Suelph Evening Mercury

FRIDAY EVEN'G, OCTOBER 25.

NORAH CUSHALEEN

HAUNTED CASTLE

AFTER XXVI.—TERY AD ANDREW ASCEND A RAVINE ARONO THE MOUNTAINS, AND LAND AMO G ROBBERS.

As they rowed slowly along the shore sich fronted the base of the towering buntain of Skerryvee, have looked anxiety among the rocks for a isnding sice. The coast was as wild and inspitable as could well be conceived to the shore, and against a pointed sides of these the water flow, marmaring out and in among the svices, and gently stirring the dark a weed which larked in the far-bent release.

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The rowers in the boat, as they gazed on the frowning ledges and sharp jagged points, easily understood that in a storm the seane would be tremendous beyond description. When the mighty white-created billows rolled in from the open main, and, driven by the wind, smote rockly barters, and were broken by them into cloude of spray and foam, terrific would be the noise and sublime the grandeur; and oh if a ship was carried by these pitiless billows towards the stony and immovable sentinels of the land, there could be no hope for bark or crew. In that sad case the chams of the rocks could be but the jaws of death, and the foaming waters the whirlpool of destruction.

But the sea was calm now, and they glided over its placid waters, and saw rocks and sky reflected far down in the crystal depths. Terry was not acquainted with that part of the coast; they had therefore, to explore it as they sailed along, and look out at every point for a spot where they could land.

'I tell ye what it is, Terry, 'remarked Andrew, 'it's ma humble opinion that there's no a beach here where a boat the size of a nut-shell can land.'

It looks mighty like it,' returned Terry. 'But after all, there must be a bit uv a hole to go in at, for there's a path hereabouts that goes up to the mountain. Hould her off a bit, or, by the powers, we'll take an ugly embrace o' that round fellow that stands out afore the others, bad manners to him.'

'Might it be no as weel tae gang in ayont him?' suggested Andrew. 'Wha kens but he hides a landing place.'

Faix and yer maybes right,' responded Terry, as he narrowly scanned the position of the rook they referred to—'We'll just take a peep behind him, and then we'll not have to ax his pardon for going atore him.'

They turned the boat close on shore, and on coming to, the lee side of the rock, had the satisfaction of finding themselves opposite a narrow opening, which a stream

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mighty ocean.

'That's oor chance,' cried Andrew.

There's room for the boat to win through, but no muckle mair; and I think I see a fit road up the side of the countain.'

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'Mr. Donaldson, sure its yerself that has good eyes,' remarked Terry. 'Plaise the Virgin, we'll get up to Captain Jack's cave through that pass, though we'll have a mighty hard climb for it.'

'Never mind the climb,' said Andrew, in great glee. 'I've warsled up as steep a glen as that, or else it is funny. Mind yer hand, sir. It's a close shave getting the boat atween the rocks.'

They managed it, however, and jumping out pulled the boat up over the channel into a crevice, where it was both well concealed and safe from the tide either at high water or in a storm. Here they made her fast, and chaining the oars to one of the sides, took out each a bundle of provisions, strapped it on their

oars to one of the sides, took out each a bundle of provisions, strapped it on their shoulder, and began the ascent of the deep, rugged and dark ravine.

Be it known here that Terry and Andrew did not now present their own natural appearance. According to the plan they had formed before setting out from Dundarra, Andrew was dressed like a respectable Scotch laird, and that was the part he was to enact in the journey up the mountain. He was to pass himself off as a wealthy Scotchman travelling for pleasure in Ireland, and having a desire to climb the far-famed mountain of Skerryvoe, had procured an Irish guide in the person of Terry, who wore a sandy-colored wig, a nondescript hat, a blue coat, and knee breeches, and cara sandy-colored wig, a nondescript hat, ablus coat, and knee breeches, and carried an unmistakeable shillelah. In the presence of any one they might meet in the mountair, he was to be no longer Terry Cushaleen, but Jim Malone, and Andrew was to be metamorphosed into Mr. McSpurtle, the laird of Lochwin nock.

of the exact locality of Captain Jack's cave, they had no idea, and did not expect to discover or stimble upon it; but they had little doubt that when they came near the summit of the mountain, a portion of Captain Jack's gang would pounce upon them and carry them as prisoners to the stronghold. They trusted to circumstances and their own shrewd control of the statement of the stronghold. They trusted to circumstances and their own shrewd decreasanker, tallor, manufacturer of family. ed to circumstances and their own shrewd ness and ingenity for the rest. It was a difficult and dangerous enterprise they had undertaken, but they were prepared to brave the consequences, and run every risk; in the attempt to rescue Mr. Har-TO BE CONTINUED.

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