

and how must the heart of the former have throbbed with wild exultation, in beholding as an affianced bride at his side the young and artless creature, who had taken a deep and unchanging interest in him even as an unknown and wandering minstrel. How too must she have rejoiced in seeing, introduced beneath the paternal roof, and with the sanction of him who was to her ever as a father, him whom she had loved even in that humble character, and whom when known under different circumstances, she had continued to cherish and esteem in spite of calumny and slander, with her heart's purest and most devoted affection.

Reader, you will rejoice to hear that they have now been some months married, and are considered the handsomest and most affectionate couple throughout all Connaught. The baronet continues to reside with them, and the old gentleman, Mr. Welmore, has purchased a large estate immediately adjoining. As for myself, I have little to add, except that Ronayne Castle has been in no way improved by my marriage with the widow, whose great fortune has dwindled down, I am sorry to say, to three hundred a-year. Still the rites of hospitality are far from being neglected, and according to general old Irish usage, the stranger is ever welcome within our gates. Whenever you feel disposed to visit the county of Connaught, therefore, fail not to pay us a visit; and if you are not entertained in that princely manner which might be expected from the imposing appearance of our venerable castle, you will at least be satisfied with the attempts we make to keep up the dignity of the name.

By the way, I had nearly forgotten to state that poor O'Flaherty is a sad victim to the gout. Still, as he has been more than once a witness of the little differences of opinion which occasionally arise between Mrs. Morris and myself, he is frequently heard to exclaim, while under the sharpest agony of his complaint,—"Thank God it is no worse!—Thank God it is no worse! Better far to have the gout even, than such a wife! There, there, even that reflection soothes my pain. Now, then, I feel much better."

THE END.