EW PLANING M
Ezard & Applebs
BUILDERS & MANUFACTURERS,
t and furnished with an entire outfit of new machinery, are now pr
all kinds of Building Material, such as
SH, BLINDS, MOULDINGS, DOORS WINDOW FRA
and NEWELLS, also all kinds of SCROLL SAWIN
Planing and Matching done to Order,
LUMBER, FLOORING, LATH AND SHINGL
kept constantly on hand and for sale.
and Contractors. We are prepared to contract for the erection of
er in part or whole. PRICES MODERATE. Factory—Mill Street.

DONALD McNA
intimate that he is prepared to fill
ns,
crats,
, at fair prices, good workmanship and best of material, also a full
ral Implements on hand, including Minneapolis Self-Binder, Horse
ng and Repairing on wood work a specialty. 41-yr Snow-C

per the Baker to the P
ang down to Roper's and get some cak
Some buns and shortbread and some
r a'thing o' the kind he makes,
And set our table cheery O.
and Ornamental Cakes of every description for th
send in your favors early. Orders from the co
ention, should be in not later than December 15

Established in 187
ARSHALL BR
—IMPORTERS OF—
AS AND COFF
No. 67 Dundas Street, LONDON, O
, Hamilton, Agent for the County of Halton.

LISHED 1878. ESTAB
WM. BEWS,
ERCHANT TAIL
—MILTON,—
ndid assortment of Canadian and Imp
, Meltons, &c., &c., and can supply hi
inferior in material and finish to none
be found to be remarkably low co
the goods he sells.
Wm

CASH FOR WOOL
—AT THE—
APBELLVILLE Woolen
y cash for good, clean merchantable Wool, and
nd half trade. Strong, coarse, burry and unwashed
ill pay for work.
Large stock of goods to choose from, consisting of
l Cottonades; also Fine Grey Flannels, Check F
s and Woolen Dress Goods.
o a full line of Summer and Winter Tweeds fro
have a good assortment of Sheetings, Blankets, a
Saith; have also a large variety of Yarns, all colo
se no substitutes for Wool to boast which few mill
can depend on good sound Yarns or any other good
l always from your own wool when desired. Car
ll and promptly done. Give us a call and you
The highest possible price allowed for all k
D. VICKERMAN,

RNITURE
AT THE
ACTURER'S PRICES.
ber will sell for Cash at the Manufacturer's Pric
his stock of Furniture, consisting of
ts, Bed-Room Suits, Lounges, Exte
ards, Wire Mattrasses of all kinds,
ntity of Sea Grass and Fibre Matt
wool on both or on one side,
time for families who wish to furnish their ho
Furniture Rooms in the STEVENSON BLOCK.
JAS. A. FRA
. 19, 1887.

CHESTER LA
se lamps are still at
ghting large rooms
ngs. Chimneys
kable by heat and
te up even when u
best oil. They are
ve and easy to mana
ROCHESTER
r sale, wholesale or reta
W. H.

THE Canadian Champion, $1 per yr. in advance

The Canadian Champion

AND COUNTY OF HALTON INTELLIGENCER

THE Canadian Champion, $1 per yr. in advance

LUME 27. MILTON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1888. NO. 82

Canadian Champion.
IS PUBLISHED EVERY
rsday Morning
—AT—
, CO. OF HALTON, ONT.
ELL & PANTON, Props.
—Main Street, one door east of the use.
—$1 a year in advance or within one the date of subscribing if not so paid
rwise.
ES OF AWERTISING.

1 year	$75 00
6 months	50 00
3 "	40 00
1 year	25 00
6 months	15 00
3 "	10 00
1 year	15 00
6 months	10 00
3 "	7 00

Cards of ten lines or less $5.00 per
er of lines to be reckoned by the space
ssured by a scale of solid Nonpareil
ments without special instructions lib
erbill, and charged accordingly.
discontinuance of advertisements must be
otherwise the publishers will not be
l Notices, the object of which is to
pecuniary benefit of any individual,
stitution, or fund, will be considered an
t, and charged accordingly.
notice of any kind admitted among the
less than 50 cents for first insertion,
for every subsequent insertion.
births, deaths, and marriages, 25
dvertisements ten cents per line,
of lost, strayed, stolen, and wants,
inserted at 5 cents for first insertion,
for each subsequent insertion.
necessary order in every case to
work strictly cash
PERS.—No paper will be stopped until
are paid, except at the option of the
A post-office notice to discontinue is

an, M.D. & W. F. Freeman,
and Canadian qualifications. Special-
of every branch of Surgery, Medicine
y. Consultation days every Tuesday
Saturday Afternoon. Office Hours
12 and 6 to 7 p.m.
, Issuer of Marriage Licenses. Offic
ewar Block, cor. Main and Martin
Also agent for Sun Life, and City
e Insurance Companies. 41
SON, Barrister and Attorney-at-Law,
in Chancery, etc. Office—Booth's
59
. E. MITCHELL,
itor, Conveyancer, &c.
First door west of the CHAMPION
St., Milton. Money to loan
t.
SHOLM & ELLIOTT.
Barristers, &c.
—First door east of Bank
, Milton, Ont.
SHOLM. J. W. ELLIOTT, B.A.
R. A. IRINGLE,
al Solicitor of the Supreme Court
LINGTON - ONT.
Nassau St., opposite Wray'
n Tuesdays, Thursdays and
loan at lowest rates of interest.
9-6ms.
, LADLAW & Co.
arristers & Solicitors.
ver Imperial Bank, 34 Wel-
t, East. Entrance, Exchange
to.
S. C. WILLIAM LADLAW.
LANDER. GEORGE KAPPELE.
AS, L.D.S., Dentist Licentiate of
ollege of Dental Surgeons, Ontario,
will be in Milton on
the last Tuesday of
every month. Office at
in Thompson
e may be consulted by persons wish-
ntal services.
ZIMMERMAN,
DENTIST,
HAMILTON, ONT.
McNab Streets. 18-
NEDHAM,
N HALL, MILTON,
—AGENT FOR—
ne of Steamships to Europe
NERAL AGENT.
accounts made out.
LACE HOUSE,
AIN ST., MILTON,
NG HOTEL IN TOWN
allace, Prop.
LE'S HOTEL,
PALERMO.
r, adulterated whiskey, or
Everything good. First-class
r the travelling public.
T. F. LITTLE, Proprietor.
ms for Sale.
Fruit, Grain, Stock, and Dairy
ds, Suburban Residences, Mills,
rties, with thirty provincial and
mprised in "CANADIAN LAND
sent free on receipt of 3c. stamp
& CO., Real Estate Agents, 50
East, Toronto.
500,000 6%
ON FARM OR TOWN
TY AT 6 PER CENT.
ight—advances made on second
purchase farms. Parties paying
notes or mortgages can procure
above rate, and pay off their
ve money. All dealings fair and
r applications. Write or call for
E. R. REYNOLDS,
20 Adelaide St. East,
Toronto.
Sea Wonders exist in thousands of
forms, but are surpassed by the
marvels of invention. These who
are in need of profitable work that
ile living at home should at once
ess to Hallett & Co., Portland,
an earn from $5 to $25 per day and
they live. You are started free.
Some have made over $50 in
work. All succeeded.

Travellers' Guide.

NORTHERN & NORTH-WESTERN.

GOING NORTH	GOING SOUTH
6-16 A. M. 2 20 P. M.	9-45 A. M., 7-50 P. M.

NOTICE.

The Bank of Hamilton will allow 4 per cent. per annum on money deposited since the 1st November inst., and the same rate for new deposits.

WORKING CLASSES: ATTENTION—We are now prepared to furnish all classes with employment at home, the whole of the time, or for their spare moments. Business new, light and profitable. Persons of either sex easily earn from 50 cents to $5.00 per evening. Boys and girls earn nearly as much as men. That all who see this may send us their address and test the business, we make this offer. To such as are not well satisfied we will send one dollar to pay for the trouble of writing. Full particulars and outfit free. Address GEORGE STINSON Co., Portland, Maine.

Richly Rewarded are those who read this and then act: they will find honorable employment that will not take them from their homes and families. The profits are large and sure for every industrious person, many have made and are now making several hundred dollars a month. It is easy for any one to make $5 and upwards per day, who is willing to work. Either sex, young or old; capital not necessary; we start you. Everything new. No special ability required; you, reader, can do it as well as any one. Write to us for full particulars, which we mail free. Address Stinson & Co., Portland, Maine.

DUNN'S BAKING POWDER
THE COOK'S BEST FRIEND

PEEL FARMERS' MUTUAL
Fire Insurance Co.
JOHN COONEY
AUTHORIZED GENERAL AGENT FOR SAID COMPANY.
HEAD OFFICE, - RAMPTON.
THOS. HOLTBY, Pres. L. CHEYNE, Sec.

Invention has revolutionized the world during the last half century. Not least among the wonders of inventive progress is a method and system of work that can be performed all over the country without separating the workers from their homes. Pay liberal; any one can do the work; either sex, young or old; no special ability required. Capital not needed; you are started free. Cut this out and return to us and we will send you free, something of great value and importance to you, that will start you in business, which will bring you in more money right away, than anything else in the world. Grand outfit free. Address TRUE & Co., Augusta, Maine.

NEW
COAL YARD.
Having started a new coal yard at the N. & N. W. station, the undersigned is prepared to fill all orders intrusted to him with the best quality of coal.
Best Value for cash.
ALL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED.
Weight and Quality Guaranteed.
Scales at Yard.
J. H. HARRISON.

Medicinal and Family
LIQUORS,
In cases of one dozen bottles, and in wood, five gallons and upwards.
Agents for Corby's celebrated
I X L
RYE WHISKY,
Guaranteed seven yrs. old.
Orders by mail promptly executed.
Reid, Birely & Co.
Direct Importers, 140 King St. E., Hamilton
22-ly.

Best Family Newspaper in Canada, ESTABLISHED 45 YEARS.
KING OF WEEKLIES
THE
Free Press
LONDON, ONT.
The Handsomest Printed Paper in Canada!
The Agricultural Department is a noted feature of the "Free Press," being always up to the times, and conducted by persons practically skilled in Farm Work.
Illustrations, Practically and Useful given each week.
ALL THE NEWS IN FULL
By Telegraph, Telephone, Mail and Correspondence up to the hour of publication.
Special Market Department. Agricultural Department. Capital Story always Running, Ingenious Puzzle Column, Humorous Readings.
Just The Thing For The Family!
Every member of the household eagerly looks for it each week.
LARGE $1. PAPER
In Clubs of four and upwards, 75c. each.
Balance of 1887 Free
$12,000 IN PREMIUMS
Given Away Free to Agents.
Most liberal inducements ever offered by any Canadian Paper. Everything useful, valuable and reliable.
AGENTS WANTED EVERYWHERE.
The most popular paper to work for. More money can be made working for the "Free Press" than any other employment.
Address FREE PRESS,
7-6t. London, Ontario.

Sittings of the Division Courts of the Co. of Halton,
For the Year 1888.

	Place of Sittings and P. O. Address of Clerks.	Clerks.	Jan.	Mar.	May.	July.	Sep.	Nov.	Hour of Opening
1	Milton	Wm. Panton	27	29	25	13	28	30	10 a.m.
2	Oakville	R. Balmer	11	7	9	11	12	27	10 a.m.
3	Georgetown	L. Grant	17	13	15	4	16	13	9.30 a.m.
4	Acton	J. Matthews	19	15	17	"	20	15	10 a.m.
5	Campbellville	S. R. Lister	6	3	4	"	7	3	9.30 "
6	Burlington	G. C. Bastedo	10	6	8	10	11	6	11 "

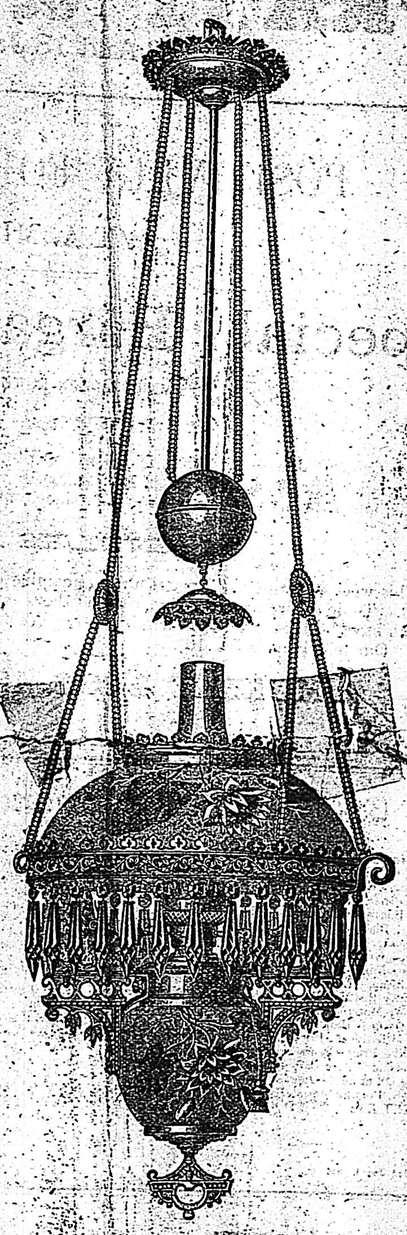
General Sessions of the Peace and County Court Sittings, with or without Jury, Tuesday 12th June, and 11th December, at 10 a.m.

County Court Sittings without Jury, Tuesday, 3rd April, and 2nd October, at 10 a.m.

County Court Sittings—Formerly Terms—Monday, 2nd January, 2nd April, 2nd July, and 1st October, at 10 a.m.

Audit of Criminal Justice Accounts—Tuesday, 3rd January, 3rd April, 3rd July & 2nd October.

By order JOHN DEWAR, Clerk of the Peace.



A Lamp like this will cost
$6.75
At HARRY A. COLLIN'S
House Furnishing Store,
90 Yonge-St. TORONTO

NEW FALL STYLES, '87
BOOTS, SHOES, SLIPPERS,
FELT AND RUBBER GOODS.
ECONOMY CONVENIENCE COMFORT
TORONTO SHOE COMPANY HEADQUARTERS
144 146 148 KING ST. E. TORONTO
THE GREAT ONE PRICE CASH ESTABLISHMENT
WE INVITE YOUR CONFIDENCE AND PATRONAGE
TORONTO SHOE COMPANY
The Largest Stock in Canada at Close Figures for Cash Only.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure.
This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low test, short weight alum or phosphate powders. Sold only in cans. ROYAL BAKING POWDER Co., 106 Wall St., N. Y.

OUR CLUBBING LIST.

	Regular Price.	Club Price.
Daily Globe	$12.00	$11.75
" Advertiser	1.00	1.75
Farmer's Weekly	4.00	4.00
" Weekly	5.00	4.50
" Banner	4.00	4.20
" Young People	2.00	2.65
Scientific American	3.20	3.50
" Supplement	5.00	5.10
" and Supplement	7.00	7.00
National Live Stock Journal	2.15	2.00
Canada Farmer	1.00	1.70
Canada Medical Surgical Journal	3.00	3.00
American Agriculturist	1.50	2.15
Godey's Lady's Book	2.00	2.50
Rural New Yorker with seed premium	2.00	2.50
Lippincott's Magazine	3.00	3.25
Eclectic Magazine	5.00	5.00
Art Interchange	3.00	3.25
Demorest's Monthly	2.00	2.50
Rural Canadian	1.00	1.70
Daily Witness	3.00	3.50
Weekly Witness	1.10	2.00
Toronto Daily World	3.00	3.00
Century Magazine	4.00	4.00
St. Nicholas	3.00	3.00
Scribner's Magazine	3.00	3.50
American Magazine	3.00	3.50
The Independent	3.00	3.00

DR. HODDER'S BURDOCK AND SARSAPARILLA COMPOUND
CURES Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Kidney Trouble, Rheumatism, Skin Diseases, and all impurities of the blood from whatever cause arising. Female Weaknesses and General Debility. Purely Vegetable. Highly Concentrated. Pleasant. Effectual. Safe.
ASK FOR
Dr. Hodder's Compound.
Take no other. Sold everywhere, Price, 75 cents per bottle.

Dr. HODDER'S COUGH & LUNG CURE
Sold everywhere. Price, 25 cents and 50 cents per bottle. Proprietors and manufacturers.
THE UNION MEDICINE CO.,
TORONTO, CAN.

Bank of Hamilton
Capital $1,000,000 | Reserve Fund $300,000
MILTON AGENCY.
Deposits received and interest allowed at best current rate. No notice of withdrawal required. Office hours—From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays—From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
J. BUTTERFIELD,
Milton, Nov. 15, 1886. AGENT.

FINE OLD
WHISKEYS
Gooderham's,
Walker's,
Club.
3, 5 & 7 YEARS OLD.
Jas. Shields & Co.
138 Yonge St., Toronto.

JONES,
HARNESS & SADDLE
MANUFACTURER.
(Next door to the Thompson House,)
MAIN ST. MILTON
Has on hand a good stock of
Harness, Saddles, Trunks, Valises, Whips, Combs, Brushes
and all Kinds of Horse Clothing of the very Best English Canadian and American Manufacture.
Harness, Saddles, &c., made to order promptly and at reasonable prices.
Repairing done with neatness and all work warranted.

Subscribe for The Champion

ADOPTED DAUGHTER

BY PHILA. A. PRENTICE,

AUTHOR OF "TRUE LOVE HE'ER FORGIVES," "PASSION AND PRIDE," ETC., ETC.

"Are you mad that you would try to make that frightful leap?" growled one of the men who held Bligh. "Why couldn't you have been on time if you wanted to get on board?"

"Aye—why couldn't I have been, indeed!" he said in a strangely subdued voice. "Because fate is against me, I suppose; and it has served me the scurviest trick in the last few moments. You were right to hold on to me, sir, for I was mad for a moment. I thank you for your kindness, and in return for it I will tell you that my daughter is on that boat with no one to protect her."

"Oh! that does not matter; the captain will see that she is taken care of. Ladies travel alone often enough, you know."

"Ah! if she were only alone," thought the enraged man. "But I will track Silas Ford to his lair, and for this he shall pay dearly. Poor Nelly! Poor silly, deceived child! What is to become of her in the hands of such double-dyed villains as I know those Fords to be?"

Bligh went back to the house and sent telegrams to Memphis, St. Louis and Louisville describing the party, and requesting that they should be detained till he could arrive and prefer charges against Silas Ford that would warrant his arrest.

Then, utterly worn out with the fatigue and excitement of the day, he went to bed, and slept soundly in spite of the anger and uncertainty raging in his mind.

At an early hour he was up again, making ready for a visit to Mr. Pagand, to explain to him that Silas Ford had virtually abandoned all claims on the Ross estate by taking flight with the young girl he had brought there to personate the heiress.

The surprise of the lawyer may well be imagined, but he was greatly elated with the news.

"They have not a leg left to stand on," he said, rubbing his hands with glee. "I wish Frank Nugent had stayed to meet these people. The Fords will never dare to bring forward another claimant. Even if they do, no jury will be found to admit the validity of her claim. My client will get the whole estate. I wrote to Mr. Grafton last night, and advised him to lose no time in getting his adopted daughter under his protection again. I shall write to Mr. Nugent in the morning, stating what has happened here, and telling him who Lora Grafton really is. What a delightful surprise it will be to the whole family."

"Yes. But if Grafton succeeds in getting the young lady out of Stephen Ford's power without a bitter struggle, I am much mistaken. She is his best card now, and he will remove her where her friends cannot find her, till he has wrung from her a large portion of her inheritance as ransom for herself. I know the kind of man he is, and he will risk everything sooner than give up what he has once undertaken."

"That part of the affair must be managed by Miss Ross's friends. I will protect their interests here while they attend to the safety of the heiress. With so much at stake, they can surely baffle her enemy. You will not remain idle either, I suppose?"

"No—I will follow them around the world, if it is necessary to do so, to bring them to justice," replied Bligh, with vengeful emphasis. "Silas Ford got the better of me last night, but in the end he shall wish that he had been less successful. I am off for Louisville on the first train, and I shall lose no time in seeking out the parties interested in Miss Grafton's welfare. I have taken such measures as I could to intercept Silas Ford, and telegrams are to be sent to me at Louisville if he is arrested. In the present state of affairs that is all I can do, but when I meet the friends of the young lady we can concert together such measures as may be necessary."

"I see that you are enough in earnest to insure defeat to the Fords, and that is all I aim at," said Mr. Pagand, smiling grimly. "I will give you a letter to Mr. Nugent which may facilitate matters."

A few hours later Bligh was speeding toward the North as fast as steam could take him.

The treatment of young Wilder was so successful that in ten days after his landing at Memphis Frank Nugent was quite well again, and much stronger than he had dared to hope. But his nurse was despotic, and would not permit him to undertake a journey till all fears of a relapse had passed away.

Most unwillingly did Frank remain inactive, but the fear of making himself ill again, and thus rendering it impossible for him to join Lora at Niagara, as he fully intended to do when he heard of her arrival there, rendered him more tractable than might have been expected.

His parents had been advised of his speedy convalescence, and letters written to Grafton to inquire concerning the present whereabouts of Lora, for he had heard nothing from her during his illness. This did not render Nugent uneasy, for he had written to her on the day of his departure from New Orleans, telling her to address her letters to him at Louisville, as he should stop there before going on to Vine Hill.

CHAPTER XXX.

A GENERAL MEETING OF LORA'S FRIENDS—A PURSUIT ORGANIZED.

At length Wilder pronounced Nugent sufficiently convalescent to undertake the journey, and his few preparations were soon completed. During Nugent's illness many mutual confidences had passed between the two, and Wilder knew the business which had taken his new friend to New Orleans. Just before parting he said:

"It is strange that we should both have suffered from the villany of the very Sam Fletcher. My father thinks that the name is not his true one, for he has made every effort to trace Fletcher without success. The title to our place is worthless, unless the fellow will make it good when she comes into her new inheritance. I hope I shall find her in New Orleans when I go back. And if I do, I mean to make fierce love to her till we get our rights secured."

Nugent laughed.

"If you could only elope with her, and take everything from her stepfather, it would be a good thing for her, and for you, too. Good-by, old fellow. I shall be grateful to you through all my life for what you have done for me, and if I can ever serve you in any way, I will do it with all my heart."

"I believe you will, Nugent, if the chance ever comes, for you are a brick. I'll see old Pagand as soon as I get back home, and write to you how things are going."

"Thanks!" And the two shook hands and parted.

That night Nugent reached Louisville, but the hour was late, and he was too much fatigued to do anything but go to bed and try to sleep. After learning that no letters had been left for him at the Galt House, he had requested Lora to address him there, knowing that the letters would be kept till he came to claim them.

Filled with hope on her account, and certain that some treachery on Stephen Ford's part had caused this failure in her correspondence, poor Frank passed a nervous and restless night. He determined in his own mind to go on to Niagara as soon as he had seen his parents and satisfied them that he was fit to undertake the journey, that he might see for himself what Ford's intentions were with reference to his daughter.

Toward morning, worn out with physical and mental weariness, he fell into a heavy slumber, which lasted till a late hour. When he descended to breakfast the tables were nearly deserted, and he sat down in the first place he came to, and after ordering what he wished, took up a morning paper which had been left by some previous guest.

Almost the first paragraph his eyes fell on was this:

"A detective has arrived in this city who positively affirms that the well-known Ford brothers are the heads of the gang of counterfeiters who for years past have flooded the country with their spurious money. He is now on the track of the younger brother, who has just been defeated in an attempt to foist a spurious heiress on a distinguished lawyer in New Orleans, who has charge of a large fortune left to the daughter of William Ross, who died there many years ago. The story is a romantic and complicated one, and no doubt the outlines of it will yet find their way into the papers of the day."

"Eureka! The fortune is ours!" was the triumphant thought which came to Frank; but the next moment his face fell, and a keen pang came to his heart, for if this statement was true, what was Lora's position? If Ford was branded as a counterfeiter, how could he ever hope for his father's consent to his union with his daughter?

His breakfast came, but he could do but scanty justice to it, after such exciting news as this. He went out, taking the journal with him, and had scarcely stepped into the wide hall when he came face to face with his father and mother, both of whom had just come up from the steamer that brought them from Vine Hill for the purpose of meeting him.

The meeting was a joyful one, as may well be imagined, and the three went into a private parlor to discuss the affairs which were of such moment to themselves.

Frank gave the details of all that had happened to himself since he left them, and they listened with deep and heartfelt interest. When he had finished his father said, with some abruptness:

"The inheritance will, in all probability, fall to your mother, my dear boy; but I can never consent to your union with the daughter of such a man as Stephen Ford. Have you seen the *Morning Journal*? I bought one on the steamer, and found in it something that deeply concerns us."

"I have seen the statement you refer to, father. But surely you will not visit the sins of Mr. Ford upon his daughter? You know her to be innocent and lovely, worthy to become the wife of a far more gifted man than I am, and she has had no training from him. I warn you that I cannot—will not consent to give her up."

"But, my son, the evil taint is in the blood, and it will come out in some shape. These Fords are a bad race. I know enough of them to assert that, and I believe that the source of their wealth is the bad money they have cheated so many people with. How can you bear to ally yourself with a base swindler, who is already under the ban, and may soon be arraigned as a criminal to meet the punishment due to his crimes? Lora is charming, but—she is the child of Stephen Ford."

A sudden light flashed on Frank, and he eagerly said:

"I do not believe she is his daughter. His brother has been to New Orleans under an assumed name, taking with him some girl to pass off as the heiress to the Ross estate; he has been baffled, and it may be that Lora is only Mr. Ford's step-daughter."

"In that case she is the lawful owner of the estate, and Ford would have brought her forward to claim her rights. Why should he act in this roundabout way?"

"To keep us from knowing her actual position, and to get possession of her fortune himself. I see it clearly now, father, and you will find that I am right. When did you see Mr. Grafton, and what was the last news from his wife?"

"Grafton is in this house; he has been ill, but is well again, I believe. Let us send for him at once, and see if he can throw any light on this complicated business."

Frank rang the bell in a great state of excitement, and sent up a card on which he scribbled a few lines. The waiter returned in a few moments with a message to the effect that Mr. Grafton was particularly engaged, and could not come down; but as the business which detained him was of the deepest interest to them, they had better come at once to his private parlor.

"He has that detective with him," said Frank prophetically, "and we shall soon know all that is to be told."

He offered his arm to his mother, though it was with effort that he could hold himself back even to assist her, but she said with her gentle smile:

"Go on, my son; I see that you are in a quiver of impatience; your father and I will follow more slowly."

Frank darted away, feeling no smaller of his weaknesses in that moment of excitement, and was soon conducted to the door of Grafton's room.

On entering, that gentleman stood forward to meet him, looking thinner and paler than when they had parted, but apparently quite restored to health.

He hurriedly exclaimed:

"You never could be so welcome to me again, Frank, as you are at this moment. It is providential that both you and your parents should have come here just in the nick of time. I have most wonderful news for you—news that will gladden your heart, though some of it may fill it with uneasiness concerning——. But that will keep awhile. One thing at a time. This is Mr. Bligh," turning to a tall man beside a table—"If you have seen the morning papers you can guess who he is, and why he is with me."

Nugent shook hands with the stranger, and said:

"You are the detective, of course, and you are just from New Orleans. You are on the track of the Fords, and if you can tell me one thing, Mr. Bligh, I shall be most grateful. Is Lora Grafton the daughter of Stephen Ford?"

"She is not. Her true name is Cora Ross, and she is only the step-daughter of Ford, who married her mother under the name of Samuel Fletcher."

Overcome by this sudden confirmation of his hopes, the young man sank down on a chair and sat perfectly still, trying to realize his happiness, while his father and mother came in, were welcomed, and presented to the stranger.

When they were seated Frank said to Bligh:

"Repeat to my father what you have just said to me, Mr. Bligh, and he will see that the conjecture I hazarded not long since was an intuition of the truth."

Bligh did so, and gave a concise account of all he knew concerning the business in which they were so deeply interested. When he had finished that he went on to say:

"I have such proofs as satisfy me that the two Fords are at the head of the band of counterfeiters who have so long escaped the hands of the law. I will track them to their lair if I have to spend a year in sailing over the northern lakes to find the island in which their nefarious trade is carried on. If I can catch Silas Ford on his way from New Orleans, there is a young girl with him who can give me information concerning the locality of the island which would be of great use to me. I think I could induce her to speak, though she has some fantastic idea of fidelity to Stephen Ford. She is scarcely more than a child, and they have shamefully deceived her, I am certain. She would have left Silas and gone with me, if he had not hurried her away from Carrollton as soon as he became alarmed for his own safety. I shall remain here a few days, but I shall write to my agents in Cleveland to get me a fast steam yacht and prepare her for a voyage by the time I can get there myself."

"And I," said Frank, "will go on to Niagara at once, induce Lora to marry me in Canada, and defy the worst her step-father can do to annoy us. She is at the Falls by this time, I suppose, Mr. Grafton; you can tell me as your wife is still with her."

"No—I am here, Frank," said Mrs. Grafton, coming from the next room, the door of which had been open throughout this scene. "I would not appear till you understood the position of affairs and could concert with us the means of rescuing Lora from the unprincipled man who now has her entirely in his power."

Frank grew pale as death, as he gasped:

"You here! And my darling with that base man. Oh, Mrs. Grafton, how was it that you were induced to leave her with no one to stand between herself and Stephen Ford?"

"She was decoyed from me by a shameful trick, and I was left to find my way back here as best I could. I have not the slightest doubt that Mr. Ford has taken her to Flath Innis, the place he described in such glowing colors, and from what he said I am sure that the island home is in Lake Erie."

"Thank you madam for that information," said Bligh. "Knowing where to look for my quarry, I shall find it comparatively easy to find the place and break up that nest of evil doers. If Miss Ross is held in durance there, we can easily find and rescue her, Mr. Nugent. To purchase his own safety Stephen Ford will be glad enough to give her up, I think."

"But you cannot make such a compromise as that," said Frank, "and no one knows what such a wretch as that may do to torture my poor love."

With a shrewd expression, the detective said:

"It will go hard to be too hard on the brothers, before they are. If brought to bay, they could tell too much on others, and bring disgrace on hundreds of innocent women and children. If will punish the Fords enough if their business is broken up, and they are compelled to leave the country. I have my own reasons for giving them a chance to get out of the clutches of the law, and you too, I think, are interested in allowing them to escape, Mr. Nugent. Though not her father, Stephen Ford is nearly connected with Miss Ross."

"I think you take the correct view of the case, Mr. Bligh," said Grafton, looking very pale, though trying to control himself. "He knew that on himself would fall irretrievable ruin if extreme justice was meted out to the Fords, and it was an inexpressible relief to him to hear the detective speak in this way. Unknown to each other, each one of the three parties most deeply interested in the punishment of the criminals was equally anxious, for private reasons, that the extreme penalty of the law should not be awarded them."

Under these circumstances an endeavor

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Baine's Organs
—AT—
Wholesale Prices.

Catalogue Price.	Agent's Price.	My Price.
$225	$125	$ 65
250	135	75
275	140	80
325	150	100
400	175	125

Highest testimonials. 6 yrs. guarantee.
T. J. BAINE,
Factory and Warerooms, 44 King Street West, Hamilton.
W. H. Reed for circulars.

Subscribe for The Champion