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CHRISTINE FABER Authoress of "A Mother's Sacrifice," etc. CHAPTER XXXVI.

TIGHE EXPLAINS TO CAPTAIN DENNIER Captain Dennier was surprised by an early message from the governor of the jail, and still more surprised when he found that it had sole reference to his valet. He hastened to the prison, and had a somewhat lengthy private conference with lengthy private conference with

'I do not know what to make of his story," continued the latter functionary, when he had told such portions of his ridiculous tale as he could remember; "but the four men who were captured with him disclaim all knowledge of him—they utterly deny that he had any part

"Let me see him," said the officer; "perhaps I shall be able to make something of his statement." The governor led the way, pre-ceding Captain Dennier into his

The faithful fellow had been pacing the stone floor, his face expressing the perplexed character of his thoughts. He started slightly when he saw the governor, then catching sight of the military figure just behind, he gave a scream of delight and bounded forward. "Oh, captain dear, I knew you'd come! sure I'm killed intoirely! they sazed me on false purtinses, an' they dhragged me here, an innocint

"Tell me about it, Tighe," said the captain; "tell me as simply and briefly as you can."

"I will, yer honor—sure, what else'd I do but tell a simple shtory?" and Tighe feigned to be too much overcome by emotion to be able to proceed for a moment. "I kem to shpind the evenin' wid Mr Sutton here in the jail as yer. "I kem to shpind the evenin' wid Mr. Sutton here in the jail, as yer honor gev me lave to do, if you remimber, an' I tuk yer cloak in ordher to lave it wid Sandy Bevel in the mornin' afore I'd go home; but we tuk a dhrop too much, Mr. Sutton an' mesel', an' we were overcome. I axed him to let me out so, hergory it was to the jail out, an' begorra it was to the jail yard he tuk me, lavin' me there alone; it was no use thryin' to foind me way back, for the dures were all shut again me, an' not a turn-kay, nor the shadow o' any one that'd help me, could I see. All o' a suddint somethin' shot through the air an' fell jist at me fate; I luked down an' found it was a rope; it kem from the outside of the wall, where the other ind o' seemed shtill fastened, an' afther considerin' awhile, an' not secin' any one nor hearin' another sound, I med up me moind to thry what was in it. The assest way o' carryin' yer honor's cloak was to put it on mesel',—beggin' yer pardon for the great liberty I tuk—thin I scaled the wall to foind mesel', whin I dhropped down on the other side, taken for somebody else. I thried to tell who I was, an' to beg thim to let me go, but the darkness o' the noight, an' the excitement, the hurry they were in, wouldn't let thim listen to me. Thin, whin I found mesel' dhrove off, an' the police an' the soldiers tearin' afther us, I was frightened out o' artner us, I was frightened out of my sinses, an' I jist called out that I'd surrinder pacable. There, yer honor, is me sthory, an' if you'll only get me release, I'll shwear to you on me two binded knees that I'll niver ax to shpind another evenin' wid any one."

Captain Dennier seemed inclined was impressed by its truthfulness, but because of Tighe's well-acted part of distress. "Well, well, my poor fellow," he said re-assuringly, "be patient, and we shall see what can bedone for you.'

"I will, yer honor, for it's well I know I can thrust to yer promise!" and Tighe courtesied almost to the

Captain Dennier and the governor left the cell, both in low and earnest conversation; and the prisoner, (though unable to distinguish a word of the whispered sounds which reached him as the two, arm in arm, passed out) with his wonted throwdees every red favorable from the word of the very fact of that whispered conversation : and he was hardly surprised when, a couple of hours later, his cell door was thrown open, and he was permitted to pass forth a free man.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

THE TRIAL The day arrived on which was to take place the trial of the unfortunate men who had been captured in the attack on the barracks, and heart, and manifested itself in every face. For days before the numerous friends of the unhappy prisoners swarmed the town, and cheeks blanched, and lips trembled. as the probable result was ominously conjectured. Still, an unusual confidence was felt in the able counsel who had volunteered to defend the accused, and that enthu-

public were circulated,—tales the blackest aspect of the case, and calculated to make the timorous wildly anxious hearts beat a little shudder, and the determined upmore hopefully as he added, after a

on the morning of the trial the court-room was crowded lony before the hour appointed for the appearance of the prisoners. Fair ladies, many of whom never before had stepped within the precincts of a court of law, crowded the galleries, and leaned forward with the glow and the restlessness of ardent glow and the restlessness of ardent expectation; stern-browed and fierce eyed men mingled with the crowd that surged and pressed in that surged and pressed in the space without the prisoner's dock, and more than one pallid face told, by its wild and suffering ex-pression, how life and death hung in the balance of the approaching trial. Soldiers and civilians, bailiffs and barristers, policemen and prison wardens, mingled indiscrimately, and the *elite* of the town had little barrier between them and the very beggars, some of whom had early forced their way to desirable places. The fair Widow Moore occupied a prominent position in one of the galleries, her beauty and graceful air of self-pressession did graceful air of self-possession dim-ming the good looks of her fair companions; and Garfield, as was his wont on all occasions when the widow appeared, stationed himself where his eyes could constantly rest upon her. Tighea Vohr wasear there, awaiting developments which might have some bearing on his master's case; and Morty Carter, flushed and perspiring, from the effect of his corpulence and the narrow space into which he was wedged, was also present, and apparently in excellent spirits.

Tighe watched him, dodging behind taller men than himself when he was in danger of being seen by Morty, and mentally wondering what could be the cause of the

skirts of the crowd, frequently rising to his toes, and sweeping with a rapid look of his deep-set eyes the whole of the crowded court-room.

The prisoners were ushered in-The prisoners were ushered in—six in number, all young, and types of a higher class than the Irish peasantry. Confinement and anxiety had made them pale and thin, and two stooped slightly, as if from the inroads of some fatal disease; but there was a fearlessness about the mien of each, a promptness in their step, and a clear, unflinching look that be-tokened nobleness of purpose and

latter's evident self-complacency. Rick of the Hills stood on the out-

unfaltering courage.
After the jury had been impaneled and sworn in, the trial was opened by the reading of the indictment against the prisoners. They were charged under the treasonfelony act for the planning and the execution of the attack on the barracks; the counsel for the crown first stated their case, and called evidence in proof. Then the counsel for the defense arose. Calm, slow, evidence in proof. Then the counsel for the defense arose. Calm, slow, but with a vigor and an eloquence which increased with every word, he described the wrongs of the poor whom he pleaded—wrongs which had their first bitter origin in the oppression that made the should indeed become speedily in language that drew tears from sterner eyes than are given to weeping, he depicted the sufferings of the accused—the impulse, born of of the accused—the impulse, born of despair, which drove them to their last frantic stroke for that liberty which is the innate heritage of each of God's creatures.
"Look," he said, turning and

pointing with a masterly gesture to the prisoners, "at those pallid faces, where Suffering has left her mark, and those attenuated forms, on which Want has laid her bony hand! Remember the youth of the accused, and the feelings which must accom-(though unable to distinguish a word of the whispered sounds which reached him as the two, arm in arm, passed out) with his wonted shrewdness augured favorably from the very fact of that whispered contains the contains a pany such a youth, oppressed, enslaved as it was, and then ask yourselves, gentlemen of the jury, what heart could have withstood the temptation to strike that blow which, if successful, promised at least an amelioration of their condition. There is no proof," he continued, turning back to his first position, "that the youthful prisoners at the bar were the leaders in this attack on the barracks; there is no proof that they were even connected with this Irish Republic organization prior to this attack; but there is proof that they were influenced by older men than themselves, that they were hurried into the act for which they now stand accused by the impulsive and unthinking ardor of sudden feeling. This then, gentlemen, is their first offense—if, indeed, it can be called such, being utterly unpremeditated,—and the court will deal lightly, for the sake of that justice which is her noble prerogative, and her rightful boast."

defend the accused, and that entrusiasm which sometimes fires the most timid now sustained hearts arose, and in a masterly manner spoke in reply to the defense set up; He sat down, and witnesses were spoke in reply to the defense set up; one by one defenses which seemed to have been firmly established been the topic of every household, and the animated subject of every street gathering; old and young, the stern sex and the fair, were equally exercised; and while wild and improbable stories of the number, organization, and plans of those who would make an Irish Re-

as if he thought that gentleman, or himself, or possibly both together, had gone suddenly mad. At that instant one of the clerks of the court entered in great haste and put a small packet before the speaker. He glanced at the super-

said : just arrived; it's coming is most opportune, and now it is in my or because of his perfect confidence in the supposed contents of the paper, he did not even glance his eye over it before he read it aloud—not even pausing when the first ridiculous words had passed his lips, as if he thought they might be only some absurd preliminary to the information which he would certainly reach further on. With acterized his voice from the begin-ning, he electrified the whole assembled court by reading :

"'Darling, Charming Mistress Moore: —You have been the light of my eyes since I met you, and the pulse of my heart. Without any snimadversion, I may say that in all the circumlocutions of poetry and logic there is nothing so superemisent found on the fear of inencly perfect found on the face of the globe as the charming Widow Moore. The beaming light of the sun grows dark when you are not in my presence, and the circumlocu-tions of my palpitating heart no longer go on when your smile is not before me. Like a rose that kisses the morning dew, and a bee that sips from the fairest flower, con-sider me, darling, ch. rming Mis-tress Moore,

Your undivided and undividable lover. WILLIAM H. GARFIELD, of her Majesty's — Reg't."

There was a scream from the gallery, and immediately after the wildest commotion existed about the Widow Moore, who had fainted in the arms of one of her companof the merriest uproar; in vain the clerk called for order—people were yet too vividly impressed with the idiculous document just read, and for which so much had been boast-ingly promised, and no sooner was partially restored than some burst from another part of the room would renew the whole mirthful explosion. It was impossible to proceed, and the court adjourned.

TO BE CONTINUED

Agnes's Church.

of freckles on his nose.

home. Anyway, it was Buddy's only toy, that ball. For the short time he had been its owner he was the envy of the "Wild Cats;" in

You will have surmised that Buddy had no home. Any place he happened to find a nail on which to hang his hat, if he had the hat, would be called by that sacred name, until he was told to move on; and his religious training consisted of throwing mud at the "caters" on their way home from Catechism, scription without lifting it, his face kindling with pleasure. Then he who prated of fire and brimstone, and told wild tales about holy people "The paper of which I spoke has who had devoted their lives to the service of God. So it was not sur-prising that Buddy held everything power to prove beyond the possibility of doubt the guilt of the prisoners." He broke the seal, and whether in the haste of his triumph, church!

Unconsciously, Buddy moved toward the "Open Door." There seemed to be no immediate danger of his being caught, and, of course he could lie about the window. His hand reached for the shiny handle but he pulled it back fearfully. What was on the other side? chance did he have of running away the same sonorous ring that had characterized his voice from the begin-acterized his voice from the begin-But Buddy was brave. And then, there was the ball!

'Aw, shucks," he breathed, swallowing what seemed to him must be his heart. "I ain't afraid of noth-ing, and it'll be great to tell the fellers about."

The big door swung back noiseessly, and that heavenly odor that hangs like a bridal veil over only a Catholic church, that essence of holiness, and incense and flowers, intoxicated the boy with its sweetness. His breath came in gasps. For the moment he forgot completely the importance of his visit. Then, spying the shattered window, he seemed to grow smaller; his knees began to shake, and he made as if to turn back. But in that move he saw, miles down the carpeted path, the object of his search. His heart gave an extra thump, as he started forward stealthily, holding to the pews for support. Here it was at last, and the little chap hugged it to his breast, smoothing back a cut in the leather, the only damage done on its flight through

the window.
Then Buddy grew courageous. ions; at the same time a shout of laughter, so hearty and prolonged that it seemed to shake the building, burst from every throat save those of Garfield and Carter. The former when the full converse to the could be safely away in his blouse it wouldn't hurt to take a look around. Then former, when the full comprehen- he could boast about his fearless former, when the full comprehension of the ludicrous, but to him disastrous incident, broke upon his mind, darted one glance of agony in the direction of the insensible widow, swore wildly, and dashed from the court-room, elbowing his way so fiercely that the crowd fell back in some trepidation before him. Carter raged and cursed so loudly and so profoundly that the the perspiration which coursed in horror when they rested on the broken window down their faces. It was a scene trickling blood and the cruel thorns.

Buddy lifted his voice in protest, back to earth and the realization of where he was. Crouching like a little wild animal, he started for the -but here was another picture! At first Buddy thought he hadn't moved or that the picture was following him; but he looked again, and the man with the sad face was to be trying to speak to him.

BUDDY MAKES THE
STATIONS

"Beat it! It went right through the window!"

In a twinkling the ball-ground was deserted. A broken window! The only terror of the "Wild Cat Nine," Beanie Aitken, had done it. He had been bragging about his latest "curve," and the last the terrified boys had seen of Buddy Ryan's new ball, it was madly spinning, like the night fireworks on the Fourth of July, directly in line with

A little farther, and He had fallen beneath the weight of the cross. Buddy read the story printed beneath. "Jesus Falls the First What has happened to the window?"

Father Cassidy asked kindly. "What has happened to the window?"

With a start, Buddy realized he was caught. Bravely he looked at the man before him, and with just a slight tremble, he answered. "It was my ball broke it, mister I came back in to get it, and I wasn't going to tell you, neither, or didn't figger on paying for it. But now," looking wistfully towards that name with such irreverence. Two little fists, clenched until the skin showed white over the knuckles. Fourth of July, directly in line with A little farther, and He had fallen down.

Agnes's Church.

A calm settled over the diamond. Then, from behind a signboard, apparently what seemed at first to be a ball of fire, but in reality was the tousled head of the owner of the baseball. Buddy Ryan wasn't the sort of boy you would expect to find in tears, and yet there was an unmistakable clean line across one smudgy cheek, and a bright drop glistened like an agate over a patch of freckles on his nose.

down.

"Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother."

"Aw, gee, no wonder!" cried was like to have a mother—just this sort of mother, who cried when things had hurt him, too. The day the big boys had whipped him and taken his papers, she had hugged him tight, and comforted him. Just as this Mother was holding out her arms to her boy, and sending Him

calculated to make the timorous shudder, and the determined upholders of English law more resolute to maintain their principles and their government—there was at the same time an under-current of ardent sympathy inundating hearts that had no other bond with the poor captives than that evoked by commiseration for their youth and their unhappy plight.

On the marning of the trial the wildly anxious hearts beat a little more badded, after a time he had been its owner he was stern and telling reiteration of the pusseness: "One link the evidence—the arrival of a certain paper which it is reported would substantiate every charge against the accused. For some unaccountable reason it is not here."

He paused as if to take breath, and Tighe stole a look at Carter; You will have surmised that in little boy can have a have place he as his had been at the inhuman time he had been its owner he was time he had been its owner he was there at time he had been its owner he was there was the envy of the "Wild Cats;" in fact, it was due to the possession of alone is wanting in the evidence—the arrival of a certain paper which it is reported would substantiate every charge against the accused. For some unaccountable reason it is not here."

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You will have surmised that it is more devout follower of the envy of the "Wild Cats;" in fact, it was due to the possession of the tream. And now, where was it? Perhaps rolling with a lance, crowned with thorns and raised on the ignominious cross. Not with prayers, nor beautiful words of sympathy, but with the true sorrow that a little boy can have here.

You will have surmised that in the envy of the "Wild Cats;" in fact, it was due to the possession of the envy of the "Wild Cats;" in fact, it was due to the possession of the tream. And now, it is treated that a lone, crowned with the envy of the "Wild Cats." in fact, it was due to the possession of the tream. And now, it is treated as his had been at the inhuman treatment of the Jesus Whom he

had never known before. At the Ninth Station, Buddy, who thought it "sissy" to cry, stood looking up, the tears coursing shamelessly down his cheeks, and leaving little clean spots on the dusty pew beside him. His fist, which had been doubled when he first had seen the Cross and had which had been doubled when he first had seen the Cross, and had clenched tighter with each insult heaped upon our God, was now aching and cramped. The ball dropped from its hiding place next to his heart, and rolled unheeded under a kneeling bench, as a shaggy red head fell on two folded arms, and Buddy sobbed out his sympathy.

The next Station was even more

The next Station was even more pitiful, for now they had stripped Him of His garments, and were driving big iron spikes through His white hands. No matter what He had done—and Buddy felt sure He had done nothing wrong-He did

not deserve that ! "The Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross." Buddy gazed terrified at the scene before him He was glad that Jesus was dead Never before had he been glad that anyone had died, and it wasn't real "gladness" now, just a sort of relief that this Man, Whose face seemed to shine as the sun, was out of reach of His cruel persecutors.

He would need to suffer no more.

The little boy sat down listlessly in the pew before him. He could see there were still two more pictures. But what did it matter? "He" was dead, now. It was all over. Buddy raised his eyes again. The head of Christ was drooped, so that the half opened eyes seemed to look into his very soul.
'I wouldn't have done it. Jesus.

whispered to the crucified God But the won lerful name, "Jesus. seemed to act as a reproach Suddenly Buddy realized that he, too, must have hurt this Man. name was a byword on so many sin-Here ful lips.

The picture above went out of focus, and in place of the soldier with a sword, Buddy saw himself, dressed as a Roman gladiator, standing at the foot of the Cross on which a Man hung, dying. The crowd around was cursing, almost in one voice, the patient Christ as He hung in agony. Buddy himself was putting in a word here and there. The eyes of the Saviour opened, and seemed to seek out Buddy's own, with a look of tender pleading, that went straight to the boy's heart. The crowd around him parted. A burly, evil looking solsomething in his hand. Buddy saw him raise a spear, on the end of which was a sticky sponge, dripping

when they rested on the broken window, the small on the seat of Buddy lifted his voice in protest, the pew directly in front of and the sound of it brought him the Twelfth Station, angrily shaking two small fists at the group in the setting. The creaking of the door aroused the little chap from his reverie, and he gingerly ste own from his perch, Cassidy walked toward him

An hour ago, Buddy would have fled in terror at the sight of the carrying a heavy cross, and seemed priest, but now he waited as the black-robed figure drew close "What's wrong, old fellow?"
Father Cassidy asked kindly.
"What has happened to the window?"

Fourth of July, directly in line with a stained glass window of St. would strike another when he's was he had been told that priests had horns. There weren't any "Jesus Meets His Afflicted horns here, and the kindly eyes of the big man accomplished more than any scolding or whipping would

Tears were trickling down Buddy's cheeks now, and the story of the ball, mingled with questions of Jesus and His Cross, were sobbed out in Father Cassidy's arms.

I think I told you Buddy had no

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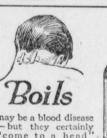
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