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New Advertisements.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF CARBON COUNTY *For the Year 1879.*

MAX. SCHWEIBINZ, Treasurer, DR.

To Balance received from late Treasurer		$14129 91
" Interest on same		52 95
" amount received from A. Christman, Penn Forest, 1875		18 00
" am't received from H.A. Beltz, Lehighton, 1876.	$200 00	
" am't received from H. Henning, Penn Forest, 1876	51 31	251 31
" am't received of John J. Gallagher, Banks, 1877,	42 12	
" am't received from W. W. Scott, Mauch Chunk Borough, 1877	891 07	
" am't received from P. Dermott, Mauch Chunk Township, 1877	13 24	
" am't received from L.A. Miller, Mahoning, 1877,	273 78	
" am't received from H.P. Levan, Franklin, 1877,	386 74	
" am't received from Paul Buck, Towamensing, '77	139 70	
" am't received from Wm. Getz, Penn Forest, 1877	329 14	
" am't received from Sam. Sierfert, Lansford, 1877.	119 45	2195 24
" am't received from Dan. Schoch, Weissport, 1878	109 69	
" am't received from John Painter, Mauch Chunk Borough, 1878	3108 91	
" am't received from Chs. Ginder, East Penn, 1878	84 85	
" am't received from Jac. Buss, Mauch Chunk Township, 1878	1335 52	
" am't received from D.R. Keller, Packer. 1878	119 63	
" am't received from Ezra Newhard, Lehighton, 1878	219 44	
" am't received from J. Harpel, Towamensing Township, 1878	442 75	
" am't received from J. P. Reiss, Banks Twp., '78.	1850 00	
" am't received from Geo. Boyle, Lansford Boro, 1878	753 71	
" am't received from Dilldine Snyder, Parryville Borough, 1878	432 18	
" am't received from W.F. Streeter, Kidder Township, 1878	800 00	
" am't received from H.G. Deppey, Penn Forest Township, 1878	204 50	
" am't received from John Strohl, L. Towamensing Township, 1878	1180 92	
" am't received from C. E. Miller, E. M'h Chunk Borough, 1878	1451 74	
" am't received from H.P. Levan, Franklin Township, 1878	1336 20	
" am't received from Jas. Smith, Lausanne Township, 1878	350 00	13779 95
" am't received from Dan. Schoch, Weissport, 1879	500 00	
" am't received from D.R. Keller, Packer, 1879	534 58	
" am's received from Chs. Lentz, Mahoning, 1879.	2353 04	
" am't received from John Heincy, Lehigh, 1879...	349 51	
" am't received from Jas. Smith, Lausanne, 1879.	325 34	
" am't received from H.P. Levan, Franklin, 1879.	305 00	
" am't received from Dan. Brislin, Banks, 1879....	2229 67	
" am't received from C.E. Miller, East Mauch Chunk, 1879	500 00	
" am't received from Reu. Rehrig, East Penn, 1879	1094 94	
" am't received from J. P. Smith, Lehighton, 1879,	1564 00	
" am't received from Geo. Boyle, Lansford, 1879..	1683 11	
" am't received from John Strohl, Lower Towamensing, 1879	942 50	
" am't received from W. W. Scott, M'h Chunk Borough, 1879	3650 99	
" am't received from D. O'Donnell, Summit Hill 1879	2537 10	
" am't received from Jac. Buss, Nesquehoning, 1879	1200 00	
" am't received from S.W. Meckes, Penn Forest, 1879	105 00	
" am't received from C. C. Rapp, Parryville, 1879.	260 00	
" am't received from A. Hinger, Towamensing, 1879	260 00	
" am't received from J.W. Hunter, Weatherly, 1879	985 00	21170 78
" am't received from First National Bank, rent, '79	12 00	
" am't received from L. Armbruster, rent, 1879.	60 00	72 00
" am't received from Witness Fees Refunded		3 33
" am't received from Election Pay Refunded (Packer twp.)		3 00
" am't received from Taxes Refunded		7 47
" am't received from Redemption on Unseated Lands		44 97
" am't received from Entering Bond Refunded		1 25
" am't received from Old Plank Weatherly Bridge		4 00
" am't received from Schnauffer's Note		27 83
" am't received from Coal for Offices		26 72
" am't received from T. M. Weaver, Old Plank		2 00
" am't received from J. Nanemacher, order of N. Mantella		9 00
Total Receipts		$51799 80

MAX SCHWEIBINZ, Treasurer, CR.

BY ORDERS PAID AS FOLLOWS:

COURT EXPENSES.

Witnesses, Justices, Constables and Sheriff's Fees in Commonwealth Cases, Thos. Remerer, Prothon'y and Clerk's Fees	2024 59	
E. R. Siewers, Dist. Atty., Fees and Expenses	554 17	
Stenographer's Fees	446 35	
Constables Fees and Mileage, Tipstaves and Court Crier	302 00	
Lunatics Inquirendo	165 46	
	70 00	4560 57

JURORS FEES AND MILEAGE.

Jas. Sweeney, April Term, 1879	5 08	
John Barge, April Term, 1879	3 08	
Grand Jury, Jan. Term, '79	277 24	
Petit " " " "	585 12	
Traverse " " " "	172 80	
" " adjourned "	375 24	
Grand " April Term, "	145 64	
Petit " " " "	396 64	
Traverse " " " "	293 52	
Grand " June " "	117 60	
Petit " " " "	295 20	
Traverse " " " "	357 16	
Grand " October " "	145 16	
Petit " " " "	300 99	
Traverse " " " "	453 12	
		3927 56
Costs in Robinson vs. Walker, for County		106 30

UNSEATED LAND TAXES for 1876-7.

BANKS TOWNSHIP.		
Road Tax	$ 89 04	
School Tax	222 61	
		311 65
MAUCH CHUNK TOWNSHIP.		
Road Tax	35 64	
School Tax	53 53	
		89 17
LEHIGH TOWNSHIP.		
Road Tax	362 33	
School Tax	198 10	
		560 43
LAUSANNE TOWNSHIP.		
Road Tax	57 07	
School Tax	83 66	
		140 73
EAST MAUCH CHUNK BOROUGH.		
Borough Tax	5 50	
School Tax	25 62	
		33 21
Poor Tax for above Townships		365 83

New Advertisements.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.

Road Tax	14 25	
School Tax	14 35	
Bounty Tax	11 93	
		40 53
Balance due for 1870 to 1873, school tax		60 87
KIDDER TOWNSHIP.		
Road Tax	240 93	
School Tax	181 38	
Poor Tax	79 21	
		501 52
LOWER TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP.		
Road Tax	12 03	
School Tax	18 00	
Poor Tax	11 99	
		42 02
PACKER TOWNSHIP.		
Road Tax	331 38	
School Tax	266 17	
		597 55
PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP.		
Road Tax	179 38	
School Tax	134 81	
Poor Tax	96 22	
		410 41
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP.		
Road Tax	91 58	
School Tax	100 01	
Poor Tax	57 65	
		249 24
LEHIGHTON BOROUGH.		
Borough Tax	4 99	
School Tax	5 29	
		10 28
EAST PENN TOWNSHIP.		
Road Tax	32 00	
School Tax	27 36	
Poor Tax	8 43	
	67 79	
		3477 23

REDEMPTION OF UNSEATED LANDS.

Neal McFadden, tract M'h Chunk	9 69	
Jacob Breinig, L. Towamensing	7 17	
John M. Price and John Douglas, East Penn	37 80	
		54 66

TAXES REFUNDED.

Henry Henning	11 64	
Max Schweibinz	6 00	
James Smith	7 92	
Richard Diehl	10 65	
T. D. Clauss	24 85	
C. E. Miller	2 00	
		63 06

ROAD DAMAGES.

Joseph Kemerer	40 00	
John Distler	40 00	
		80 00
Standards of Weights and Measures		204 00
Inquisitions		54 23

ASSESSMENTS, REGISTRY & MILITARY ENROLMENT.

Banks Township	165 00	
East Mauch Chunk Boro.	79 11	
East Penn Township	37 63	
Franklin Township	36 00	
Kidder (North) Township	42 37	
Kidder (South) Township	62 52	
Lehighton Borough	59 53	
Lansford Borough	95 84	
Lausanne Township	53 84	
Lehigh Township	36 25	
L. Towamensing Township	74 45	
Mahoning Township	55 92	
Mauch Chunk Borough	185 27	
Mauch Chunk Township	121 92	
Penn Forest Township	39 85	
Packer Township	30 07	
Parryville Borough	23 64	
Towamensing Township	41 90	
Weatherly Borough	84 79	
Weissport Borough	18 24	
		1341 44

INTEREST ON COUNTY BONDS.

Interest due Jan. 1, 1879	1185 60	
Interest due on Bonds Redeemed	98 04	
Interest due on County Order No. 182	31 33	
		1314 97

BONDS REDEEMED.

J. S. Keiser	800 00	
Jonas Miller	600 00	
Mrs. McCormick	500 00	
William Smitham	1500 00	
Jonas Sondheim	1500 00	
		4900 00
County Order Redeemed		250 00
Freight Bills		116 70
Postage, Telegraphy and Expressage		44 25
Keeping Prisoners at Eastern Penitentiary		504 61
Gas and Water-rent		109 25

STATIONERY, OIL, PAINTS, ADVERTISING & PRINTING.

E. H. Rauch, Printing, Stationery and Advertising	489 30	
E. M. Boyle, Advertising	102 75	
Chas. Hlew, Advertising	65 75	
H. V. Morthimer, Advertising and Printing	141 05	
J. C. Dolon, Stationery, Oil and Paint	584 28	
Miscellaneous	41 43	
		1344 56

REPAIRS OF CO. BUILDINGS.

Jail	450 07	
Court House and Offices	2088 91	
		2538 98

BOUNDARY LINES AND BRIDGE VIEWS.

Banks and Luzerne	146 74	
East Mauch Chunk	124 30	
Carbon and Schuylkill	91 60	
Bridge Views	17 10	
		379 74

MERCHANDISE.

C. H. McDaniel	2 75	
J. W. Rickerling & Co.	148 47	
David Trehharn	9 25	
F. H. Miller	7 50	
		169 97
Coal for Jail and Court House		399 31
R. F. Hofford, Co. Institute		120 00
Jury Commissioners and Clerk Hire		89 24
Auditors and Clerk Hire		96 00
H. E. Swartz, Commissioners Clerk		800 00
Max Schweibinz, Treasurer's Salary		1000 00
State Taxes		463 21
Bank Taxes		1824 00
State Taxes on Co. Bonds		88 00

ELECTION EXPENSES

February Election, 1879	597 24	
November Election, 1879	511 56	
		1108 80
Fox Scalps		154 00

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

F. P. Longstreet	100 00	
P. J. Meehan	100 00	
John D. Bertolette	15 00	
Allen Craig	182 99	
J. M. Newlin (State Taxes)	1622 46	
		2020 45

MISCELLANEOUS.

E. R. Siewers, Auditing Reg. & Rec. and Proth'y's Dockets for 1876-79	60 00	
Recording Commissioners' Bonds	4 50	
Contribution for Sprinkling Streets	10 00	
Weather Vane	26 75	
Bill for Coffins	34 00	
Comptr'ys Election Returns	5 50	
Boarding Jurors	10 40	
		151 15

COUNTY BRIDGES.

East Mauch Bridge	441 46	
Lehigh Tannery	153 27	
Parryville	141 80	
Lehigh Gap	86 52	
Lehighton	5 31	
Weatherly	61 79	
Mahoning	5 50	
Strohl's	106 62	
Grimth's	12 99	
Bowman's	304 38	
Lizard Creek	117 40	
Trachsville	211 94	
Planks for Weatherly, East Mauch Chunk and Bowman's	170 98	
		1834 86

J. W. HAUDENBUSH, JAIL EXPENSES.

Building Fires in Jail	122 00	
Medical Attendance	19 00	
Medicines	10 25	
Clothing for Prisoners	30 80	
Cartridges (Breneizer)	2 00	
Guarding Jail	228 00	
Boarding Prisoners, Serving Venires, &c.	1407 74	
		1818 74

New Advertisements.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

James Ash, balance due	9 00	
H. Boyer, balance due	9 00	
D. Rouse, balance due	9 00	
J. J. Gallagher, 100 days at $3.00	300 00	
J. J. Gallagher, 41 days at $2.00	82 00	
J. J. Gallagher, $30.20 expenses incurred Visiting Bridges, on account	25 10	
Josiah Andreas, 100 days at $3.00	300 00	
Josiah Andreas, 30 days at $2.00	60 00	
Josiah Andreas, $20.00 expenses incurred, &c., on account	18 00	
James Ash, 100 days at $3.	300 00	
James Ash, 7 days at $2	14 00	
James Ash, $26 expenses incurred, on account	7 00	
		1133 10
Total Disbursements,		$38639 04

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of Receipts	$51799 80	
Total amount of Disbursements	$38639 04	
Balance on hand January 1st, 1880	13160 76	
	$51799 80	$51799 80

Balance Outstanding January 1, 1880.

Conrad Kocher, ex-Treas'r,		24 33
J. P. Reiss, collector Banks, 1878	600 81	
D. Snyder, collector Parryville, 1878	116 86	
W. F. Streeter, collector Kidder, 1878	220 94	
H. Deppey, collector Penn Forest, 1878	214 44	
		1152 99
H. P. Levan, collector Franklin, 1879	836 20	
Daniel Brislin, collector Banks, 1879	268 47	
Charles Miller, collector E. Mauch Chunk, 1879	955 66	
Geo. H. Stimpon, collector Kidder, 1879	884 87	
James P. Smith, collector Lehighton, 1879	578 46	
Geo. Boyle, collector Lansford, 1879	488 70	
John Strohl, collector L. Towamensing, 1879	461 64	
W. W. Scott, collector Mauch Chunk, 1879	3377 51	
D. O'Donnell, collector Summit Hill, 1879	488 06	
Jacob Buss, collector Nesquehoning, 1879	152 09	
S. W. Meckes, collector Penn Forest, 1879	328 08	
C. C. Rapp, collector Parryville, 1879	285 72	
Anthony Hinger, collector Towamensing, 1879	552 21	
J. W. Hunter, collector Weatherly, 1879	214 14	
D. Schoch, collector Weissport, 1879	70 78	
		9899 59
H. A. Beltz, collector Lehighton, 1876	53 37	
T. D. Kreider, collector Mauch Chunk, 1876	136 04	
		189 41
		$11266 32

BOND ACCOUNT.

Bonds outstanding January 1st, 1879	$22000 00	
Bonds Redeemed	4900 00	
Bonds outstanding January 1st, 1880	$17100 00	

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

DR.

To amount of Bonds outstanding	$17100 00	
To am't due J. J. Gallagher	5 10	
To am't due J. Andreas	2 00	
To am't due James Ash	13 00	
To Resources in excess of Liabilities	7306 98	
		$24427 08

CR.

By Cash in hands of Treasurer	13160 76	
By Taxes outstanding	11266 32	
		$24427 08

We the undersigned, Auditors of the County of Carbon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct statement of the amounts received and disbursed by MAX SCHWEIBINZ, Esq., Treasurer of said County, of the Sheriff's and Commissioners' Accounts, so far as the same have come to our knowledge, for the year 1879.

Witness our hands this 14th day of January, 1880.

Attest: SAMUEL MOTZER,
H. A. BELTZ,
D. B. ALBRIGHT,
Auditors.

☞ Since the above Statement was audited, the account of H. A. Beltz, Esq., of Lehighton, amounting to $53 37, has been settled in full.

H. E. SWARTZ, Clerk.
February 7th, 1880.-w4

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By paying one unifor membership fee of $10 any person, male or female, between the ages of 18 and 60 years, who has a first class health record, may receive a certificate of membership as follows:

18 to 30—$5 00—payable at death or at expiration of 15 years.

30 to 42—$1,000—payable at death or at expiration of 20 years.

42 to 54—$3,000—payable at death or expiration of 10 years.

54 to 60—$2,000—payable at death or expiration of 15 years.

An assessment of one dollar upon each member will be made after each death, except when there is money enough in surplus fund to pay said claim.

LIFE PLAN.

Same fee and assessment as above except no holder of a "Life Certificate" will at any time be assessed to pay an "Endowment Certificate" maturing by reason of expiration of term of years.

Life Certificates will be issued as follows:

18 to 30.....$5,000.....At death only.
30 to 42.....$4,000.....At death only.
42 to 54.....$3,000.....At death only.
54 to 60.....$2,000.....At death only.

Good responsible AGENTS WANTED.

For circulars or information call on or address,

GEO. W. EASER,

General Agent for Carbon, Monroe and Pike counties. County Buildings, Mauch Chunk, Carbon county, Pa. feb. 14.-tf.

CHARLES LENTZ, agent for Weissport Parryville and Franklin township.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Carbon County. In the matter of the first account of Thomas Remerer, Administrator of Oliver Breneiser, dec'd. The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Court to examine and, if necessary, readjust said account, and make distribution of the funds in the hands of the Administrator, will attend to the duties of his appointment on THURSDAY, MARCH 4th, 1880, at TEN o'clock in the Forenoon at his office in the Borough of Mauch Chunk, Carbon County, Pa., at which time and place all parties interested in said estate may attend. JOHN KLINE,
Feb. 7, 1880-w4 Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Carbon County, to settle and restate the account and make distribution of the money in the hands of Ann Gibson, administratrix of the estate of Patrick McKenna deceased, will attend to the duties of his appointment ON TUESDAY, MARCH 16th, 1880, at TEN o'clock A. M., at his office in OAK HALL, Mauch Chunk, when and where all parties interested may attend.

PETER J. MEEHAN,
feb. 14, 1880.-tw. Auditor.

ONLY.

Only a baby,
Kissed and caressed,
Gently held to mother's breast.

Only a child,
Toddling alone,
Brightening now it's happy home.

Only a boy,
Trudging to school,
Governed now by sterner rule.

Only a youth,
Living in dreams,
Full of promise life now seems.

Only a man,
Battling with life,
Shared in now by loving wife.

Only a father,
Burdened with care,
Silver threads in dark brown hair.

Only a gray beard,
Toddling again,
Growing old and full of pain.

Only a mound,
O'ergrown with grass,
Dreams unrealized—rest at last.

—*Chicago Tribune.*

A GENEROUS GENTLEMAN.

I sat spinning at my little wheel in the sun, for the autumn day was cool, when I heard some one whistling, and looking up, there was young Squire Turner, with his arms folded on the gate, looking over. When he caught my eye he laughed and I blushed and I arose and made him a courtesy.

He was a handsome gentleman, the 'Squire, and the hand from which he pulled the glove shimmered in the sun with pearls and diamonds, and he was bonny to look at, with his hair like the spun gold in the October sunlight.

When I courtesied he bowed, making his curls dance over his shoulders, and said:

"I've spoiled one pretty picture that I could have looked at all day, but I've made another as pretty, so I'll not grieve. May I come in?"

"And welcome, sir," said I. And I set a chair for him, for he was grandfather's landlord; but for all that I felt uncomfortable, for I was not used to fine company

He talked away, paying no more compliments than I was used to, for grandmother, who brought me up, always said, "Handsome is what handsome does, and beauty is but skin deep."

Since I'm telling the story, I will tell the truth. I had done wrong about one thing, neither of the old folks knew that I wore Evan Locke's ring in my bosom, or that we had taken a vow to each other beside the hawthorne that grew in the church lane. I never meant to deceive, but granny was old and a little hard, and that love of mine was such a sweet secret. Besides, money seems to outweigh all else when people have struggled all their lives through to turn a penny, and they knew Evan was a poor, struggling young surgeon. I thought I'd wait awhile until I could sweeten the news with the fact that he'd begun to make his fortune.

Granny came in from the dairy five minutes after the 'Squire was gone, and she heard he had been there. I didn't tell her of his fine speeches; but there was a key-hole in the door she came through, and I guess she heard them.

That night we had something else to think of; misfortunes had come upon grandfather; but I didn't foresee that, when the half year's rent should become due, not a penny to pay it with could be found.

All this time Evan Locke and I had been as fond as ever of each other, and he came as often as before to talk with grandpa on the wintry nights; and still every little while our young landlord, 'Squire Turner, would drop in and sit in his lazy way watching me knit or spin. Once or twice he was flushed with wine and was over bold, for he tried to kiss me. But 'Squire or no, I boxed his ears for his pains, and no softer than I could help, either.

I could not help his coming or help seeing him when he came, and I did not deserve that Evan should be angry with me; but he was. Eh, so high and mighty, and spoke as though one like the 'Squire could mean no good by coming to so poor a place as that of the schoolmaster's.

He made me angry and I spoke up:

"For that matter the 'Squire would be glad to have me promise to marry him. He thinks more of me than you do just now."

"Maybe you like him better?" said Evan.

"I don't say that," replied I; "but bad temper and jealousy scarcely make me over fond of another. I pray I may never have a husband who will scold me."

For he had been scolding me. There was no other name for it.

Well, Evan was wroth with me and I with him—not heart deep, though, I thought—and I did not see him for more than a week. I was not troubled much, though. I knew he would come around again, and mayhap ask my pardon; for, before you are wed, you can bring your lover to his senses when you will.

So I did not fret after Evan's absence, nor quite snub 'Squire Turner, who liked me more than ever. But one night grandfather came in from a lonely ride, and shutting the door stood between grandma and me, looking at me, and so strangely that we both grew frightened. At last he spoke:

"I've been to the 'Squire's. For the first time I had to tell him that I could not pay his rent when due."

I opened my lips. Grandmamma's hand covered them. Grandpa drew me to him.

"Thou'rt young, lass," he said, "and they are right who call thee pretty. Say, couldn't you like the 'Squire well enough to wed him?"

"Eh," cried grandma. Sure you're not wandering?"

"Squire Turner asked me for this lass of ours to-night. Of all women in the world there is but one he loves as he should his wife, and that is our Agatha."

"I dreamed of golden rings and a bunch of white roses on Christmas eve," cried granny. "I knew the lass would be lucky."

But I put my head on grandfather's shoulder and hid my face. The truth must out, I knew.

"Wilt have him and be a rich lady?" said grandpa.

And when he had waited for an answer, I burst out with "No" and a sob together.

"She's frightened," said grandmamma "Nay, we must all wed once in our lives, my child."

Then grandpa talked to me. He told me how poor they had grown, and how kind the 'Squire was, and I had but to marry him to make my grandparents free from debt and poverty their lives through. If I refused and vexed the 'Squire, Heaven only knew what might happen.

"She'll never ruin her dear grandpa," sobbed grandma.

Ah, it was hard to bear—bitter hard; but now there was no help from it. I took the ring from my bosom and laid it on my palm, and told them it was Evan Locke's, and I had plighted my troth to him. And grandma called me a deceitful wench, and grandfather looked as though his heart would break.

That night I kissed the ring and prayed Heaven that he might love me always. In the morning it was gone, ribbon and all, from my neck. I looked for it high and low, but I found no sign of it. And I began to fear the loss of that dear ring was a sign that I would never marry Evan Locke. The days passed on and he never came near me.

"Oh, it is cruel of him," I thought, "to hold such anger for a hasty word he had provoked. When I spoke it he must have known I loved him so."

And grandma would scarcely look at me now, and grandpa sighed and mourned and talked of the work-house. And I thought I should die of grief among them.

One day grandma says, "it seems that your sweetheart is not over fond of you or over anxious to see you."

"Why not?" said I.

"Where has he been this month back?"

"Busy, doubtless," said I, with a smile, though I thought my heart would burst.

"Perhaps you know all about it," said grandma, "you are going with him, maybe."

"Where?" said I.

She went to the door and beckoned a woman who sat there—Dame Coombs—who had come over with eggs.

"I heard you rightly?" she said. "You told me Evan Locke and his mother were making ready for a voyage."

"They are going to Canada. My son, a carpenter, and a good one, though I say it, made the doctor a box for his things. The old lady dreads the new country, but she goes for the doctor's sake. There's money to made there, they say. That's what takes him."

"I told you so," said grandma.

"I don't believe it, said I.

"They've sold the house and gone to Liverpool to take ship; and you may find the truth yourself if you choose to take the trouble," said Dame Coombs. "I'm no chatter box to tell falsehoods about my neighbors. And she went away in wrath.

And still I would not believe it until I had walked across the moor and had seen the shutters fast closed and the doors barred, and not a sign of life about the place. Then I gave up hope. I went home all pale and trembling, and sat down at grandmother's knee.

"It's true," said I.

"And for the sake of a false lad you'll see your grandfather ruined and break his heart, and leave me, that have nursed you from a babe, a widow."

I looked at her as she sobbed, and I found strength to say:

"Give me whom you will, then, since my own love does not want me."

And then I crept up stairs and sat down on my bedside, weak as though I had fainted. I would have thanked Heaven for forgetfulness just then, but it wouldn't come.

The next day 'Squire Turner was in the parlor as my accepted lover. How pleased he was, and how the color came back to grandfather's old face. And granny grew so proud and kind, and all the house was aglow—and only I sad. But I couldn't forget Evan—Evan whom I loved so—sailing away from me without a word.

I suppose they all saw I looked sad. The 'Squire talked of my health, and would make me ride with him over the moors for strength.

The old folks said nothing. They knew what ailed me; only our little Scotch maid seemed to think there was aught wrong. Once she said to me:

"What ails ye, miss? Your eye is dull and your cheek pale, and your braw grand lover canna make ye smile. Ye are na that ill, either."

"No, I am well enough," said I.

She looked at me wistfully.

"Gin ye'd tell me your ail, I might tell ye a cure," she said.

But there was no cure for me in this lone world, and I couldn't open my heart to simple Jennie.

The days rolled by and I was close on my marriage eve, and granny and Dorothy Plume were busy with my wedding robes. I wished it was my shroud they were working at instead.

And one night the pain in my heart grew too great, and I went out among the purple heather on the moor, and there knelt down under the stars and prayed to be taken from the world. "For how can I live without Evan?" I asked.

I spoke the words aloud, and then started up in affright, for there at my side was an elfish little figure, and I heard a cry that at first I scarcely thought earthly. Yet it was but Scotch Jennie, who had followed me.

"Why do you call for your love now?" she said. "Ye sent him frae ye for sake o' the young 'Squire."

"How dare you follow me?"

But she caught my sleeve.

"Dinna be vexed," she said. "Just bide a wee, an' answer what I speer. It's for love of you, for I've seen ye waste like the snaw-wreath in the sun since the 'Squire wooed ye. Was it your will that the lad that loved the ground ye trod on should have his ring again?"

"What do you mean?" said I.

"I'll speak gin I lose my place," said Jenny. "I rode with the mistress to young Dr. Locke's place past the moor, and there she tigited and gave him a ring, and what she said I know not, but it turned him the tint o' death; and said he, 'There's nae a drop of true bluid in a woman, gin she is false.' An' he turned to the wall an' covered his eyes, an' your granny rode home. There, 'tis all I ken. Will it do?"

"Aye, Jenny," said I. "Heaven bless you!"

And had I wings on my feet I could not have come to the cottage door sooner.

I stood before my grandmother, trembling and white, and said:

"Oh, don't tell me, granny you have cheated me and robbed me of my true love by a lie. Did you steal the troth ring from my neck and give it back to Evan as if from me? You I've loved and honored my life long. I'd rather die than think it."

She turned scarlet.

"True love!" said she. "You've but one true love now—'Squire Turner."

"You've done it?" I cried. "It's written on your face."

And she looked down at that and fell in weeping.

"My own true love was breaking his heart, she said. My husband and I have loved for fifty years. I did it to save him, could I let a girl's fancy, worth nothing, stand in my way, and see him a beggar in his old age? Oh, girl! girl!"

And then I fell down at her feet like a stone. I knew nothing for an hour or more but then, when I was better, and they left me with Jenny, I bade her fetch my hood and cloak and her own and come with me, and away I went across the moor in the starlight to where the hall windows were ablaze with light, and asked the housekeeper to let me see the 'Squire.

She stared at me for my boldness—no wonder—but called him. So in a moment he stood before me in his evening dress, with his cheeks flushed and his eyes bright, and led me into a little room and seated me.

"Agatha, my love, I hope no mischief brings you here," he began.

But I stopped him.

"Not your love, 'Squire Turner," I said, "I thank you for thinking so well of me; but even after all that has passed, I—"

"Have I offended you, Agatha," he said.

"Not you. The offence—the guilt—Oh, I have been sorely cheated!" And all I could do was to sob and think he thought me mad.

At last strength