### The Children's Hour

HIS FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL She led him slowly

den gate.

But mother's heart than his own, As on his arm she

and slate. It seemed as if

had flown Away forever from

stretched arms: That she would never know

his love again But O! he must not know of he

alarms, So mother struggled to conceal her pain

She saw the teardrop in his bright blue eye, Beheld the quiver in his baby

While I manfully he strove check the sigh,

As though it might her loving kiss efface. She must not know,-he thought -that he was sad.

Although his cheek felt strangely white and cold: For he must try to- be a manly

He had forgotten, -he was six years old

down the lane,

litteform: led joy and pain,

Lest from her arms he might be torn. And so she dashed away falling tears,

And tried in vain her cheek to cool,

cares and fears Began for him

-Amelia Fisher

"Tomorrow, Mr. Regan," said the purser of the Allondia to the middle-aged passenger lounging in the steamer chair, "your be- your gold can bring you. For loved Ireland will be in sight, and if no submarine meets us we

Shall land in the morning." "True for you, sir," said th passenger, a glad light coming in to his clear blue eyes, "and after thirty years away from the dear old land, 'tis meself that will be

glad to see it again. Thirty years is a long time t be absent, Mr. Regan, and no doubt you will find that things have changed considerably since you left."

"Ab, there you spoke the truth, sir, and I would give all the gold that the Klondike gave me, to have things as they were before I left the old sod.

"So you have been in the Klondike, Mr. Regan?"

"The Klondike, is it? Faith ves, and in almost every other spot that Uncle Sammy owns from Maine to Florida, and from New York to San Francisco.'

"Your life must have been full of interest. No doubt you could relate many adventures did you care to tell them.

"Well, not so many, sir. As I said before I am going back to the cross-crowned spires of the old land after an absence of Queenstown Cathedral, the first thirty years. I was born in Ballina, County Mayo, and was exile's eyes, were distinguished the sixth of a family of seven in the distance, a tear glistened Children. Patrick and Michael the two eldest, died of the fever the year the potato crop failed and Mary and Kate married and moved away from Ballina. Peter went off to America and was never heard of after. Then when I was a lad of twelve the father fell sick of the fever and died, and the old mother was left children, meself and Shaun, a from school. He was up bright boy who used to spend hours over his book, but I was a har- him seated in the smoking comumscarum chap, wild as a young colt, and continually getting into scraps and adding more weight to the old mother's lot of trouble. Shamus, Shamus, she often said to me, 'if you keep on you'll break your poor old mother's heart.' But neither her reproaches nor her tears had much effec on me, and to crown it all, when I was fifteen, I ran away and

came to America." "And I suppose like all li who do such things you dreamed of returning in wealth to keep the old mother in luxury for the

rest of her days. MINARDS LINIMENT CURES

COLDS., ETC

# Aching Joints

inflamed and swellen by rhoumatismthat acid condition of the bleed which affects the muscles also.

years after I came across I was told by a former neighbor who had just landed in America, that the old mother was dead, and that people in Ballina said I had broken her heart. After that cared little what happened, and I became a wanderer, drifting from

place to place. Sometimes was on the top of the heap but more often I was on the bottom. But in all my ups and downs two things remained with me, desire to go back to Ireland to die and a spark of love for the old faith. And no matter how low I might be, a plea in the name of the old land or the old faith always earned half of what

I had. So the years rolled on, And as she watched him wander and the best part of my life was cone, and I was still a wanderer. Tears dimmed the disappearing When gold was found in Alaska I drifted into Sitka with the first Strange mother-tears, comming- rush of gold-hunters. I pros pected in vain for years and years. At last fortune favored me out. I made a strike. The boat took me back to the States with twenty thousand dollars in flushing gold. I took the first train for

the East, ond one of the earliest boats from New York, and here I am bound for dear old Ireland. today-his And, please God, Patrick's Day ill find me at rest in Ballina If I could preach to young men from now till me dyin' day I'd Return of The Prodigal talk of nothin' but honor the gray hairs of father and mother I learned me lessons too late."

"Well Mr. Regan, you have had a hard life and I think that you deserve all the rest that my part I wish you all joy and

"Thank you kindly for that: But it's not much that I'll be wanting, only to find someone who remembers the old times. and to see again the hills and dales of Mayo."

Well, Mr. Regan, as you yourself have said, St. Patrick's Day will probably find you at Ballina. But see the moon has risen, and I must be going. As I shall be very busy tomorrow we shall hardly meet again, so

"Goodbye, Mr. Thompson; if ever you come to Ballina, you'll

Shamus Regan is alive." THE VESSEL DOCKS

When the Emerald Isle came n sight next day there was one passenger of the Allondia whose eves never wandered from the fast approaching shore. Others were looking anxiously at the waves for some threatening signs, but this man never turned his glance from the land. When sign that greets the returning on this passenger's cheek as he doffed his hat and murmured: "Thank God for bringing me back to dear old Ireland." And when the Ailondia docked, Shamus Regan was the first to

run down the gang plank to the All that day Regan rambled through the streets and shops of Queenstown like a lad let loose Shaun was a quiet and early next morning, however, and the rising sun found partment of a train bound for

> As the train sped through town and country and each hour brought him nearer to his old home, Regan's heart became lighter, and he chattered gaily guards and passengers

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## The train arrived at Cathnamon, parts of the body, are joints that are 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and

about ten miles from Ballina, at as the road did not pass through Ballina, it became necessary for Regan to procure some other

but have been completely cared by Hoodis town who would be willin' to Sarsaparilla, for which I am deeply grate drive me to Ballina tonight?"

"I had an attack of the grit which left me said he to the landlord of the weak and helpless and gritering from sheutmatism. I began taking Hood's Sarsapa, tavern, rilla and this medicine has entirely cures in the landlord of the medicine has entirely cures in the landlord of the landlor

that worthy for ivry convey Hood's Sarsaparilla ance in the town was taken by the boys who went to Castlebar this afternoon to line in the Patrick Day parade."

> "But man tomorrow Patrick's Day, and I want to be Balina tomorrow if I have to walk to get there."

> "Bedad, sor, it's walk y'll have to, unless ye ride in Maloney's ould cart, which same is the only thing on wheels in the town." "Where does this Maloney ive? Has he a herse?" inquired

"Ye'll find his house down eyant the mill, and he owns rature ye might call a horse he don't care what ye say." Do you think he would drive ne to Ballina if I paid him well

"Whether he'll get ye Ballina with that bag o' benes w his, bedad I can't say, but if ye pay him enough he'll surely

Regan soon found Maloney and succeeded in obtaing his consent to drive him to Ballina. Malonev's conveyance proved to be even worst than the landlord had pictured it, The cart was Irish peasants, but it was so old object and he knew no more. and rickety that Regan looked at it dubiously before climbing to his seat, The horse was a decrepit, spavined creature, that looked as though any breath would be his last. He proved to have some strength left, however, for when the driver cracked his

whip he set off at a good clip. "Your horse is a better nag han his looks would show," said Regan to the driver, an old man of about sixty-five years. "It is just seven o'clock now, at what sime do you think you can get me to Ballina?"

"Well, sor," said the driver, "If the cart holds out we ought to be there before half past nine. I don't mistrust Daniel, but I have ne fears av the cart."

The cart jolted and bumped over the rough road and Regan clung to the seat and tried to distinguish familiar landmarks along the road. But since there was no moon this was impossible. And as the motion of the now I bid you goodbye and good cart was not conducive to conversation the journey was pursued in silence. When they were within two miles of Ballins find a real old Irish welcome if the driver's fears proved to be well founded, For as they crossed an unusually rocky stretch of road something cracked, and Regan found himself on the side of the road, whilst Maloney was trying to calm Daniel, who was beating a tattoo with his heels on the front

of the cart. "Shure your Honor'll ride no further tonight for it's the axle that's broke and it can't be mended at all. at all." said Maloney with a rueful look at te remains of his vehicle.

"And how am I to get Ballina ?" asked Regan.

"Faith, sor, 'tis sorry I am bu re'll have to walk the rest av the way. But shure your honor it's only two miles and ye'll be here afore tin o'clock."

"Well, I suppose I'll have to make the best of a bad bargain. Here's a guinea for you. Maloney and the next time you go driv ng with travellors make sure of our axle."

"That I will, sor, thank ye andly for the money.' "Well good-night, Maloney, I

"Good-night and good luck to our honor, kape straight ahead. ve can't miss the road."

AT BALLINA

So saying Maloney turned again to the impatient Daniel, and Regap set out in the direction of Ballina. After a walk of little more than a half hour, oad and beheld before him at his beloved Ballina. He stood ly at the twinkling lights below

"Ah," mused he, "the old town

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eft it. Sure there's hardly a light that I don't know. Yonder is the light from The Harp and Shamreck,' Mike Brady's tavern, and next to that is Paddy Kelly's old house. I wonder where all the Kelly boys are now? And nere is Owen McCabe's place. And sure that light at the foot of the hill comen from the church. There ought to be a path near here. Sure enough, here it is-I'll just take a short cut and look at the church afore I go to the tavern, for the church thank God, is the one place that is

never closed in Ireland." And musing on these and a hundred other thoughts he started down the hill. He had gone but a few places, however, when the earth seemed to open under him. He felt himself falling falling, and uttored a cry of fear one such as is ordinarily used by Then his head struck some sharp

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