#### CARROLL O'DONOGHUE

CHRISTINE FABER ess of "A Mother's Sacrifice," etc.

CHAPTER XXXI.—CONTINUED "You blame me," Rick continued, with a desperation in his voice which seemed to tell of the last bitter throes of a broken heart, "and spurn me for what I have done; and she herself,"—again indicating Nora by a motion of his head—"when she feels the poverty and the shame of being my child, may turn against me; but God, who knows the secrets of all hearts, knows what drove me to do this, and on the last day, Father Meagher, when we are all before the Judgment Seat, perhaps in my soul, damned as it may be, you will be able to read the woe and the despair which have been my company for ment Seat, perhaps in my soul, damned as it may be, you will be able to read the woe and the despair which have been my company for ment soul might have had. It is pair which have been my company for many a year." For an instant emotion threatened to stille his mistake the character voice, but he overcame it, and O'Donoghue if you think resumed: "Remember now, that I vileness could exist in it. do not force her-I do not ask her to come with me; I'll wander again, childless, as I did before, and I'll

she will have—her father, or the friends who have been more to her than father or mother." He fell back to his first position, his arms folded, and his chin upon his breast. Nora threw herself at the priest's feet. "You who have been my friend, my counselor, my father, do not deter me when I say that my choice is with him—do not refuse me your approval, and oh, do not deny me your blessing!" Her voice Tighe had taken special pains with

not disturb her with my presence. Let her choose for herself which

ing most earnestly upon you, and I beg Him to give you courage feminine head, and arranging and and strength for the hard fate you smoothing his clothes upon his and strength for the hard fate you smoothing his clothes upon his have chosen; far be it from me to person, till he stood forth as neat seek to dissuade you from what you so earnestly deem to be your duty; but I may at least try to smooth the road before you. Go to your room now—this distressing affair has been too much for you,—and leave me to arrange matters with " -he paused suddenly, endeavoring to conceal his hesitation by a slight cough; then he resumed quickly, "with your father. Tomorrow you

shall know our plans.' She hesitated a moment, as if she fain would have received immediately the information of which he for her withdrawal. With that same quick manner and half-averted gaze with which she approached Rick of the Hills before—as if, did she allow herself a moment to think, or to contemplate him, her resolution might fail,—she now advanced to him. "Good night, father," her voice sunk as she uttered the last word, but with a heroic effort she instantly recovered it, and continued: "Tomorrow, then, the world shall know us both." She wrung his hand, and went quickly

from the room. Clare was waiting for her; her eyes red and swollen from weeping, and her whole disordered appearance manifesting how much she had suffered from her dreadful sus-pense. "At last!" she murmured;

now surely you will tell me!" Nora did not answer, but drew her gently within the room—drew her gently to an humble image of Our Lady placed, together with a large crucifix, on a temporary pedestal, and before which they were both wont to say their mornout tears, without faltering, without much trace of any emotion : but the expression of her eyes, fixed on the crucifix, and her face, as ghastly as if it were already beneath the coffin-lid, seemed to deny her

Clare would not believe the tale at first—it was too horrible! Nora, lovely, noble, saintly Nora, the child such a man !-it could not be and she burst into passionate weeping. But when she realized at last how true Nora deemed it, and when she divined piece by piece—for Nora, fearing the pain it would inflict, refrained from telling fully,—how bitter a sacrifice it would entail, she clung affrightedly to her companion, and sobbed more passionately: "Surely you will not leave us! we cannot do without you—I, at least shall go with you!"

"Hush, Clare; do not talk so wildly; it will be your task to pray for strength for me, and for repentance for my poor, wretched father." For the first time her voice faltered; she could not pronounce that name without the most bitter emotions rising and threatening to overcome utterly all her courage and devo-

tion. "And Carroll," wailed Clare, "how will he bear this?"

The mention of him gave new impulse to the bitter and burning anguish which Nora had struggled so long to repress; it rose now in a

Meagher will tell him gently every-thing," she said as soon as she could speak; "he will bear to Carroll my desire to be released

from my troth. "Released from your troth!" repeated Clare slowly, and as if she

did not understand.
"Yes," was the mournful reply;
"I could not, I would not hold him to our engagement now, when I am the child of such a parent.'

Clare sprung to her feet, her eyes dilated, her cheeks flushing, her whole form swelling with indigna-tion; even her voice was quivering: y a year." For an instant your surroundings; and you threatened to stifle his mistake the character of Carroll have yet to learn that an O'Donog hue prizes virtue in woman far more than her pedigree." She sunk overcome by Nora's side.

> CHAPTER XXXII. CARROLL'S TRUST IN CARTER

Tighe a Vohr had returned punctually on the expiration of his fortnight's leave of absence to his duties as valet, and a smile of pleasure broke over Captain Dennier's grave face as he saw the bright, neat, clean appearance of was choked with tears.

"My poor child! I beg God's till its gloss and curl would have been an ornament to the fairest and lithe a figure as any upon which the Englishman's eyes might care to rest. He was profuse in his thanks for the favor which had been accorded him, declared that Shaun was perfectly recovered, and in stanch condition to endure the exciting life of the barracks, and he asserted his readiness to show

by his future behavior how truly devoted he was to his master's interests; all of which statements the officer received with an the officer received with an amused smile, though he could not forbear acknowledging to himself spoke; but the priest's face ex-pressed too earnestly his desire for her withdrawal. With that services of the latter, for those had been as well, or perhaps even better, rendered by an English substitute, but because of that strange, indefinable something within him which constantly impelled him. despite his birth, profession, his principles, incline to the Irish. Perchance the bright, winsome face, which he could not entirely exclude from his thoughts, had much to do with the strange influence. Annoyed with himself, he took a hasty turn of the room, then, as if his pride would cover even that slight exhibition of mental disturbance before his

'You were away, I believe, -what part of the country were you in? Tighe pretended to be seized with a very violent fit of coughing. Knowing that Captain Dennier, unlike Captain Crawford, was extremely reserved, and little given to interrogating subordinates on the latter's own private matters, he was utterly unprepared for the question; he wanted time to mediwere both wont to say their more guestion, ne wanted time to mean take the prudence of namkneeling, and impelling Clare to kneel with her, Nora told the wretched story. She told it with that had been identified with Carroll O'Donoghue on the night of the latter's arrest, and determining to trust to that assurance, Tighe answered, feigning a husky tone in order to show his great difficulty in

servant, he stopped short, saying:

looked up in astonishment. "The name sounds familiar," continued

ore, replied lighe a vohr, who, it he's a man that doesn't seem to care one way or the other, that's as listener the full length of time he had spent in the village, was unaware of the bull he was making; "and as for the people, there's not one, from the priest of the parish one, from the priest of the parish one, from the priest of the parish one, from the pergar that has't a given by the follow." down to the beggar that hasn't a

cabin to lie in, that I don't know. "Then of course you know a family of the O'Donoghues—a brother and sister, I believe, and a young lady who has made her home

with them. "The O'Donoghues," repeated Tighe slowly, as if for a moment he did not quite remember; "do you mane Carroll O'Donoghue, that's anguish which Nora had struggled so long to repress; it rose now in a paroxysm of agony, and it was Clare's turn to hold, and to attempt to comfort, the grief-stricken girl; she was experiencing again that uncontrollable sorrow which she had felt so mysteriously in the prison cell. She remembered it distinctly now,—that unaccountable paroxysm to which she had given such utter way, and the cause of which she had been unable to explain. This burst was as wild and deep, and she could not but feel that the former was a presentifeel that the former was a presentiment, a herald of the too real and lasting grief which had now begun to darken her life. "Father" way she has about things."

embarrassment, and Tighe departed to his duties with a very expressive look, and an observation to Shaun on his first opportunity of speaking to the dog without being overheard, which told how shrewdly he had

divined Captain Dennier's feelings.
"Faith, Shaun," said he, "there's "Faith, Shaun," said he, "there's nore nor Moira an' me in love, only the quality has a quare way o' doin' their courtin'—I'll engage now, that thim two'll jist kape apart till one or the other dies of their falins'. That's not the way of the poor at all—they have no such things as pride an' the loike, that the rich payple do be torminted wid, to kape thim from poppin' the quistion. An' I don't know but it's quistion. An' I don't know but it's the bist way, Shaun—I'd rather be mesel' as I am, wid Moira Moynahan besoide me, than king o' England wid the Indies to boot. And as for him "—indicating with a motion of the the harrackar the thumb the part of the harrackar town of the inil ward.

himself of the foregoing remarks.

Despite Carter's care to give his own skillfully-concocted version of the manner in which he had forstory of Tighe's clever trick, with many a ludicrous addition, was in everybody's mouth, and Tighe a Vohr suddenly found himself the cynosure of many eyes, and the darling attraction of numerous ardent and impulsive hearts. In the very barracks he became the general favorite, and he was permitted almost as many privileges an general as the guards themselves. Garfield had become his warm and devoted friend, and there was no length to which the grateful quartermaster

would not go to serve Tighe.
The fair Widow Moore had not his overwhelming desire to have her speak to him, he ventured to approach her; each time she drew herself up with coldest hauteur answered frigidly his stammering salutation, while her brother, the rake, Joe Moore, happening to be present, looked as if he would like to transfix the daring soldier. So ant." the latter was forced to withdraw, of his discomfiture, sought to com-

fort him by saying:
"You'll spile it all if you kape on
doin' thim koind o' things! didn't I tell you afore to kape out o' her sight intoirely, an' wait for somethin' favorable to turn up? A dale o' it is due to her knave o' a o' it is due to her knave o' a brother; for some rayson that's past undhersthandin' he doesn't loike a bone in yer body, an' if yer kape puttin' yersel' in his sister's soight the way you do, it's turn her intoirely agin you he will. Now, if intoirely agin you he will. Now, if the long that where he was wont to serve her with coffee and crullers, every also brought a setting of eggs the like of which was not in the whole kape puttin' yersel' in his sister's they been to the usually genial intoirely agin you he will. Now, if they been to the usually genial intoirely agin you he will. Now, if they been to the usually genial intoirely agin you he will. Now, if they been to the usually genial intoirely agin you he will. Now, if they been to the usually genial they be they been to the usually genial they be you'll take me advice, Mr. Garfield, a word to throw to a dog," as one of hurled by Pat Kenny in a moment don't care a thrawneen for her. Faith, that'll make her fale sore; order to show his great difficulty in recovering his voice after the coughing speil: "I was down to see me mother in Dhrommacohol." the name was repeated with such surprise and interest in the tones that Tighe, who had cast his eyes down, now looked up in astonishment. "The name sounds familiar," continued the captain; "have you lived there long? do you know many of the people?"

"I've lived there since afore I was "I've lived the was "I've lived the was "I've lived the was "I've so you see, Mr. Garfield, the coorse you ought to follow."

with profound attention to light were a dizzy succession of tremerks, "and I thank you; but my fears of orders to leave here bling hopes and fears.

Naturally Pete's business was Chaing as well as himself. The

some order which would oblige the quartermaster to leave Traiee before he could discover the deception that had been practiced upon him; and it was Tighe's steady purpose to keep the man befooled until the steady purpose to keep the steady purpose to keep the man befooled until the steady purpose to keep the man befooled until the steady purpose to keep the man befooled until the steady purpose to keep the man befooled until the steady purpose to keep the s occurrence of such a happy riddance.
"Does not the varse writer, Moore,"
he continued, "or some o' thim
other min that's called poets, say,

Tighe was a fair and inspiriting singer of old Irish ballads, and sometimes he tuned and lilted for the amusement of the soldiers. But many a time, when his strain was loudest and most animated, his heart was aching, and his breast was swelling with despondent thoughts of his imprisoned young master. Thus far all his wit and vigilance had not availed to open a passage for himself to Carroll's cell; and though he believed in Garfield's friendship, and felt that perhaps he might even trust the simple-minded, unsuspecting quartermaster, yet prudence constantly dictated to him the necessity of concealing his interest in the prisoner. Propitious fate, however, the thumb the part of the barracks where he supposed Captain Dennier to be,—"I don't know about the loike o' him for Miss O'Donoghue: to be sure he's a purty dacent koind to be sure he's a purty dacent knied to be sure he's a purty d knew that it was the corridor which faced the yard. In true clownish across the hedge when he, Pete, was to be sure he's a purty dacent koind faced the yard. In true clownish o' gintleman, not loike the ginerality o' the scurvy English at all; but softly, as if the strain broke from s not her koind. Faith I'm sorry him in the very carelessness of his sa sassenagh." him in the very carelessness of his week. "And all over a divil of an heart. Beyond a moment's curious old fowl that maybe was too tough And with that regret expressed stare, the wardens paid him no very forcibly to Shaun, Tighe plied himself anew to his duties, which had been suspended while relieving situated, he suddenly broke into a and Tighe had learned it that he too | pink snake. might divert the young master when both were from home, as they frequently had been, on sporting expeditions. He sung it now with his heart in the strain, and his soul praying that it might reach the ears of the dear prisoner below. It was a stirring, touching lyric, set to an air so wild that it suggested scenes of lonely mountain passes and distant sea-washed crags The melody was so finely rendered by Tighe's deep, rich voice that the wardens forgot their surprise in their admiration, and they did not disturb him. When the song was ended he resumed his careless, clownish air. and continued to repeat his tour of

> receive the answer to Captain Dennier's message. TO BE CONTINUED

the vard until he was summoned to

#### A HAUNTED ROMEO

For the hundredth time that morning Pete Daly looked eagerly up and down the street, from the window of his "Old Home Restaur-The sun was shining gaily, a soft wind was whispering of budtoo much abashed even to make, as he had intended to do, a whispered allusion to her letter. Tighe, to whom he hastened to tell the story large was nothing but a gloom that loss that lasted heart was nothing but a gloom that loss that lasted for years, and now had reached could only be brightened by the glad sight of a certain trim little figure stepping in again through

Three days had now gone by since three hundred pounds, the fine last she sat at the corner table outfit of linen and dishes she had where he was wont to serve her brought with her to Caragh, she

she never would come in again! Suppose she suddenly remembered -what he should have remembered would raise in time-that family feud in the they would. old country between the Kennys and Dalys, and would never come within a block of the Old Home or himself any more. Round and

Love is a terrifically strong force at all ages and stages of life, but his head goes after it. That is what had happened to Pete Daly. His you ought to follow."

"I acknowledge your advice to be sound, my good fellow," answered the quartermaster, who had listened with profound attention to Tighe's remarks, "and I thank remarks, "and I thank remarks,"

suffering as well as himself. The coffee, for whose excellence the Old was now either as weak as dishwater or too strong for mortal man to apple pie, nothing was the same. and down—short women, tall To Pete, however, busy with his women (Pete did not glance at the

A sudden and vivid blush dyed Captain Dennier's cheeks, causing him to bite his lip with anger that it should be so, and turning away, he dismissed Tighe to his duties with a curt, "Thank you."

Tighe a Vohr had lost neither the blush, nor the hasty and abrupt turning away of the officer; he knew, as well as did that gentleman himself, that the latter action was a pretext to hide his sudden embarrassment, and Tighe departed coffee was usually served, he went to the kitchen for his own cup and saucer, put an extra shake of powdered sugar on the crullers and nearly fell over his own feet before the grateful glance of her soft eyes. After that she came regularly every morning daily becoming more friendly with Pete, till that unlucky minute when she told him her name was Mary Kenny, that she was a public school teacher in the city, and that her folks came from and that her folks came Caragh, in the County Kildare

> Then what did that monumental omadhawn, Pete Daly, do? Why, he up and told her that he was from Caragh, too, that he had been a neighbor of her relations there, and if Jim Kenny was her father that he remembered him well from long ago. Pete groaned in spirit now as he remembered these thoughtless words. No wonder Mary gave him such a strange look.

Why, many a time he had given a little boy, who thought a Kenny fair game for battle any day in the even for a fricassee," thought Pete.
Of course she told her father about attention. Arrived at the spot below which his master's cell was situated, he suddenly broke into a quaint old Irish ballad; it was one that Nora McCarthy used to sing,

Forty years before the trouble that now lay so heavy on the heart of Pete Daly really started with "Topney," a speckled hen belonging to his mother. An inoffensive looking enough bird Topney seemed as she strutted here and there, but if there ever was a malcontent, a looter, a disturber of the peace all around her, in fact a hen without any sense of honesty whatsoever, Topney was the same fowl. grain was to be had for the picking in Daly's haggard, hot potatoes and other food scraps were flung lavishly from Daly's back door through the day, saucepens of buttermilk were set in Daly's fowl-house, but Topney yearned for other forage as intensely as any pirate that ever scoured the Spanish main of old. Since she was a wee ball of yellow fluff loot was a consuming passion with Topney, and finally led to her unend. One bleak morning the avenging hand of Pat Kenny, Mary's grandfather, sent Topney into eternity when he found her scratching his gorden "into babby rags," as he said afterwards, "and it set with the best seed that money could buy." That tragedy

over the wide Atlantic to cast its shadow on Pete Daly's path. "Much ado about nothing!" you the swinging doors of the Old Home, with a bright smile and a cheery 'good morning!'

Three days had now gone by since three hundred pounds, the fine you'll shtay complately away from her, an' purtind to iverybody you How could he? How could any had put a predatory fowl of high man swap jokes with a lot of roughnecks when his heart was cold with
misery, and a terrible fear was
wringing his inmost soul. Suppose
she never would come in again!
Suppose she widenly now proposed to be predately fow of his predately fow of existence, but put an end to a famous line age out of existence, but put an end to a famous line age out of existence, but put an end to a famous line age out of existence, but put an end to a famous line age of the predately fow of the predately "and the flavor and smell of them

would raise a dead man to life, so Since Topney was buried with old Rover and several defunct cats behind the barn, Mrs. Daly, herselfa great and grand woman to the day she died—also passed away. Her wake and funeral are still re-membered in Caragh as the like of them were never known for grandeur since the first Daly buckled a shoe. Every man, woman and child around Caragh when a man first loses his heart to paid their respects beside Mrs. a woman at fifty it is a fair bet that Daly's grave, but not a Kenny came. though their car, with Mike Duffy driving, was in the funeral proces

wallop between the eyes just as he was turning his fiftieth birthday; since then his peace of mind had gone to smithereens, and his eyes were a dizzy succession of trembling hopes and fears.

Naturally Peta's husiness was business so here he was now with business, so here he was now with all a heart could wish for in the way of prosperity and a lump of trouble "Sure that'd be the viry thing!" coffee, for whose excellence the Old answered Tighe a Vohr, whose own earnest desire was for the arrival of some order which would oblige the sure of the control of the was now either as weak as dishtered with three unbearable days. ing him every hour for the past three unbearable days. He would look out of the window

be continued, "or some o' thim other min that's called poets, say, 'it's dishtance linds inchantment to the view?' an' it's niver so fond o' you she'll be till you're away; faith it's thin, whin she'll think she lost you he her own cruel thratemint, that her heart'll be cryin' for you out an' out, an' she'll be so

To Pete, however, busy with his women (Pete did not glance at the own inner woe, the grievances of his own inner woe.

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