

that kind. And did ye tell him, then?" she concluded in a husky whisper, laden with mystery.

"Rooms," said Mrs. Purdy,

Imagine a dreary furnished room—a discouraged girl writing bills of fare for her meals. In a golden glow she saw the dandelions of last summer and the young farmer whom she had lost. No wonder she made the error, but it was a glorious error—it brought Walter to her again—and happiness. How? Ask O. Henry.

in her furriest tones, "are furnished for to rent. 1 tell him, Mrs. McCool."

"'Tis right ye are, ma'am; 'tis by renting rooms we kape alive. Ye have the rale sense for business, ma'am. There be many people will rayjict the rentin' of a room if they be tould a suicide has been after dyin' in the bed of it."

"As you say, we has our living to be making," remarked Mrs. Purdy.

"Yis, ma'am; 'tis true. 'Tis just one wake ago this day I helped ye lay out the third floor, back. A pretty slip of a colleen she was to be killin' herself wid the gas—a swate little face she had, Mrs. Purdy, ma'am."

"She'd a-been called handsome, as you say," said Mr. Pu-dy,