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THE BALLAD EINGER.

A STORY OF TROUBLED TIMES IN IRELAND. By Denis A. McCarthy.

By Denis A. McCarthy. It was a Fair Day in Carrick—a Fair Day indeed, in spite of the fact that it was foul enough as far as the weather was concerned. From early morning, in the drenching rain the streets con-tiguous to the Fair green had resounded to the trampling of hoofs, the lowing of cattle, the squealing of pigs, the hysterical squawking of hens, and the voices of men and women calling, shout-ing, laughing, talking, scolding, buying ing, laughing, talking, scotling, buying and selling—for the monthly fair was a big event in Carrick, and the little town was flooded with country visitors

town was flooded with country visitors on such a day. Besides those who had legitimate business in Carrick on a Fair Day there also gathered a horde of hangers-on-blind fiddlers, hoary old pipers, a street acrobat, a dancer or two, trick-o-the-loop mer, "scoobeen" men, a tribe of tinkers, perhaps, and always and ever one or more ballad singers. On this day there was a ballad singer in Carrick who was attracting more in Carrick who was a tracting more than usual attention. He differed in no way, so far as his ragged garb was concerned, from the rest of his tribe, bat his voice, instead of being raucous was pleasing, and now and again he rolled forth scme gallant old song far above in quality the "mournful lamen-tations" which were his usual stock in trade. When he wasn't singing he kept up a continual flow of conversation and comment, and when he went around with the hat or to sell his ballads, printed on long strips of paper, his re-marks delighted the fun-loving audience of idlers who stood around him.

of idlers who stood around him. "Now, then, ladies and gintlemen, min and women, boys and gerls, gos-soons and colleens," he was saying, " if ye'll just gimme a little more incouragemint in the way of ha'-pence I'll sing ye another good ould come-all-I'll sing ye another good ould come-all-ye. Or maybe 'tis a lively song ye'll be axin'? Which'll ye have? Arrah, man dear, I'm tired o' singin' 'Willie Reilly.' Give us a rest wid it. Here's the 'Mournful Lamentation o' Murty Medden' mbri de good of the start Madden'-what do ye say to that? A Madden'-what do ye say to that? A fine hearty song, gintlemen-to sing at a wake. Well, never mind, never mind. Whisht, now, an' I'll give ye a lilt that none o' ye axed for. Here it is-" and he broke into that stirring song, "Who Fears to Speak of Ninety-Eight." Now, such a song at any time from the lips of a ballad singer would attract as andience in Leland, but more par-

an audience in Leland, but more paran audience in Ireland, but more par-ticularly at the time of which we write for it was a period when revolutionary forces were at work under the surface of the body politic. A huge secret conspiracy against British rule had spread itself among the young men all over the country, and many a patriotic even locked forward to an outbreak soul looked forward to an outbreak soon and sudden. And so as verse after verse of this rebellious lyric rolled from the ballad singer's lips, men who ordinarily would not waste their time upon such a wandering minstrel, gath-

ered to hear him. named John Fennelly, who, unknown to the world at large, was the head of the local branch of that organization mentioned above. Almost as soon as he joined the crowd surrounding the hallad singer, the eyes of the latter rested upon him with a searching glance, and then to the young farmer's astonishment he saw the ballad singer, even in the midst of his singing, make a sign which proclaimed him one of the Brotherhood. Before he had re-covered from his surprise the song was ended and the ballad singer was again circulating among the crowd selling his ballads

his ballads. "Come now, boys," he said, "buy a couple o' ballads from a poor man. "Tis mortial hard on the throath to be bawlin' this way, even on a day like this. In spite o' the wet 'tis myself is into the train. Then the train started, and Fennelly felt himself, for the time this. In spite o' the wet 'tis myself is mighty dhry. Wet outside an' dhry widin', begor. Come now, boys an' girls. Buy a hallad, at laste, ii ye won't give me anything for singin' it. Here's 'Erin's Gallant Sons an' Daugh-thers goin' off to Amerikay'—that's a grand hallad. I'm sellin' them at a penny apiece. I'll make it a ha'-penny begor, the weather is so bad. Thank yeu, sir. Thank yoh, ma'am. That's the darlin' gerl. Sure Carrick is a the darlin' gerl. Sure Carrick is a great town afther all !" great town afther all !" Thus he went on as he pushed his way to and fro among the crowd. Com-ing to where Fennelly stood he looked at him significantly and thrust a ballad voice "Who Fears to Speak of Ninety-Bight?" there were thunders of ap-Bight?" there were thunders of apat him significantly and thrust a ballad into his hand, then began immediately to sing the "Mournful Lamentation of plause. Something in the voice touched a chord of memory in the breast of Fennelly. The voice seemed strangely familiar. But when the singer said, in Murty Madden," the first two lines of which as with all other such lamentanaminar. But when the singer said, in answer to an encore. "Boys, I'll now give ye a good old come-all-ye. "The Mournful Lamentation of Murty Mad-den'—when he said that, and began tions were : "Come all ye faithful Christians I hope ye will dhraw near." Immediately the crowd surrounded him again.

had been thrust upon him. On one side was a "Lamentation," sure

enough, but the other side contained a message written in pencil, much

to be a possible leader in the Irish army

of freedom. Now he saw himself only a hunted man. Yet he by no means fell into a panic. First he must go home

and destroy those documents pertain-ing to the Brotherhood. The seizure

of those by the police would involve a hundred others in ruin-it might mean

the ultimate overthrow of the cause

even those which were in cipher. Then he explained matters to his mother, a widow, bade her an affecting though hurried farewell, secured a good sum of money against all possible contingen-cies, and then mounting his horse again rode back to Carriek, to follow out the directions given him by the ballad

directions given him by the ballad singer. His mind was in a whirl at the way events had shaped themselves within the past few hours, and yet he could not help wondering as to what manner of man this ballad singer might be who scored to know him and set where of man this band singler might be who seemed to know him, and yet whose face Fennelly could by no means recollect. How came this poor beggar-man to be a member of the Brother-hood? And how came he to be entrusted with such secrets? These were the questions which arose in Fennelly'

mind as he rode along. As he drew near the town he passed many carts rattling home from the fair, and once he drew aside to let a side-car pass which was approaching at a rapid rate. It was night now, but the sky had cleared, and thin curve of a new moon was gleaming in the West. Not much light it afforded, but as the side Not car passed it glinted on a rifle barrel, and that was enough to inform Fennelly that a half-dozen policemen were bound in the direction of his farm. He was convinced they were after him, and he rejoiced that he had had time to destroy the evidence which might have told so sorely against other members of the Brotherhood.

Brotherhood. He entered the town cautiously, dis-mounted at a public house in a little-frequented street, and telling the bar-maid to have the horse looked after for the night, he made his way through the the night, he made his way through the dimly-lighted streets to the railway station, which lay somewhat remote from the business part of the town. Here he found a large crowd of people

waiting for the train. Not caring much for company in his present state of mind, Fennelly walked to a distant part of the platform where there was little or no light, and waited. The train was almost due when Fen-The train was almost due when ren-nelly's eyes discerned two policemen elbowing their way through the crowd. They seemed to look closely at every-body, and Fennelly divined that news of his fight from home had reached the barrack, and that these two constables were at the station to apprehend him. Fennely did not recognize either of the policemen. They were strangers to him though he knew by sight a num-her of the Carriel policemen. He ber of the Carrick policemen. He hoped therefore that they being un-familiar to him, he would be unfamiliar to them, but he reflected that they would without doubt have an accurate description of his personal appearance. In order to get on the train it would be necessary for him to walk down the platform in the glare of light from the lamps and the station windows. Each moment the time of trial was drawing nearer. He heard the whistle of th train far away up the line. If he could only lose himself in the crowd! Yes, he must do it—he must walk boldly into the light and trust to good fortune. He pulled himself together, and as the train almost reached the station he walked coolly toward the two policemen. The eyes of both were on him, and they had almost, as it seemed, recognized him, when suddenly, right beside them, two, three—a half-dozen men fell to pummelling and pounding each other in the most savage and be-

wildering manner, yelling and shouting and roaring at the top of their lungs. In one solid knot of humanity they plunged against the two policemen, bearing them almost completely off their feet and whirling them entirely away from Fennelly. In the hubbub away from Fennelly. In the hubbub and confusion the train had come in. Fennelly heard a voice he seemed to recognize saying, "In with you," and he felt himself half lifted, half pushed

being at least, safe. The identity of the man who had be-friended him in his sore need puzzled

THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

ONE OF THE LITTLE VICES. THE DISCORD AND UNHAPPINESS THAT SPRING FROM IRRITABILITY. Rev. A. B. O'Neill, C. S. C., in the New Freeman.

Much of the discontent, worry and unhappiness of a good many people arises from causes which, upon examination, appear ludicrously disproportioned to their undoubted effects. In the to their undoubted effects. In the moral world, as in the physical, dis-regarded trifles often lead to moment-ous consequences. The lighted match, carelessly thrown aside, yet setting fire to a whole city block, finds its counterpart in the bitter word, hastily reaches but not unfrequently causing a spoken, but not unfrequently causing a storm of sinful passions to rage with fury throughout a whole social circle. Occasional serious reflection upon the real importance of what we are ac-customed to regard as "little" things would probably result in our contribut-ing sements more generally than the

ing somewhat more generously than we do at present to our neighbors' happi-ness, and incidentally to our own. What a marvellous transformation, for instance, would be effected in the average household if all its members should set themselves resolutely to the practice of what St. Francis de Sales calls the "little virtues!" He enum-erates them thus: "Humility, patience, meekness, benignity, bearing one another's burden, condescension, solt-pass of heart, absorbuless, condisity

another's burden, condescension, solar ness of heart, cheerfulness, cordiality, compassion, forgiving injuries, simplic-ity and candor." If we ourselves, and all those with whom we come into daily contact habitually practiced these vir tues or the half of them ile would assur-tues on the half of them ile would assuredly be much more pleasant than our actual experience warrants our pro-

nouncing it to be. Unfortunately, it is to the little vices, rather than the little virtues, that nost of us are addicted ; and the qualimost of us are addicted; and the qual-ties directly opposed to those men-tioned in the foregoing series of St. Francis come far more natural to us than do the sweet dispositions which he so highly commends. To instance one such little vice, not at all uncommon among people whose lives are absolutely free from any notable irregu-larities and in whom indeed great virtues are normally conspicuous-what a tues are normally conspictous—what a miserable growth of disquiet and un-easiness and worry and downright un-happiness springs from irritability! Is there any other slight defect of char-otes which is the ordinary south of acter which, in the ordinary routine of everyday life, is quite so destructive of peaceful joy and cordial kindliness? Is there any other minor fault which is quite so successful in aggravating one's own discontent and disturbing the serenity of others?

The presence of this unlovely fault obviates any necessity of defining in what it consists. The child who finds his father or big brother "as cross as a bear:" the schoolboy who, from long observation of his teacher, has

"learned to trace The day's disasters in his morning face;"

the servant girl who confides to the milkman that her master "must have got out of bed on the wrong side this morning," or that her mistress is "in one of her tantrums to-day;" the clerk who comes out of his employer's private office with news that "the old man had like to have snapped my head off;" the subordinate official who, in an interview with his superior, meets with sharp inquiries and testy answers that irresistibly suggest "quills upon the fretful percupine;" the friend or ac-quaintance whose kindly salutation is quaintance whose kindly salutation is acknowledged by merely a surly nod or the briefest icy word-all understand perfectly what is meant by an irritable person, and all have reason to resent his lack of an equable temperament.

The use of several of the adjectives in the paragraph just concluded sug-gests a reason for believing that irritgests a reason for believing that first-ability is especially prevalent among English-speaking peoples. Some phil-ologist, writing of the morality in words-we forget just now whether it is French or Alford, Moore or Marsh, Muller or Mathews—says that a vivid idea of the slight account which Italians take of human life may be gained from the fact that their language con "Two thousand children," when one tains twenty-five or thirty distinct terms, all meaning "to deprive of life," in one or another of more than a score writes the words, do not seem to be very many, but when 2,000 children are packed in one big room, their presof different ways. Applying the same tests to our own language, we should be inclined to form rather unfavorable are packed in one of proof, then presence is a trifle overwhelming. It is a tremendous task to keep 2,000 pairs of langs from yelling, 4,000 little hands from clapping and 4,000 heavily shod feet from stamping. But Father opinions of those whose variations of ill temper necessitate the use of irritable, petulant, fretful, peevish queru-lous, waspish, cross, captious, testy, snappish, crusty, snarling, pettish, churlish, crabted, surly, uncivil, ill-natured, bitter, sharp, irascible, touchy, chcleric, hot, fiery, peppery, calencie a commonan and not a few feet from stamping. But Father Vaughan and Miss Mary Anderson, who undertook the task, succeeded very well. Father Vaughan quelled them with his whistle and a bugle, while Miss Mary Anderson achieved the same resplenetic, acrimonious, and not a few other similar synonyms. sult by a smile and a little pleading gesture of the hands that hynotized The comparative frequency or infrequency of irritability among different nations is, however, purely an academic question; the practical point to which our attention needs to be directed is that all too often perhaps in our pergesture of the names that mynolized the vociferous multitude into silence. She sang to them some sweet and simple ditties. There was one all about " Cicely, Cicely, dear," that was so bewitching that it seemed as sonal experience some one of the epithets quoted above may justly be applied to ourselves. If this be the though the applause would never end. But then the mere sight of her was enough to capture every heart. No one could withstand that infinite kindapplied to ourselves. If this be the case, if either habitually or occasionally we are so lacking in self-control as to inflict our spleen and ill-humor on the members of our family, or on our in-faciant equals or supervise in the size ness of her smile, as she stood resting one white arm on the top of the plane against which she leant, one small satin slippered foot tapping the time of the feriors, equals or superiors in the circle "Who is this man, that has just sung?" asked Fennelly of the man who sat beside him. "Why don't you know him?" was the answer. "Why, that's Devine, who organized the last rising. Nobody knows his real name, but that's the server. He completely more than a superiors in the circle of our acquaintances, then we need to work forthwith a reformation in our mode of action. When we are domin-ated by irritability we are safe to give utterance to remarks which, in them-selves, or in the manner of our making the same the manner of our making The impression one got was not that of a great artiste, but of a pretty young mother singing from the fullness of a happy heart to a large family gatherselves, or in the manner of our making them, are rude and uncivil; and it is ing. M. de Navarro sang, too, in duet, with his beautiful wife. The song was in Italian, and therefore not very unwell to remember that, as Dr. Johnson derstandable, but as Father Vaughan had announced that it was all about " Macaroni," and as that word occurred very frequently, it was hailed with much shrill laughter. When the interval came Miss Mary Those who hold positions of authority and influence should be especially care-Anderson slipped her hands into the sticky mass of eatables stowed in deal ful in so disciplining their temper that any interior dissatisfaction which they may feel may be kept interior, and not boxes, and distributed buns and smiles. The fact should not be forgotten that the month of March is especially devoted to the Foster Father of Jesus heads of departments and clergymen Man knows only infinitesimally ; but bridle and in less time than it takes to tell was galloping swiftly through the gathering darkness home to Ballin-derry. Arrived there he lost no time in con-signing to the flames to the tell-tale papers connected with the conspiracy, he is capable of believing, hoping and loving infinitely; and he is most God-like and heroic, not when he under-stands but when he is uplifted and borne onward by a living, heavenseek-ing foith and how ing faith and love.

And there is really no good reason why any one should be characterized by this little vice of irritability, since "a man's being in a good or a bad humor depends very much upon his will."

REV. DS. DE COSTA N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

The very many devoted friends of Rev. Dr. De Costa, now a priest of the Catholic Church, will be sorry to hear he is very ill in Rome. He has only been recently ordained and had fondly hoped to be able to return to New York. He loves Rome, but was ordained for the archdiocese of New York, and his old friends would be glad to welcome him back if God willed it

Thirty years ago Dr. De Costa was in Rome for the first time, and had an audience with, and received the blessing of Pius IX. He had no idea at that

time of becoming a Catholic, but his fine mind and good heart even then re-cognised the beauties and glories of Catholic belief and practice, seen at their fullest around the throne of Christ's Vicar. His journey of those days differs from that of most visitors to the Eternal City. It does not describe any of the glorious monument God. Things of the inner life of the Church attracted him more. "The Church attracted him more. "The memories of more than two thousand years poured in upon the mind. The ages spoke to the heart." He notes and understands the will-ing obedience and humility of the Relig-to use and the parter treadow from dready and supply the vital force of mind and body.

ing obcarrence and numity of the Veng-ious and the perfect freedom from drossy things of earth thus insured for them. He sees the negro student at the Col-lege of the Propaganda as much at home there as the other sons of Adam.

He found the priceless libraries freely open to his inspection, and an Irish-man to act as his guide. He studied minutely the memorials and evidences of the life of St. Philip Neri, to whom can be traced directly the move-ment that led so many educated and thoughtful Episcepalians — Newman, Manning, Faber and a host of others—into the true fold. He found the Italians a gentle and courteous people (whereas he had read they were very much otherwise). He was very much impressed with the sweetness and majesty of the Pope, and he blushed to find Protestant missions close to the Vatican, bribing the poor with blankets and shoes to come to their meetings. The Mamertine Prison interested him greatly. He fol-lowed up all the evidences of the life and death of Sts. Peter and Paul to-cether in Rome. Of the Italian Goya gether in Rome. Of the Italian Gov-ernment methods in Rome he wrote for

an Episcoctalian paper in Philadelphia. "Speaking of the strict obedience demanded by the Church, one finds nothing to admire in the obedience de-manded by the Italian State ; for what

would Episcopalians think if the United States Government should impose a tax of from 30 to 40 per cent. upon the incomes of their theological schools, after having previously confiscated out-right innumerable properties, setting the rightful owners on the sidewalk? Submission to such things is the obe-Submission to such things is the obe-dience demanded outside of the Propaganda; the rights of property are be-ing shamefully violated, American Protestants standing by and cheering the Italian Government."

MARY ANDERSON.

There stood last evening on the stage of the People's Palace in the East End a priest, who, with his birretta perched far back on his head, was blowing justily through a policeman's whistle, says the London Express. By his side was a tall, slender and

beautiful woman, who, with one white hand pressed against the bosom of her white dress, was laughing softly.

This quaint little tableau represented Father Vaughan introducing Miss Mary Anderson (Mme. de Navarro) to an audience of two thousand of the poorest little Roman Catholics in London.



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It was now growing dark, and Fen-nelly turned into a public house the better to examine the ballad which

Fernelly remembered. It was the Fernelly remembered. It was the man who had given him warning to escape on that Fair Day, lorg ago in Carrick, and who, he was convinced, had prevented the police from arrest-ing him at the railway station by get-ting up that hewildering row which be-gan so suddenly. "Who is this man, that has just sung?" asked Fennelly of the man who sat beside him.

more startling. It ran: "Talbot is an informer. The sconer you leave the country the better. De you have the country the better. De-stroy all papers. On account of the fair a train leaves Carrick to-night for Waterford at 9 o'clock. Try to go by that, but look out for the police." Fennelly was fairly dazed as the pur-port of this message flashed upon him. A few minutes before he held himself to be a nossible loader in the lyich arms

name he goes by. He completely puz-zled and outwitted the police of Eng-land and Ireland. He appeared in all land and Ireland. He appeared in an manner of disguises, and after the rising failed helped lots of good men to They say at one time he tra-I think it must be true, from the way

he sings that song." ----

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