Authoress of "A Mother's Sacrifice," etc CHAPTER XXXI.

NORA MCCARTHY'S SACRIFICE Father Meagher was in his pleas ant little study, conning a Latin work which lay open before him, at intervals raising his head to address Clare O'Donoghue, who, at the opposite end of the table, was pretending to do some needlework Her fingers plied the shining imple ment it is true, while the clergy man's eyes were upon her, but the moment she was unobserved her fingers ceased to move, and she yielded again to despondent thought. The good priest had observed with no slight concern her growing moody reserve, and he knew that it boded little good for her health of mind or body. For the purpose of rousing her from her melancholy, he had insisted that she should bear him company in the study until Nora's return, and he had sought to awaken her interest by recount-ing amusing items of the parish gossip. But a slight smile, that was scarcely such, it was so faint,

"Do you know what I heard an hour or so ago?" he said, shutting his book, rising from his chair, and beginning to pace the little room. Clare had commenced her stitch-

some noted jockey to ride him; and dare to make yourself known to her Tighe a Vohr, by one of his tricks, now, when you did not do it before? the race, doing Maloney and every-body concerned with the old man in Rick, instead of a worthless scamp. the affair out of all their expectations. It sent poor Maloney nearly secret to her before this; but to tell crazy—so much so, that he has done, for him, a most unprecedented action—closed his place, and gone up to Tralee himself. But this is not the whole of the story: Tighe was arrested for what he did, the charge being preferred by Morty Carter; but he so badgered or befooled the officer who had him in charge that he escaped, and afterward he actually found mose content of the story is a state of the story of the secaped of the story is a state of the story of the secaped of the he escaped, and afterward he manner became more severe-" she actually found means to hoodwink shall not leave her present home, or cajole Carter into withdraw- nor shall you be permitted to molest ing the warrant; and I believe in her in any way. my heart now, since I have heard this narrative of Tighe's doings, that he was the instigator of all that rabble and uproar in front

of Maloney's place last week.

entering with the cup of tea which the priest sometimes took in his study, and she overheard sufficient of the last remark to enable her to

though he was somewhat amused at the pertinacity with which his niece let her have the home, and the edu-

Clare was too sad to respond to the arms around my neck, as I once

parlor, at the same time waving back Clare, who attempted to follow. The parlor was but dimly lighted, but it was sufficiently so to show Nora's terror-stricken face as she threw herself on her knees at the priest's feet. "Father, for the sobbing aloud."

Magner, now it's the wind, facking, facking, the priest's feet in the same that the same

question — is Rick of the Hills my father?" The priest started, and so violent The priest started, and so violent was his emotion that great beads of will satisfy you, Rick?" he said at perspiration came out upon his fore-

head. He did not reply.
"For the love of God, I beg you

man's voice was as quivering as her

own.
"Because Rick has told me so he claims me as his child. Oh, father, answer me—I must know!" She was in no condition to be eyaded, or to be calmed by anything save a direct reply, and Father Meagher gasped, rather than said:

Then go to him—he is down-

stairs waiting to see you."
Hardly with volition of his own,

CARROLL O'DONOGHUE With one hand she waved Clare back.

"Leave me—let me be alone for Leave me—let me be alone for a little while with this!" indicating little while you shall know all."

CHRISTINE FABER

With one hand she waved Clare back. cerns our poor Nora; and now go to about him, folded her arms about him, and cried, while her impatiently.

"Nothin' new wanted from town."

were together pressed to her The priest continued:

Murphy at the kilns, was telling me:—it seems he has been up to me:—it seems he has been up to fore him: "Did you not solemnly or Donoghue." me:—it seems he has been up to Tralee for the race that took place there a couple of days ago, and some other business kept him so that he did not get home until shortly before I was speaking to him. Ned Maloney, down here, had his horse entered for that race, with some noted jeckey to ride him. Way? And by what right did you way? And by way? And by way to ride him to be to way a saying to the cowering man before him: "Did you not solemnly room be took the infant from its dying mother's arms that you would never claim it—that you would never assert your title to it in any way? And by what right did you actually got possession of the horse, you have not even the claim which rode the animal himself, and won a decent sober life might have answer me?"

> Rick answered doggedly : my child, and she is of age to judge for herself; she told me when I put the case before her as if

was a villain and an outcast. The priest's expression changed to one of sadness and perplexity.

insisted on defending Tighe upon every occasion.

The Have the Have the Holle, and the friends she has, while I wandered the world with what Carroll will say of this?" look by even a smile.

There was the noise of some one entering by the back way, and an instant after, the sound of hurried steps on the stair and in the little passage which led to the study. Father Meagher opened the door. passage which led to the study. dening me, the impulse to reveal to Father Meagher opened the door, and beheld Nora so deathly pale, so wild and frightened-looking that he started in dismay.

When she was — till the heart within me was melting for my child. I battled with myself, and then, to satisfy my wild longing, I tested started in dismay.

"My child! what has happened?"
His exclamation brought Clare to the threshold.
Nora did not speak; as if her voice had left her, she caught the soutane of the clergyman, and trembling brought him to the little marlor, at the same time waving that he started with myself, and then, to satisfy my wild longing, I tested her once a few evenings ago when I told you; and what heart could withstand that? You are a priest of God," he continued, "and you have heard before this the story of wretched and broken hearts;—my heart is such, and you may blame

The clergyman was deeply touched; he made two or three turns of the little study before he love of Heaven, answer me one last, pausing before the kneeling man. "You surely would not wish to answer! one little word, and end my horrible suspense!"
"Why do you ask?" The clergyman's voice was as univering and the strength of the st

you could not, you would not dream of asking her to live with you?" Rick arose. "I'll leave it to her-self; I'll abide by what she wants: if it's to wander forth again with-out her, I'll, go; if it's to depart from her without ever returning to look upon her face, I'll obey, be-cause it will be her wish." He folded his arms and let his head

drop forward on his breast. Father Meagher looked at him, and for an instant he sickened as he thought of that wild, half-cleanly, sinful man being so closely allied to pure, lovely Nora McCarthy. "Re-main here," he said; and he left the room, encountering the well-nigh

a little while with this!" indicating the crucifix by a motion of her head; "I am not myself now—by and by, some one will tell you, but go away now—please go away!" as Clare still hesitated, ready herself to burst into passionate weeping at this mystery, which, for aught she knew, might mean some dreadful occurrence to her brother. She was deepened by the dark rings in the crucifix by a motion of her head; "I am here to acknowle gage, you, to wander o'er the world with you, to pay you back love for love!"

She was still on her knees, but no longer weeping; her whole attitude to burst into passionate weeping at this mystery, which, for aught she entrance—save for its pallor, which she lifted on the clergyman's entrance—asve for its pallor, which she lifted on the clergyman's entrance—asve for its pallor, there wouldn't be quite so much dilly dallyin' an' waste. Farmers an actual shrinking of Rick of the entrance—asve for its pallor, the grumbled. "I brought out a whole load of stuff love!"

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She was still on her knees, but no longer weeping; her whole attitude was strangely calm, and the face which she lifted on the clergyman's an actual shrinking of Rick of the Hills from that embrace; a sudden, which she lifted on the clergyman's an actual shrinking of Rick of the world with you, to wander o'er the world with you, to wander o'er the world with you, to wander o'er the world with you, to pay you back love for love!"

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Was it fancy on the part of the world with you, to wander o'er the world with yo occurrence to her brother. She obeyed the earnest entreaty, howard agony of suspense. In a few moments Father Meagher, flushed and excited, accompanied by an ill-formed excited. formed, shambling man whom she but with an accent of touching sad-recognized as Rick of the Hills, ness: "Father, I understand it all as if she were the little babe of passed her, on their way to the study. The door was shut tight upon them; still, as she wildly walked, she could hear their excited father; his heart has been breaking from him, almost as if he felt

heart is whispering. He is now a drunkard, a wanderer, an outcast: his soul, is it not my instant duty to fly to him? Which, father, would you have me do—spare the dear ones, who have been more than father or mother to me, and spare myself the anguish of a parting which after all will be the occasion of only a little earthly pain, or seek to reclaim an immortal soul-you,

The priest turned away; he was too deeply affected by the holy enthusiasm, the spirit of self-immo-

Think well before you decide. And there are other ways by which you may discharge your duty to this miserable being. God does not require such an utter sacrifice of

yourself as you desire to make."
"Nay, father:" a mournful smile broke over her features for a of Maloney's place last week.

"And if he was, uncle, surely you ought to forgive him for the good turns he does everybody."

It was Moira who spoke; she was lit was Moira who spoke; she was more described by the spoke of nothing should part her from her father—that she would acknowledge him before the world, though he child—and it is for this affection child—and it is for this affection. that his heart has been crying all these years. You ask me where study, and she overheard sufficient of the last remark to enable her to know well to whom it had reference.
"You forget yourself, Moira!" said the priest a little sternly, said the priest a little sternly, the priest a little sternly, said the priest a little sternly said the priest said the

Having set down the tea, she left the room with an appealing look to Clare, as if she would have said: "You speak in his behalf!" But while I wandered the world with the heart within me crying for my child; may be if I'd had her all these years I wouldn't be what I am; may be if I could feel the little bling lip! for an instant it threatlip! for an instant it threat ened to overwhelm her, and she swayed to and fro with the convulsive throes of her form. "You, father, will break it gently to him, I could not, I would not, hold him to his troth now, when I know my-self to be the offspring of such a

'I shall do nothing of the kind!" broke out the priest bluntly-all the more bluntly, and indignantly as well, that he might hide his own emotion; "tell him that," he continued, "to break his heart! and Carroll O'Donoghue is not the man to resign you because of what has occurred; besides, he is already aware that you were a little waif adopted into

that I am ready to acknowledge him before the world." Without, however, waiting for the priest, she hurried to the study; but at the door to the little room, with her hand upon the knob, she remained standing till Father Meagher, who had followed, reached her. Per-chance she deemed his presence would help her to ward off the feeling of death-like faintness which seized her at the thought of what she was about to do. By a desperate effort she recovered herself, and with a mental prayer for strength she entered, the priest, who was

unable to prevent, or remonstrate further, following.

Rick of the Hills was in the same position in which Father Meagher had left him—standing with his arms folded, and his bowed head so deeply forward that his chin rested Hardly with volition of his own, so mystified, and bewildered, and pain-stricken was he, the priest obeyed. Clare met him in the hall, but he could not answer her; he pointed to the room in which he had left Nora. She rushed in. Nora was still kneeling, her face bowed on the crucifix she had drawn from her bosom, and which was the facsimile of that worn by her betrothed.

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"No I was jest thinkin', Mary. You keep on with the dishes. I'm goin' out a minute."

Her husband was in front of the stable, harnessing a new horse to suffering herself to contemplate for a motion; and Nora, not suffering herself to contemplate for a motion; and Nora, not suffering herself to contemplate for a motion to suffering herself to contemplate for a motion the study lamp fully revealed him the study lamp fully r upon his breast. The light from the study lamp fully revealed him—his coarse, abundant black hair hanging in disordered masses, his

voices, and the more harrowing sound of Nora's sobbing. "My God! my God!" moaned Nora, deluging the crucifix with her tears; "You would then leave the name, and stood with a manliness "You would then leave the mame, and stood with a manliness of bearing that seemed strangely with that of Thine. I begged of Thee once to inflict upon me any suffering so that Carroll would be spared—I repeat my prayer, and I accept this trial from Thy loying hands. Oh, Thou who drank to the dregs Thy cup of sorrow and shame—Thou whose heart broke in its agony, have pity upon me! give me agony, have pity upon me! give me strength, give me courage for my duty. Blessed mother of God, whose tender heart is never closed whose tender heart is never closed have been had I, his child, whom he could you feel, has gone up to Heaven with a bitter cry for have been had I, his child, whom he ing again, and she seemed too intently at work to care even to raise for me!" and scapular and crucifix only repeat the counsel my own priest—"it may be so; but I call God to witness it was the love for my little one that drove me to itif I, by patient, unwearied affectiff, the little one that went from my tion, can win him back, can reclaim arms with the smile on her mouth,

> little one; his affection seemed to be centered round the babe that he had resigned, rather than about the woman whom that babe had become as if he could not reconcile himself to the change that time had effected. It might be due, as the deeply touched priest thought, to the fact that it was only during the period of her babyhood the wretched father had been permitted to claim and to caress her; for, though he was bound by a solemn promise not to reveal himself to her, nor to discover to others the relation which existed between them, still there had been frequent and ample oppor-funities, had he chosen to use them, when he might have seen and spoken now in the face of such wild affec-tion as he evinced, was a surprise to the priest, and he listened to the unhappy man with mingled emotions of wonder and surprise.

TO BE CONTINUED

THE STORY OF A REVOLT

By Walter Palmer in Rosary Magazine It was scarcely yet light, but the men were coming in from their completed chores, hungry and impatient for breakfast. They had been up an hour, and in that time had done the milking and fed the stock, and had oiled and run the form wagens from the shed to be in farm wagons from the shed to be in readiness for the long day's work.

Now they gathered about the stove, in boorish unconsciousness of being in the way, and feeling that they had earned the right to remind they had earned the right to remind added, in deprecation of the angry Mrs. Johnson that her breakfast was late, and that men folks with work to do had no time to wait on the end. But there's Mary. Times women folks' tardiness.

-hastened silently, but with a long-gathering spirit of protest beginning to burn in her tired eyes. She had been up three hours, and in that time had built fires with wood brought in by herself from the woodpile, and had been to the cheese-room and the milking-room to prepare cream for the day's churning and to look after the new milk as it was brought in by the men, and to various other parts of the house on the uncounted errands which enter into the mornings of

every overworked farmer's wife. but in spite of her vantage and his family, and that your true name is Nora Sullivan."

As if she longed to end the distressing interview, she turned toward the door, saying: "Come with me, father, and I shall tell him that I am ready to acknowledge whose criticism was as sharp as the menant from the stressing interview and she get sick so you can't work, we'll see 'bout gettin, a girl. If I we'll see 'bout gettin, a girl. If I myself, so you could sit round an' read an' play tunes. A woman's past the menant from stove to table. It was no easy task to with me, father, and I shall tell him wasn't so busy I'd go in an' do it myself, so you could sit round an' read an' play tunes. A woman's past the menant from stove to table. It was no easy task to with me, father, and I shall tell him whose criticism was as sharp as he get sick so you can't work, we'll see 'bout gettin, a girl. If I we'l whose criticism was as sharp as their appetite, and there was no one to help her but frail, twelve-year-old Mary.

But in time breakfast was ready noisily to their waiting teams. Mary began to gather up the dishes and hurry them to the sink. Yesterday and the day before she had found no time to study until late in the evening, and then she had been too tired to do so. Today she hoped to hasten work in order to obtain a half-hour some time in the afternoon. And she must study if she wished to join her old classes when she returned to school.

Presently something in the unnatural silence of the room caused Presently something in the unnatural silence of the room caused her to look around. Her mother was standing by the door, gazing toward the barn. It seemed so strange to see her motionless that the girl started forward in alarm.

'Nothin' new wanted from town, there?" he grumbled. "I

"No, we've got provisions enough just now, John," she answered quietly, but with a new ring in her voice which he failed to notice.
"What I want is for you to look

round an' hire a girl to help Mary an' me in the kitchen." He dropped the reins he had been buckling and stared at her in

questioning wonder.
"Sick?" he inquired.

"Mary sick ?"

He laughed grimly. "Then I guess we don't need no help. We ain't millionaires, not jest yet. My mother lived to be eighty, an' she never had no help.

An' there's my sisters—"
"Never mind them, John," she interrupted. "We are better off than they are, an' can afford to live easier. We've been able to build a new barn, an' to buy new stock, an' we hire six men to work for us; an' now you talk of buyin' out the county sellin' rights in a new mowin' machine that's goin' to cost fifteen hundred dollars. Surely we can afford to take life a little easier," laying a hand persuasively on his arm. "It ain't for myself I care so much, but there's Mary workin' her very life out. She's all the child we've got, an' she ain't no time for study, or no play like other girls. You can see for yourself how pindlin' an' weak she's We're able to do as well by her as the neighbors do by their girls, an yet see how strong an' healthy they 'side Mary. We're jest killin

her, John. "Humbug an' nonsense!" cried contemptuously. "It's jest her peevishness. If she was idle, she'd be philanderin' round the country like the other girls, an' that's something my family's women A girl's nat'ral place is workin' in the kitchen with her ma an' I calc'late that's where Mary's goin' to stay. Come now, Dan." He turned abruptly to the horse,

as though ending the conversation But instead of moving away abashed as he had expected, his wife merely dropped her hand from his shoulder to the bridle rein. "Jest a minute, John," she insisted, and now there was something in her voice which even he

waited in sullen impatience. I've worked faithfully with you

all these years," she went on steadily, "an' ain't never complained. We began poor, an' now we're well-to-do. You've put up new farm buildin's, an' bought more land, an' opened new roads. But in the house it's jest the same, have the same things to do as I had when we was married, an' work as hard-yes, harder, than I did when we got trusted for our groceries.

"An' don't I work, too?" he retorted angrily.

"Of course. I ain't hintin' at ou. What I want to say is that we're foolish to wear ourselves out flush that was crimsoning his face ain't as they was when we was And Mrs. Johnson—poor woman hastened silently, but with a long-more of books an' music an' things, or they ain't nobody. I don't mean for our Mary to grow up more ignorant than other girls."

"An' I don't mean for her to grown up ignorant of a girl's nat'ral place in the kitchen," he returned. "If she can bake bread an' do the week's washin' she can get on very well without such follols as books an' pianners. follols as books an' pianners.
Long's I have my say, our Mary'll
stay in her proper place in the
kitchen; an' as for help, when you
an' she get sick so you can't work,
we'll see 'hour gettin, a rivel If. how easy 'tis. But, come, I've got work to do if other folks ain't." And he sprang to the seat of the buckboard and touched the horse with his whip, and she was obliged and eaten, and the men filed out to step back in order to avoid the

> For some moments she gazed after him, the look of resolution growing stronger upon her face. Then she turned back toward the "He didn't used to be that way,

she mused aloud. "He was jest as considerate an' helpful as any one could be. But it's the prosperin' an' gettin' on that's sp'iled him.

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