A MOTHER'S SIN.

BY NORA LAUGHER.

It was a lovely, summer morning. The beautiful trees around the northern out- | summoning him hastily to Montreal to the skirts of the "Queen City" were clad in | death-bed of a distant relation. their lovely robes of emerald and the joyful | Hastily pencilling a few lines to Gladys, carol of thousands of feathered songsters he left the note on the library with strong filled the air.

The happy song of birds resounding livered to Miss Morville that evening. through the trees that morning was accom-Canada-In Canada now.

all I think I'll settle down here. A quiet | will thank me for it." life is best; but as for taking the mater's Breaking open the seal Mrs. Monteith, and likely to remain so."

tones again echoed through the trees, start- release him from his engagement to her.

ling the shy, tawny squirrels.

joyous. "Monteith Place" and all his vast property, en toy. situated in and near Toronto, to his only | That evening Gladys penned a few brief | ferent Towns and Cities. child, Guy, then just of age, and in England

Leaving College, Guy Monteith joined a fellow-student, Sir Arthur Paget in a lengthy tour of the continent of Europe, thereby acquiring a taste for Bohemian life. He then made a voyage to India, and for the -Sir Arthur's father-in Calcutta.

During these years "Monteith Place" had seen nothing of its young master.

nothing in the world better than her only | ment to her. child, and fretted continually at his long | Directly Guy received the letter, his absence. Now on his return to Canada her kinsman being dead-he returned to Torongreatest hope was that he might wed the to. He did not in the least suspect his Buchannan, the only child of her husband's surprise to hear of Gladys' and her father's late partner, whose marriage dowry would departure to Manitoba. He was naturally be not less than \$750,000 and who, with of a very jealous disposition and Mrs. Monher chaperone, was then staying for a few teith, being aware of this, alluded strongly weeks at the "Rossin House.

a slight, girlish figure, clad in white muslin | channan. dress, which was gracefully gathered up by But Guy's life in Toronto, believing Samples on application. TORONTO ONT. a pair of small, dimpled hands to hold a Gladys to be faithless, grew unbearable and

As Guy Monteith raised his cap he thought | for the journey. earnest gaze of a stranger, as she bowed | ter if he would only stay. slightly in answer to his salute and hastily But Guy would not hear of this, for he bebegan to gather up her flowers.

then again raising his hat he held out his there set sail for India, via England. hand "Gladys-Miss Morville, I meanpray, forgive me, I did not recognise at first grief, fell ill at her aunt's house at Winnipeg my little friend and playmate. Do you not with a violent attack of brain fever in which remember Guy, the noisy school-boy whom | the burden of her wailing was "Guy-Guy." Springs is no horse-motion in the cart, and no cartyour good father undertook to tame and pre. When able to be removed she was brought pare for the college in Europe, and who so home to Toronto; but a perfect wreck of her ill-requited his trouble? Will you not former self, the lovely rounded cheeks wastwelcome me home, Gladys?"

Then Miss Morville recognised in the dim and joyless. handsome, bronzed, bearded face before her the gay young student, who had been the Bohemian life with Lord Paget as formerly had always taken such tender care of the roaming aimlessly about from place to place, little, motherless Gladys.

much to relate, and found a willing and attentive listener.

The distant chime of a clock told that luncheon was already served at "Monteith months, as almost playfully shaking the Place" and Guy asked permission to accom- heavy snowflakes from his thick seal-skin pany Gladys to her home on Bloor street | coat, he entered the gate of the schoolmasand take luncheon with her father.

That evening as he gave his arm to conduct Miss Buchannan to the Monteith din- mer arbor-where but little more than Canada."

ing to Pauline Buchannan.

her son was irretrievably, hopelessly in love | if she were married. with the penniless daughter of the Toronto schoolmaster.

breath of the roses, Guy Monteith asked reply. Gladys to be his wife. The schoolmaster them; but the master of "Monteith Place" there you shall have your answer." was not thus to be reasoned with, and that engagement to Miss Morville.

great, and she firmly refused to call upon enter. Gladys, determining by fair means or foul to put an end to such a foolish entangle-

loves you devotedly, and it is the wish of less. my heart, as it was of your dear father's, to see you both united, yet you must demean yourself by marrying a common-looking, paltry, soi disant governess. I have no patience, I-"

will not brook such words. Miss Morville is secluded of the Toronto churches praying a lady in the highest sense of the word and as my affianced wife shall be recognised as ly give her life if it were possible to recall such. I do not wish to turn you from the the two broken hearts, caused, alas! by her home you love. So long as you live you shall sin. remain here if you wish. I have bought an estate in England-Brackenbury Court in Northamptonshire—a far larger place than this. Gladys and I will live there until you can give her a mother's welcome home to Painless Corn Extractor is the only remedy Canada." And Guy walked off through the to be relied upon for the extraction of corns. spacious Montieth grounds in no tender This is the case everywhere throughout the

The following day he received a telegram

injunctions to his manservant to see it de-

Mrs. Monteith, entering the room, saw the panied by the loud, ringing tones of a manly note lying on the table. "How very much baritone voice trolling forth, "Oh! to be in Guy's hand resembles mine," she thought "Ah! I know a way to break off this very "How good it seems to be home. After foolish engagement and in after years he

advice and turning Benedict, I certainly with a scornful curl of the lip, read the shall not. I am a confirmed old bachelor tenderly worded epistle that apologised for his few days' absence, substituting instead "In Canada now!" and the loud, cheery a few cold lines begging Miss Morville to

When the schoolmaster entered his sitting-Guy Monteith was in a happy mood that room that evening he was horrified to find poor morning. He had returned to Toronto, the Gladys lying upon the floor insensible. The home of his ancestors, the previous day, cruelly forged letter lay in her hand. after years of wandering in foreign lands. Placing her upon a couch he bathed her Wealthy, courted, this last lineal descendant forehead with some iced water and then the of the house of Monteith had reason to be poor child, weeping bitterly, threw her arms around her father's neck and begged him to \$40, \$50, and \$60; Return Tickets, \$80, \$90, and \$100 Ten years ago Rupert Monteith, of the take her away from Toronto until she could firm of Monteith and Buchannan, the wealth- forget the face of the false one who had won iest stockbrokers in Canada, died leaving her heart only to trample upon it as a brok- MURRAY, General Manager, 1 Custom House

lines to Guy Monteith, telling him their studying hard at Cains College, Cambridge. | engagement had been a mistake which she much regretted and hoped they might never meet again.

The first train from the Union Station the SPOONER, Patentee and Manufacturer, Port Hope. following morning bore her and her fatherwho had concluded to leave his school in the last four years had resided with Lord Paget | charge of his assistant-away on their road to Winnipeg.

Mrs. Monteith hastened to forward Miss BRATED GOLD MEDAL TENT MANUFACTORY, 70 King St. Morville's note to her son, supposing rightly Mrs. Monteith, a haughty, young-looking | that it was—in answer to the cruel one she American lady of scarcely fifty years, loved had forged—to release him from his engage-

girl she had already chosen for him, Pauline | mother's treachery. Great indeed was his to an imaginary lover of Gladys and tried "In Canada now," resounded again by all her powers of persuasion to bring through the maple trees, this time startling about a match between him and Miss Bu-

quantity of starry water lillies; but with a startled blush of fright the girl let them India until his wound had healed. Accordingly be hade his servent at once prepare ingly he bade his servant at once prepare

the face before him the sweetest he had ever Mrs. Monteith was terribly grieved at gazed upon. A fair, oval face it was, now this, finding that she could not induce her tinged with a bright blush like the petals of son to marry Pauline Buchannan and with a rose, and surrounded with a tangle of the painful knowledge of the wrong she had short, flossy, golden curls and brightened by | committed—but alas ! not daring to confess a pair of bewitching hazel eyes, shaded by it-she wept bitterly and offered to write to long, dark lashes, which drooped low at the Miss Morville and welcome her as a daugh-

lieved Gladys to be untrue, and with a heavy Mr. Monteith stooped to help her and heart he journeyed to New York and from

ed and sunken, the merry, hazel eyes now

Guy Monteith could not enjoy his life and terror of her quiet home; but who and after nearly eighteen months' absence, he returned to Canada to satisfy himself if They sat down on a fallen tree, for he had Gladys had married her old lover.

The church bells were chiming, for it was Christmas Eve.

His heart was lighter than it had been for ter's old-fashioned garden on Bloor street.

As he turned the corner of the little sum-

ing room, his mother's eyes dwelt admiring- eighteen months ago he had asked Glady's ly upon them. "What a handsome pair to be his wife-now covered with pure, they will make," she thought, "and there white snow and thickly fringed with icicles, will not be a more wealthy couple in all he met the schoolmaster. Regardless of the freezing wind, his gray head was bare and But, alas! Guy was mentally comparing bent down upon his hands as though in the pale, dark beauty at his side with the great trouble, but an angry, fierce light winning, dimpling face of golden-haired came into his keen, gray eyes as, with a start Gladys, and the comparison was not flatter- of affright he recognized Guy Monteith. He did not take the young man's proffered Alas! for Mrs. Monteith's match-making, hand as he enquired eagerly for Glady's and

Sweetly and faintly over the snow came the sound of the Christmas bells, but they One evening when Mrs. Morville's old- sounded like a knell to the heart of Grey fashioned garden was laden with the sweet | Monteith as he breathlessly listened for the

" No, Guy Monteith," said the old schoolhad earnestly begged him to cease his vis- master, with a piercing, heart-rending look its, fearing Mrs. Monteith's displeasure at in his eyes, "I will take you to her and

Leading the way across the snow into the very evening acquainted his mother of his house and beckoning him upstairs he paused at the door of a white draped chamber and The anger of Mrs. Monteith was very reverently, almost pityingly, bade him

"Here, Guy Monteith, is your answer." "Oh! my God-dead-my little Gladys, my golden-haired love—dead—dead—" and "To think that you, Guy, my only Guy Monteith, with a wild, heart-broken child, can be so blind. Pauline Buchannan cry, fell forward on the open coffin sense-

Mr. Morville sprang towards him, but it was too late, the young master of "Monteith Place " was no more.

A sorrowful-looking, white-haired lady "Hold. Though you are my mother, I repentingly kneels daily in one of the most earnestly for forgiveness. She would glad-

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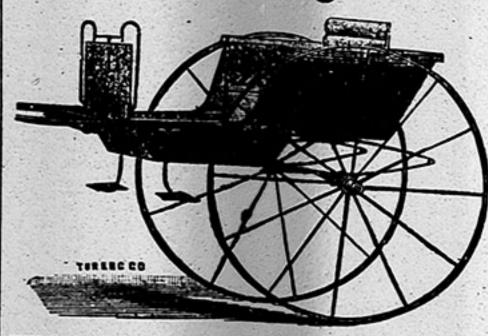
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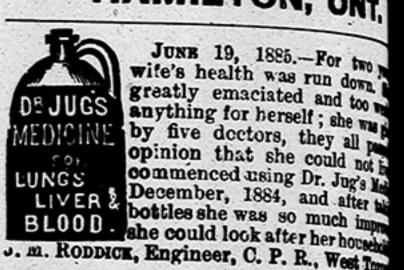
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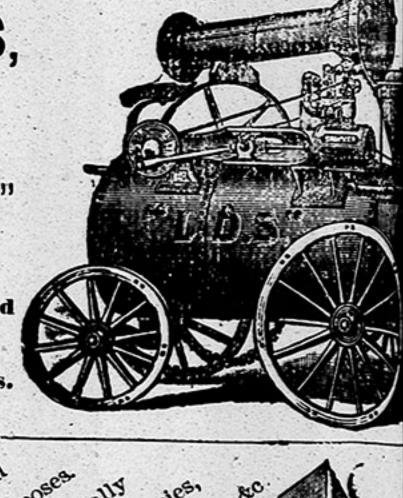
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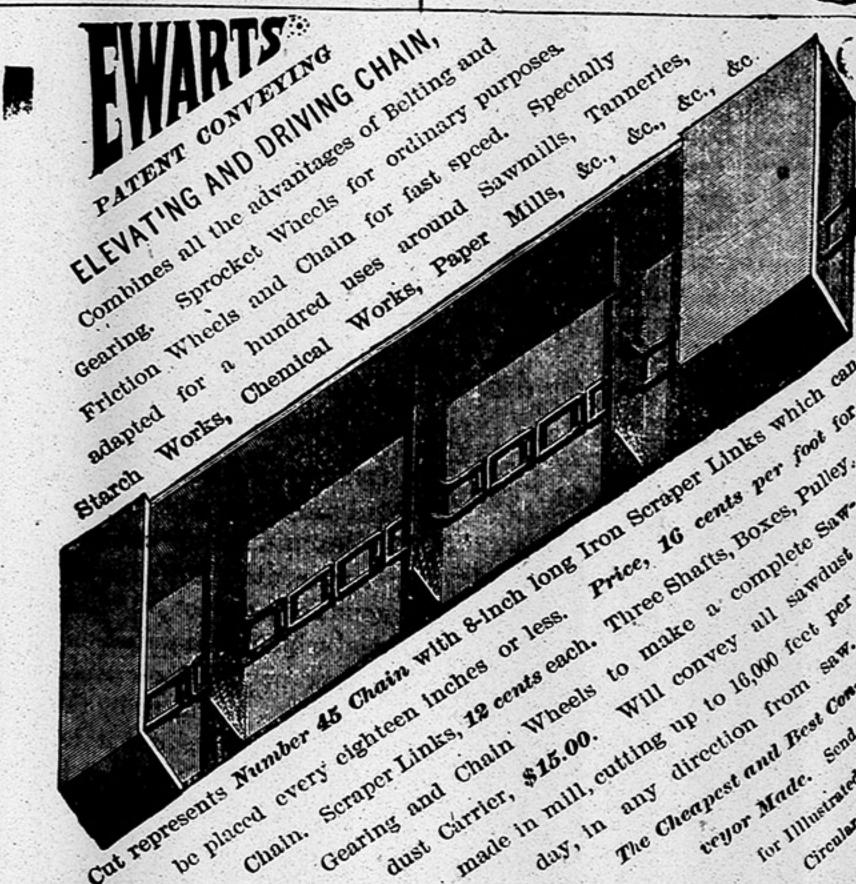
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