

CHROMATIC SCALE. BY ROBERT B. MAY, Author of "Bell's Place," "Thorpe Castle," etc., etc.

My name is Virgil Black. I am traveller for a great dyeing firm, and my business is to collect from customers the various goods, which, either by change of style or undue exposure, have become faded and shopworn and stand in need of that treatment which shall turn the old into the new. Thus I gather experience with old clothes, and the routine of my life is, more or less, a parody—the right and the wrong side, the dull and the bright, and the seamy side, and that other side—well pressed and smoothed—ready to be measured out and held in graceful folds for all the world to gaze at.

Gentle, by name Julius, being trustee to the estate. Miss Tabitha, or 'Tab,' as she requested to be called, was certainly not 'sixty if a day,' but about fifty years of age, and well preserved. An active little woman, small pointed features, a tinge of rough red on each high cheek, as if with constant rubbing, and something of the same effect on the tip of the nose. Her hair was jet black, of good quality I should say, with a bunch of corkscrew ringlets on each temple, kept in place by a band of black velvet across the forehead, as though a coronet had been suddenly snatched off and left the lining in its place. Her voice was thin and drawing, with a curious downward snuffle at the end of each sentence.

colors were removed and instantly replaced by the same in glass. Powerful lights were then put in the body of the instrument. After much pulling and hauling we got it nicely fixed, and Flumer sat down and ran over the chromatic scale. The effect was very curious. Well, thought I, Saturday night would surely be a success.

WHAT IRELAND NEEDS. A Heroic National Song Would Help to Unite the Irish People.

A man of Irish blood and American birth, who has lived all his life in New York, entertained some members of his singing club with a notion about the needs of Ireland "I believe," he said, "that one reason why the land of my sires has been downhearted for ages, is that she is one of the few countries in the world which has not a heroic national song fitted to stir the souls of all her children and unite them all in a common pride. The English have 'Rule Britannia,' the French have the 'Marseillaise,' the Scotch have 'Scots Wha Hae,' the Germans have the 'Watch on the Rhine,' the Americans have the 'Star Spangled Banner,' the Italians have 'Garibaldi's Hymn,' the Russians have 'Life to the Czar,' and I could go on telling of other countries by the score, each of which has its own heroic national song. Poor old Ireland has not a song of the kind that is sung from Bantry Bay to Lough Foyle, from Ballbrigan to Killee, by Catholic and Orangeman, in the peasant's cabin and the lordly palace, by men and women. The best Irish songs are full of crooning, or wailing, or humor, or sentimentalism, and of everything else excepting the glory of heroism and triumph and power and jubilation. I know of several Irish songs that are full of nerve and mettle, but there is not one of them that has entered the spirit of the whole Irish people, or that has bound them together for Ireland. I tell you that there is reason in the opinion which I hold.

see his opportunity for writing a song that would strike the Irish soul as the 'Marseillaise' strikes the soul of France." — Boston Herald.

humanity from the rest of creation must have had some source external to the physical causes working to the perfection of the organic structure, would seem to necessitate the abandonment of the whole theory of the Descent of Man, so closely identified in popular estimation with the energetic advocacy of the philosopher himself. Professor Huxley, however, remained stationary at this stage of partial recantation and never published the views thus formulated to their logical results. There could not be stronger proof of the obscuration of the reasoning faculties induced by a long course of scientific partisanship than such a refusal of the mind to follow a clue of which it has already grasped the initial section. It would have been a triumph of grace if Mr. Huxley had so far overcome the pride of intellect and the dread of what the world would say, as to recognize and accept the revelation made by God to man through Jesus Christ. But, so far as is known, he died as he had lived. Poor man, poor man! — N.Y. Catholic Review.

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