office.....		7,800 4 3
Stocks in hand.....		482 15 9
On deposit at bankers, &c.....		23,000 0 0
		44,482 5 6

Other Securities—

Madras Railway Debentures.....	£ 9,000 0 0	
Lancashire and Yorkshire Debentures.....	2,780 3 3	
Delhi Railway Stock.....	15,358 9 0	
Capital Company's Debentures.....	10,000 0 0	
Great Southern of India Railway Shares.....	20,875 5 7	
Canada 5 per cent. Stock (described).....	10,000 0 0	
		78,000 10 7

Freshhold Offices in Canada..... £5,883 00 0  
Due from Agents, &c..... 38,729 14 8  
Loans on Mortgage, &c..... 174,070 0 0  
£487,914 12 2

### FIRE BRANCH.

Amount of Losses due and unpaid.....	£12,805 0 0
do do on suspense.....	nil
Payment received.....	800 0 0
	13,005 0 0

Amount of Premiums—

Earned during the Year.....	£32,750 8 1
Unearned.....	35,000 0 0
	87,750 8 1

J. JAMES ROSE, of the City of Montreal, merchant, one of the General Agents for Canada of the Commercial Union Assurance Company do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing statement is correct and true.

Sworn before me, at the City of Montreal, this 30th day of January, 1868.  
A. M. DUBILE, J. P.  
Agents for Guelph, McLAGAN & INNES.

Guelph, Feb. 12th, 1868.

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## GROUND PLASTER

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Guelph, 17th January, 1868.

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