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I often think of those Shandon Bells, Whose sound so wild would in days of childhood Fling round my cradle their magic

spells; On this I ponder where'er I wander, And thus grow fonder, sweet Cork, of With thy Bells of Shandon, that sound

so grand on The pleasant waters of the River Lee. I've heard bells chiming full many a

clime in.
Tolling sublime in cathedral shrine.
While at a glib rate brass tongues would But all their music spoke naught like thine:
For memory dwelling on each proud
swelling
Of thy beifray, knelling its bold notes

Made the Bells of Shandon sound far more grand on The pleasant waters of the River Lee. I've heard bells tolling "Old Adrian's Mole" in. Their thunder rolling from the Vatican, And cymbais glorious swinging uproar-

In the gorgeous turrets of Notre Dame; In the gorgeous turrets of Notre Dame; But thy sounds were sweeter than the dome of Peter Flings o'er the Tiber, pealing solemn-

Oh! the Bells of Shandon sound far more The pleasant waters of the River Lee. There's a bell in Moscow, while on tower-

and kiosk
In St. Sophia the Turkman gets;
And loud in air calls men to prayer,
From the tapering summit of tall min-Such emper phantom I freely grant them; But there's an anthem more dear to me,
'Tis the Bells of Shandon, that sound so
grand on
The pleasant waters of the River Lee.

LARAWAY'S BIBLE.

On+a cold and starless March evening, in the face of a keen northwest wind, we were riding home to the ranch. There was no talk between man and man, but to his mount each spoke a word from time to time-a

word of encouragement when he

lagged or of reproof if he stumbled. Toward 10 o'clock, when nearing the gate of the pasture, a light appeared ahead and to the left of our course. As we came up to the fence we saw that it was a lantern hung on a fence post some twenty rods off the road, and swinging in the wind. By its fitful flare a man in a long ulster was digging in the hard soil with a shorthandled spade.

The man engrossed in his task had not seen, or, at least, had not noticed us. The loose horse turned in at the gate struck up a lively gallop; there was a general shaking up of bridle reins and a ringing of spur chains. Up a long hill and down a steep, short one, and we were at the ranch house. and the grumbling cook was turning out to get us a hot supper. Haif an hour later we were well warmed and eating a good meal in the mess-houre. "Laraway is digging up his ble again," remarked the cook, as he

poured some strong black coffee into big cups. Frank Laraway was a better man by half the men you knew. He had spent as much will power in resisting the drink habit as would suffice to car. surrounded by

with A1 credentials to a better world. On the ranch and range he became a valuable employe, but twice or more each year he would disappear for a ime, returning haggard, shrunken and dead broke, and with a fresh determination to conquer, the appetite. "I don't want to be good, or great, or rich," said he; "I just want to be my own boss."

friends and family, and pass them on

It chanced one day that Laraway then sobering up in a little railroad town, heard a man say: "I am going to swear off this time on the biggest bible in town." He asked if he might go, too.

The two men- went to a pastor's study and the section hand, requesting him to produce the largest pulpit bible, was solemnly sworn, with his hand on its open page, to abstain forever from all intoxicating beverages. "That is a long while," was Lara-

way's comment. "Do you keep the bible locked up? asked the Irishman, anxiously.

"The building is always closed when not in use replied the pastor.

"Why did you ask him that?" demanded Laraway, when they had come

The Irishman marveled at the ques-

tion. "Why, don't you see?" said he. "It's because if I can't get at the book when the t'irst is on me I can let off." Laraway bought a bible, and he promised himself with his hand upon it, that he would taste no liquor for six months. Then he came home and went to work. He wrote the date in the book, and kept the book in his

pocket. He kept the promise to the

letter and the day. After that spree he made an entry on the flyleaf, agreeing to abstain for one year. This time he did not carry the book in his pocket; he took it out on the range and buried it.

"That crazy Irishman's notion about getting let off if he can lay hands on the book don't go for a cent before me now," said Laraway, "but before the year is up I'll be a crazy Irishman my-

He made no secret of the measures he took against himself, and when some one offered to keep the book tor him in a secret place, said: "It would do no good. If I wanted it when the apdo no good. If I wated it when the appetite is upon me I'd have it if I had

to kill my best friend. The one year pledge proved too hard to keep. Twice since its making at intervals of six or eight months Laraway had dug up his bible, canceled his pledge and got drunk. To-night we had seen him overcome for the third

sneak on L . bible and cache it where he can't find it?" asked the Kid.

"Oh, he would kill the man that touched it, and get drunk just the same." declared the cook.

"Well, I'd like to see it tried," per sisted the Kid.

"Why not do it yourself?" asked the foreman. "Nobody is holding you." "What, me?" said the Kld, in a snaky voice; "I'm only a boy," and he went away to bed.

As the clock struck for midnight the mess-house door was flung open-as I thought by a stronger gust of wind, Turning to look, I found myself looking into the nozzle of one of Laraway's guns. He stood at the doorway, with his eyes afire and a gun in either hand.

"Which one of you dogs has got my bible?" he cried. "It's not in the hole, and I'll give you just ten seconds to produce it."

"Now, Laraway," said the foreman, in a smooth tone, "you got the drop on us all right. I tell you it's God's truth that pot a man here knows anything about your bible. We thought you had dug it up and was half way to town by now."

It looked as though some one was going to get hurt. Every man in the room was looking square at Laraway, And to every man it seemed that the pistols were looking square at himself. The Kid always was sandy-and

freckled. Half an hour before he had slunk off to bed. Now, just at the right moment he slunk up behind Laraway. jumped on his back like a cat, put both his freckled hands to the man's throat and brought him down. The guns went off through the roof.

Mr. Laraway was tied to the bed that night and many nights after. He had a severe attack of brain fever, from which he came out as weak as a baby During his convalescence he never spoke of the bible, and he had an aversion to liquor. During those days a strong and quiet friendship grew up between Laraway and the Kid.

The "old man" was visiting bis ranches this season, and took a great interest in the sick man, told him to go off somewhere and get well and hearty before trying to work again; said his pay would go on exactly as though he were in the saddle.

But Laraway said: "I've no place to go that I like half so well as this old ranch, and no friends so good as these." So he staved around camp and made hair bridles and cinches, and read books, and helped the cook, and did all those things which a cowboy

does only when he is invalided. Among the visitors whom the "old man" entertained at the ranch that spring was Mitchell, the famous mind reader. One Sunday afternoon he volunteered to show the boys what he could do. We hid objects all over the place and kept him chasing around for

At last Mitchell said: "This is all dead easy for me; it doesn't amuse me. You all know whe e these objects are placed, and the trail is hot to them Now," he said to the Kid, when had been one of the most interested participants, "you fix your mind on something whose whereabouts is known Ty two average men through life in only to yourself and which you don't want me to find."

He took the Kid's hands and began to wander around the buildings. Twice he circled the corals, then, getting his bearings, made a bee-line for a small, bowlder-strewn butte a quarter of a mile away. By this time he was fairly dragging the reluctant Kid along.

The mind reader halted at the first big bowlder and the boys quickly turned it over. The bed of the rock was a rounded hole some three feet deep, and at the bottom lay a small black book-Laraway's bible. At sight of it he fell back a step and strod about the whole as solemnly as a grave. The Kid was blubbering. "I didn't mean no harm," said he.

Laraway had been in the second rank of those who followed the mind reader up the hill; now he crowded to the front and looked in.

"My bible, by God," he cried, and jumped into the hole. As he came out with the book in his hand and strode down the hill without a word to any one, he tore out the fly-leaf, upon which he had written his pledges. I picked it up and kept it as a record of a noble endeavor.

We turned our backs on the Kid's cache, now despoiled, and walked slowly down the hill. For same time there was no comment on the foreman's conclusion. We heard a clatter of hoofs on the hard road as Laraway spurred

away toward town. Then the Kid lifted his head (he was ever a stubborn youngster). "I'll save hem yet," he said.-San Francisco Argonaut.

There is such a thing as taking too good care of a precious article. A Southern exchange tells of a "cracker" couple who came to a minister to be married.

They were to have the ceremony performed with a ring, and the groom was terribly afraid he should lose it. So was the bride, and she kept asking:

"John, you sho' you got that ring?" "I'm sho' now, Mary." "Whar you got it, John?"

"I've got it in my mouth. I aint g'an' to lose it now.' When the ceremony was in progress and the place was reached where the ring was in order, the clergyman said:

"Let me have the ring, please." The bridegroom guiped, choked, stuttered, and finally exclaimed, de-

One of the queerest villages known is in New Guiana, and is called Tupuselei. The houses are all supported on piles, and stand out in the occas considerable distance from shore.

'Lawshy, I done swallered it!"



"SOUP MAKES SOLDIER.

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GUIDE POSTS OF THE BLIND.

Sightless Man Tells How He Is Helpe To Make His Way About. There is a blind man living in the

heart of the old quarter who walks nearly every day to a little restaurant near Canal street. The distance each way is from sixteen to twenty blocks, according to his route, and to see him sauntering carelessly along one would never suspect his infirmity.

Talking yesterday with an inquisitive reporter he declared that he saw with his nose and feet, and this was the way he explained it: "When a man has his sight," he said, "the smells of the street are all mixed up, but when he's blind he learns to separate them. The smells of the shops are almost as plain to me now as the signs used to be over the doors. Some of them you would hardly suppose to exist. Take a dry goods store, for instance, it smells of cloth, and has a very peculiar odor. Iron and tin have smells of their own, and I can tell a hardware store immediately. I pass two book stalls nearly every day, and I scent them yards off by the old books. Then there are a great many indescribable odors by which I know this place and that. Of course, my feet are my principal guide, and I've been over the same ground so often that I have earned every inequality by heart, but I couldn't get along with either nose or feet alone. They work together, and where one fails the other helps out. Between them they make very good eyes. The secret of my stepping out is this: I've learned how to stop. People who can see hurl themselve forward like locomotives. That's why the shock is aiways so unexpectedly violent when you colide with another person. I put no extra power whatev er in my movements, and if the toe of my boot touches some unknown obstacle I stop stock still instantly."

This clever blind man leads a very tranquil life. He has a small income, and lives with a granddaughter. A servant is hired especially to read to him every afternoon. Many of those who know him are unaware of his blindness.

HAD NO FARE.

Jigger-I lost the last dollar of my week's wages to-day.
Thingumbob—Don't say?

Jigger-And yet, when I discovered the loss, I realized I was better off. Fact! You see, I was on a trolley car at the time."

HER GLANCE.

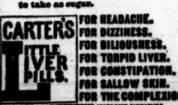
She told him with a frowning look-What fate would she confer? Then brought him openly to book-"Your hair needs cutting, sir."

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