ed. One subject only was discussed ing the inhabitants, from Mr. Denni among the inhabitants, from Mr. Dennis O'Counor, the miller and general store-heeper, down to old Barty Magee, who hroke stones on the road. Old Mrs. Betsy McBride had been found murdered in the little cottage in which she had lived for more years than almost anyone could re-

made a tidy living from working a small stone-quarry up on the mountain side. He had built himself the cottage in which the his death he had left it to his widow, with gh savings invested in Great Southern and Western Rulway stock to bring her

Old Mrs. McBride was a strange old Donohoe, the nephew, was the man, and hady—she "teared nobody nor nothin," as the villagers said—and lived alone in her that poor young man. cottage without companionship or protection of any kind; nor, indeed, in that quiet, secluded spot would enyone have imagined that any danger of a deed such as this could

was robbery. The poor old lady was, in fact, a miser. Although her income was

unate nephew, who came to see her at long tervals, and although she was known to elp him a little, it was generally accom-anied with a large helping of her tongue, hich was none of the softest, so his visite were like angels are reputed to be, "few and tar between" and he had not been If he had chanced to have called recently icion would at once have pointed to a Donohoe; even as it was, his name was the only one mentioned in the surmise that were made by the villagers, but all

Mrs. McBride had always retired to res wery early, to avoide the expense of a lamp or candles, and it was evident she had gone to bed as usual, as her body was found stretched on the floor by her bedside with a piece of cord tied tightly round her neck, which means she had been strangled to death. The cottage was in great confusion: everything was turned topsy-turvy, the draws were open and their contents scattered on the floor, and a cupboard, which had been locked, had been broken open, apparently with the kitchen poker, which

lay on the ground at the spot.

The news was carried to Ballygracken, where the small-barracks of a district were situate, in quick time, and the sergeant in charge and a couple of constables were

Sergeant McQuade was a quiet, shrewdooking man, who had been in the Royal Irish Constabulary for a good many years. but who had failed to rise above his present position, owing partly to his unobtrustive ways and partly to want of interest. He, however, was a good officer, and thought perhaps he would, in this case, be able to distinguish himself. He was a stream of a man, was McQuade, and had, from the first, read the "Adadade, from the first, r ventures of Sherlock Holmes," and though a good many of his brother ofthough a good many of his brother officers had jet red at them as being visionary facers had jet red at the had been frequently as a facer had been facers had been facers had been facers had been facer had that there was great reason in Holmes's methods, and that, as a detective, he was a standing lesson to the police. He had never had an opportunity of applying his ideas to any extent, but he hoped now the time had come, and, as the secund will show.

Readis Flancean many and McQuade, "now, say nothing to a soul, whatever you do. Old Brodie may be all right, and it would never do to whisper anything against him if he side of the crossedhandle, where the knot or string of a bundle would rub the stick in carrying it.

"I set myself to work to find a left-handed map, rather heavy about 54 for the string of a bundle would rub the stick in carrying it.

belonged to the assassin, and been kicked but was looked upon as an honest old chap—at all events, he had never run across the police in any way.

McQuade started off to Bagarstowr, and made all the inquiry he could without exciting suspicion. As a result, he found that "Old Brodie" (as he was generally straight handle—an f—shaped handle. belonged to the assassin, and been kicked an inch in diameter at its thickest part up by the handle, which was an ordinary straight handle—an f—shaped handle. The stick was very dirty, and had evidently been used for a long time by its owner, but

"Well, sergeant," sa you found any clue?"

you found any clue?"

"No," says McQuade, there's nothing but this stick; but I'm thinking perhaps that may lead to the villian being trapped."

"How?" says Flaruey. "Who does it belong to? Do you know whose it is? Does anybody recognize it?" Halt-a-dozen questions in a breath.

"No," says McQuade, quietly, "nobody knows anything about the stick at all."

within a stone's throw, and who's to identify it, I'd like to know?"

McQuade said nothing, but smiled slightly, and kept possession of the stick.
Flarney then rushed round and got what he called "the facts." He bothered the whole village from top to bottom, and cross-questioned and bullied everybody, and in the end was no wiser than when he came. However, he considered it neces-sary to have a "theory," so he announced to McQuade that his theory was that Tom

The coroner's inquest was held on the Monday following, and a verdict of "Wilful murder against some person or persons unknown" was returned. That over, the unknown was returned. That over, the chase after the culprit began in earnest.
Flarney, from Texlow, turned all his energies on Tom Donohoe.
McQuade, from Ballygracken, went an-

other way to work. He made inquiries of small, she lived on a scale very much smaller, and it bad always been a matter of faith with the Kildigginites that she had a large sum of money hidden away in some secret place in the cottage, known only to herselt.

The selection of the cottage is a selection of the company Mr. O'Conner, the store-keeper, and had a quiet chat with him. Now, O'Connor's op was the only store within a couple of leagues, and everyone, great and small, came to it, so he had the best of opportunities of observing any peculiarities in the inhabitants for miles round. "Now, Mr. O'Connor," said McQuade,

"I want to speak to you in strict secrecy, word to anyone.

O'Connor rather liked McQuade, as he knew how shabbily he had been treated over the Texlow inspectorship, and he

readily promised.
"Well, then," says McQuade, "you have special chances of knowing everyone here-abouts—far more than I have. Now do ed, rather a heavy man, about 5ft. 7in. high, and who is in the habit of carrying any bundle he may have over his shoulder or a stick?"

O'Connor thought for some time. Then he said: "The only left-handed customer I can think of is Mrs. Murty, but she don't carry a stick."

"No, no, man!" says McQuade. "A

nan it must be; it's no womar." Then after another pause O'Connor brightened up and said, in a whisper "Sure there's is old Brodie Flanagan at the old mill at Bagarstown. He's lefthanded, and he has many a time tied his groceries, here in his handkerchief, and his back on a stick. But, goodness, sergeant! you don't think he'd do

that ?"
"Now, hold yournoise," says McQuade.
"Don't say a word. When did you see

"He was here on Saturday evening, about "He was here on Saturday evening, about three o'clock." (It's "evening" in Ireland after twelve; there's no "afternoon.")

cluded the man was read ed on it to some extent.

"Lastly, from a smooth space on the

man in the district who answered the method pointing to any clue to the murder, until, looking under the bed, he saw a walking-stick, which he guessed might have such-like, and made a precarious livelihood, but was looked upon as an honest old but was looked upon as an but was looked upon as an honest old

"About half att r seven, I think, Mr. cQuade," said she. "He's gone to Dun-

"By the way," said McQuade, "have you an old stick you could lend me? I've sprained my foot a bit, I think, and it would help me along."

"Faith, now," rephed Bridget, "that I haven't; for father had two sticks, but he lost one the last week and he's taken the other instead, so there's none left."

"Thanks; never mind," said McQuade, and he ho'bled off as if in a little pain.
"I'll get along all right."

"I've got the man," he said to himself, as he got into his trap, which he had left at the end of the Mill Lane; and sure enough he had. He drove back to Ballygracken, awore an information before the gracken, swore an information before the nearest magistrate, got a warrant, and drove back, with a constable, to Bagars-

They arrested old Brodie Flanagan just as he was returning home, and he was so flabbergasted that he didn't even deny the crime, but told McQuade at once where dashergasted that he didn't even deny the crime, but told McQuade at once where the money he had stolen from Mrs. McBride was hid in the old mill. He said he was tempted to rob the old woman by seeing her counting a lot of sovereigns one day when he called at her cottege on his rounds; that he never meant hurting her.

Adaptive:

Adaptive: but she called him by name when he had broken in on the Friday night—although he had disguised himself—and he had such a fear of punishment that he tell on her and killed her.]

All this time Inspector Flarney had been dogging poor Tom Donohoe. He had been to Dublin, where he traced him as having got work at Cork. Then he rushed off to Cork, only to find Tom had gone to Belfast.

Cork, only to find Tom had gone to Bel-fast, and when Flarney found him at Bel-tast, Tom proved conclusively that he had not been out of that place for a month, so not been out of that piace for a monna, so Flarney had reluctantly to admit that he could not have been the murderer, and hel left Tom at liberty. He was "moighty woild" as one of his sergeants said, when he got back to Texlow. He was more 'moighty woild" still when he heard that McQuade, the despised sergeant, had tracked the right man and arrested

The fate of Brodie Flanagan is no concern of this Larrative. Suffice it to say he was found guilty.

Sergeant McQuade was complimented

The Sergeant McQuade was complimented from the Bench and sreedily got promotion. Inspector Flarney sadly wanted McQuade to tell him how he got the clue to Brodie Flanagan's guilt, but McQuade resisted all inquiries until the trial, when it was explained.

"I have made it a practice to study the smallest details, and when I found the stick which had been left in the murdered woman's cottage, I very carefully examined it. I noticed that the stick, which was of oak, was dirty and nearly black up its whole length, except at the top, where the constant rubbing of the hand and ingers had worn it smooth and kept it cleaner. I also noticed that the marks of the fingers showed slightly lower down the stem of the stick on the left-hand side than on the right. This showed me that the man who had used the stick was left-handed. You will see directly if you take hold of a cross-handled directly it you take hold of a cross-handled stick that the index finger of the right hand works down the right side of it, and in the case of a left-handed man the correspond-ing mark would be on the left-hand side of

the stick. "I carefully measured the stick, and calculated that the man would be about 5ft. 7in. high. The stick was somewhat bent out of the straight, and I, therefore, con-

back of the stick, about half-way down,

time had come, and, as the sequel will show, be was right.

Brodie Flanagan was a man about fifty-seven years of age, and lived with his only daughter at a "shanty" adjoining an old disused flax mill at Bagarstown, about seven miles (English) from Kildiggin. He

On Good Authority. been used for a long time by its owner, but who that orner as nobody knew. No one recognised the rick or could give the singhtest suggestion as to whom it might have belonged. One thing only was certain: Mrs. McRide never used a stick, and the inference was that it belonged to the murders.

Sergeant McQuade was engaged on a secratific study of this slick—so deeply engaged that he appeared lost to all else around him—when Inspector Flavrey, from Texlow, the county town, arrived. He was a big, blustering, know-all sort that was a big, blustering in the county town, arrived. He was a big, blustering, know-all sort that was a big, blustering know-all sort that was a big bluster, concluded with these words a scenario and the was a big bluster, concluded with these words a bluster, concluded with these was a big bluster was a big bluster was a bi

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there.'
'What!'
Yes, really. You know the back
only had an invitation apiece to send
and I've received one from each.'

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Digby, Jan. 2, to the wife of Captain Fred Robin son, a so

MARRIED.

Port Morien, C. B., Jan. 7, John Wadden to Ann Halifax, Jan. 4, by Rev. David Neich, John Hogan to Florence Mary Gossip.

Mt. Hanley, Jan. 8, by Rev. E. E. Locke, Albert Balsor to Lydia Slocumb. St. John, Jan. 10, by Rev. C. H. Paisley, George F. Evans to Etizabeth Wells. Halilax, Jan. 4, by Rev. A. Hockin, William Le-Cain to Durothy Yeoman. Halilax, Jan. 4, by Rev. A. Hockin, William Le-Cain to Dorothy Yeoman.

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Southesk, Jan. 1, by Rev. W. J. Blakuey, Arthur J.
Russell to Blanche Tozer.
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Kars, N. B., Jan. 9, by Rev. J. D. Wetmore, Harry
A. Sprague to Janie Reicker.

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DIED.

St. John, Jan. 9, James Callan.
Chatham, Jan. 1, John Eason, 88.
Parraboro, Jan. 6, Mrs. Ira Dyas.
Caverbill, Jan. 1, John Olive, 88.
Pennadd, Jan. 1, Sense, Poole, 76.
st. John, Jan. 9, Botert Kyle, 89.
Halifax, Jan. 10, John Jodrey, 84.
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Halifax, Jan. 7, Diane Hale, 87.
Halifax, Jan. 13, Tode Phense Hale, 87.
Halifax, Jan. 13, Tode W. Baker, 80.
Weymouth, Jan. 13, Tode W. Baker, 80.
Weymouth, Jan. 11, 'acob Wyman, 87.
Riverton, Dec. 80, Thilay Cameron, 88.
R. John, Jan. 8, Lina McEachern, 36,
Halifax, Jan. 19, Feder Farquharson, 71.
Dumbarton, Jan. 9, Stinson Ferkins, 83.
Tuit's Cove, Jan. 10, Robert A. Gay, 82.
Wollville, Jan. 13, Angus Murray, 46.
St. Stephen, Jan. 2, John Leopard, 87.
New clasgow, Jan. 1, Donald Graut, 78.
Gagetowa, Jan. 12, Matthew McJunkin.
Salem, N. 8., Jan 8, Edward Palmer, 78.
South Brookheld, Jan. 1, John Hardy, 60.
Louisburg, Jan. 1, Susan Townsend, 51.
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Salem, N. 8., Jan. 8, Linkond W. Ferris, 84.
Halibut Bay, Jan. 13, Thomas Johnson, 71.
Trederickon, Jan. 1, Gutten W. Brickher, 81.
Keicher, 93.
Keinsond, G. B. Jan. 13, Thomas Johnson, 71.

Falt River, N. S., Jan. 12, Jessie, wife of John Lindsay, 64.

John Milligan, 63.

Johnston, Jan. 6, of heart failure, Mary, wife of Islaw Worder, 54.

Halfar, Jan. 14, Thomas, son of Emily and William R. McLeod, 6.

Lock Lomond Road, Jar. 12, Ellen, widow of the late Myles Morris, 74.

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