TWO

CARTER FOILED

"It's a foine garmint intoirely !" The compliment was addressed to Captain Dennier's cloak, and it came from the lips of Tighe a Vohr. He took it down from its place on a temporary rack, shook out its ample folds, incased his own person within it, and strode about the room with evident pleasure. It was large enough to cover Tighe's whole person, the officer being a much taller man, and Tighe a Vohr folded it about him with intense satisfaction. The material was black cloth, but it was hardly as heavy as its somber look would seem to imply, and Tighe was all the better pleased that it was en-tirely devoid of decoration. He took it off at last, and gave it fresh, critical inspection, the result of the latter being announced in a low-

toned soliloquy: "Somehow, it's a very dun color, an' I think it's spotted in various -though at the same time, to Tighe's disappointment, his eyes were telling him that the cloak was as black and free from stains as it could well be. "Yis," he con-tinued, "it's me bounden juty to see afther me masther's property, an' it'd be a cryin' sin to let a foine garmint loike that go to ruin for the want o' a little touchin' up. Now, there's Sandy Bevel, as foine a hand at clanin' thim things as field. there's to be had in the four coun-ties,—he'll do it for a thrifie, an' as he's in a disthressful way, it'd be a charity to get the bit o' work for him; besoides, on me way to Sandy's wid it, I nadn't schruple to use it a little while for me own con-

venience. He awaited impatiently Captain Dennier's coming, and the officer was hardly well within the room when Tighe confronted him with the cloak on his arm, at the same time bursting into so ridiculous and lengthy an account of the condition garment, and the anxiety it caused him when he realized that morning for the first time his grave responsibility regarding his master's wardrobe, that the latter burst into heartier laugh than had passed

his lips for weeks. "When did you discover all this?" he asked, when his mirth had subsided.

Tighe answered : "Awhile ago, whin I gev the things belongin' to you a more ca eful luk than usual ; an' me heart got sorrowful whin I kem to this, to see it spilin' the way it is ;"-slightly shaking the garment as it hung on his arm ;-"you see, captain, it tuk me eye intoirely, be rayson, as we say here intoirely, be rayson, as we say here in Ireland, o' its bein' so *flokool*,— that manes plinty — it's so loike yersel,' yer honor,—big an' bounti-ful; an' Sandy Bevel'd have it ful; it's so to be t

lukin' loike new in no toime." "Really, Tighe, I don't see anything the matter with the cloak ; have not worn it so much, and

this quite good enough;" and Captain Dennier took it from Tighe, much to the latter's reluctance, and

with laughter, and made the tears course down his cheeks, "you are the pleasantest fellow I have ever and rapid advance of a form which he deemed to be that of an enemy, sprung back, and then recovering his presence of mind, braced him-self for the encounter. met, and I am happy to be acquainted with you. The clock struck ten, and Garfield

-it's only mesel'-Tighe a Vohr !" and Tighe flung back enough of the

The clock struck ten, and Garfield reluctantly rose to depart. "It's too devilish bad," said Sutton," that you must go; but I don't mind so much since I shall have Mr. Carmody's company another hour or two. You say he can stay till twelve?" "Garfield cloak to reveal his person. "Tighe, pressure of the hand ; he threw his "Yes, and then-"" Garfield drew Sutton aside and told him in a arms about his affectionate follower

and strained him to his breast. low voice of Tighe's request. "You couldn't choose a better There was a sudden sound ; they

sprung from each other's arms, and night," responded Sutton. who was looked up to behold something dark too much under the influence of falling through the air down almost the liquor he had imbibed, and too favorably impressed by Tighe a oked up to behold something dark Vohr, to care to pitch his voice in as low a key as Garfield had used; consequently Tighe had little diffi-culty in hearing. Sutton continued: "Back to yer cell, masther dear, for yer loife; there's a plot afoot to capture you agin ; that's why I'm

"A strange piece of business has been going on here these few days back—there's hardly a warden in the place that isn't bribed by a man they call Carter"—Tighe's hearing "Och meather dear will you 'Och, masther dear, will you

"Masther dear! don't be afeered

, my faithful fellow !" and

grew painfully acute ; it seemed as if the words, though they were only listen to rayson this once, an' go spoken in an ordinary voice, were shouted in his ears—"and, what's more, there won't be a man on duty in the vicinity of the jail yard tonight."

What's that for ?" asked Gar-That's more than I'm allowed to "That's more than I'm allowed to tell." replied Sutton, "and it's more than I quite understand; but you see that it's enough to settiefy under where I am. And I must make this venture, if only out of

see that it's enough to satisfy you gratitude to him who so nobly how easy it will be for me to grant planned all this." your friend's request." Garfield had a dim idea that there A sudden light flashed on Tighe's Garfield had a dim idea that there whisper: "Oh, what'll I say to was premeditated treason at the Mr. Carther at all ! sure didn't he Mr. Carther at all ! sure didn't be mind and he said in an agonized whisper: "Oh, what'll I say to tion just volunteered, and that lave it to me wits entoirely to get Sutton himself was not lightly implicated in the bribery of which you back to yer cell, somehow? He discovered that his plan for he spoke; and for a moment the usually slow-thinking soldier was tonoight was found out; but he discovered it too late to give you warnin' himsel,' so his last depind-ince was on me. He didn't mane stirred by an impulse that prompted him to warn the authorities of the plot which might be hatching under me to tell you all I'm sayin' now, their very eyes. But in that same instant he thought of Tighe's strange request to visit the jail for some rayson o' his own, but he lift it to mesel' to get you quietly back; sure I thried, an' you wouldn't go; but mebbe, now that yard, and at such an unwonted hour

-might not Tighe a Vohr himself you undhersthand it, you'll go V' be concerned in this mysterious A light suddenly flashed from the be concerned in this mysterious affair? and to inform upon that opposite side of the jail. Tighe bewould be perhaps to inform upon one who had already served him came desperate : 'Masther dear, will you go ? be all that iver you held sacred an' howly, well, and who might again, from his extreme wit and shrewdness, be exceedingly useful. The latter thought sufficed to stifle his consci-

entious scruples, and he concluded to let affairs take their own turn. Bidding his companions good night, He seized it, and was ready to thrated this way ! swing himself aloft. Still Carroll hesitated undecided, and puzzled. "Fly, masther dear!" wildly urged Tighe.

"Morty Carter directed you to do all this ?" Carroll said. est of confidences into the ear of the warden, and the latter in return, the more intoxicated he

the warden, and the latter in "Would I be here if it wasn't for me!" "In the morning," answered the became, the more freely he imparted all that he knew of Morty Carter's suspense congratulating himself on "Sucrement of anxiety and "Sucrement of anxiety" and "S the truthfulness of his reply. Carroll turned back into the

transactions with the jail officials. By the time that the clock was on much to the latter's reluctance, and shook out its ample folds. "Why, beggin' yer pardon, but where's yer honor's eyes—don't you see the patch o' brown jist beginnin' to come out loike a—loike a"— Tighe experienced his usual perplex— Tighe experienced his usual perplex— Tighe experienced his usual perplex— the down on a gandher's back ; an' don't you ketched it the noight you were out wid Captain Crawford afore he wint The night was dark enough to but beyond the latter there was sufficient light's rapid but outlines, and Tighe's rapid but ketched it the noight you and wid Captain Crawford afore he wint away; an' don't you see another shoot as if it moight be wine yer honor spilled?" Tighe's finger, moving over the surface of the cloak was keeping time to the widity of his tongue; "an' don't that the warden was in a sufficiently maudlin condition to grant the "We are discovered ! you took too long in getting him over the wall—they are after us ! Tell Tim to drive like the devil !" favor; but something, he could scarcely explain to himself what, checked the asking of the boon, the such a way that it formed an excel-lent cover for the upper part of his

CHARROLL O'DONOGHUE Mimself the most enjoyable boon CHARTER XXXV. CARTER FOLLED off, and there was revealed, not the golden-haired prisoner whom all expected to see, but a good-looking, rosy-cheeked fellow, in the garb of a valet. Amazement paralyzed everybody, so that for an instant the silence was appalling; then it was broken by an oath from some one in Tighe's rear—an, odd, lasphemous expression, which parish. Tighe a Vohr recognized as one that was peculiar to a certain person. young O Donoghue, in the ardor of He turned shortly, and met the his joy, could not be content with a wildly distended eyes and petrified face of Morty Carter, who formed one of a group of spectators stand-ing near the door of the apartment.

That unexpected, and to him horrible, vision of Tighe a Vohr-for an instant he deemed it little -had thrown him completely off his guard, and he started for ward, and uttered the oath which

betrayed his presence. Tighe turned back to the astounded, and still more violently indignant governor. "Do you call this Chresthen thratemint—to have an innocent man dhragged afore you in this way? Wait till Captain Dennier is tould o' this false arrist, an' it's coort-martialed he'll have the whole 'ye!" Some one brought a hurried

message to the governor ; it had the effect of suddenly quieting him, and he turned to one of the attendant "No, no Tighe, I must at least make the attempt; let me go"—as shifting the rope"—as the coil at their fact here to react of suddenly quicting him, and he turned to one of the attendant officers. "What strange business is this? the prisoner, Carroll O'Donoghue, is reported as being safe in his cell."

"Now hear me, yer worship," demanded Tighe, "an' I'll explain the whole matther;" and without waiting to be accorded the permission, he burst into an absurd and ludicrous account in which Cantain Dennier' cloak, Ned Sutton, whisky, the jail all, I yard, and a rope were so ridiculd ly blended, that many of the officials were struggling to suppress their laughter.

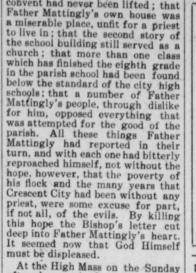
"Either the man is a fool, or he is endeavoring to play a very clever part !" said the governor impatient-ly, and he signaled to some of the parties about him to remove the five prisoners; Tighe found himself seized. "Is it widout a hearin' you'd

sintince me ?" he cried, struggling in the hands of his captors, and suddenly twisting himself out of their grasp. Then with a bound he flung himself on his knees before the governor. the governor. "Oh, yer worship, jist sind to Captain Dennier, an he'll shwear on the howly Bible that go-go afore you get us all into throuble, the b'ys outside'll be shot afore yer eyes, an' Carther, an' the whole o' us ! Go, an I'll climb the rope to thim." sind for him, an' don't let me be

Strong, rough hands had again grasped Tighe a Vohr, and he was wildly forced to his feet ; but he continued to cry :- "May the Lord be good to yer

sowl, yer honor, an' don't refuse

So Tighe became the unwilling inmate of the jail which held his beloved young master. "Begorra,"



after he received notice of his remcval, Father Mattingly made the weekly announcements and preached as usual; and afterward, he told his congregation of the Bishop's letter and that he had made arrangements to leave Crescent City on the following Tuesday. "You will have a new Tuesday. "You will have a n pastor before next Sunday-younger and an abler man," said; and then, not daring to look down at his people, he added. very simply, "I hope that you will all obey him, and reverence him, and love him. As for me, it is well for you that I am to go. Perhaps I should have gone long ago of my should have gone long ago, of my own accord. I am grateful for your patience with me during all these years. I have never been eloquent, or clever, or enterprising. have failed in many ways, but at least I have loved you, and above all, I have loved the children. I can not say how deeply many of you have edified me."

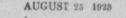
As he finished Father Mattingly ventured to glance at the congregation. In more than one pew he saw a handkerchief raised to some one's eyes, and just below the pulpit from the first pew, he heard a sound like a smothered sob. For one moment he thought that his people were weeping; then, turning quickly, he left the pulpit and ascended the altar steps. "What a fool I 'he said to himself. am! When Mass was ended and Father

Mattingly knelt in the sanctuary to make his thanksgiving, he noticed that the acolytes were lingering in the sacristy, instead of scampering away as soon as they could wriggle themselves free of their cassocks and when he had finished his devotions they crowded around him.

"Father, you didn't mean that you are going away to stay, did you, Father?" the tallest had asked. the tallest had asked. Father Mattingly nodded, yes

He had baptized every one of those boys, had prepared them for their first confession and First Holy Com-munion, and had trained them to serve Mass and to sing sweetly in the choir. After his first reading of the Bishop's letter he had decided that he could not say goodbye to his boys. He would simply slip away from them.

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you see-" "Stop stop!" interrupted the officer, laughing; "I declare I see nothing of what you are so earnestly pointing out, but I suppose the up-shot of it all is that you want me to have the cloak cleaned by this friend of yours?"

If yer honor'll consint to that, I'll take it as a great favor intoirely, both on the part o' me friend, an' for the savin' o' the cloak itself." "Very well, Tighe, do as you

choose

"An' moight I make bould to ax another favor ?" Tighe was salaam-ing very profoundly.

The officer waited with an amused smile to hear the boon.

I'm invoited to spend the evenin' wid Mr. Sutton, one o' the wardens in the jail, an' as he's to have a few frinds, it'll be a merry-makin' I'm noight off, yer honor; but I'll be back bright an' airly in the mernio'.'' mornin'

Captain Dennier gave the per-mission, and Tighe, having thanked him in his own absurd, though eloquent fashion, turned away to his duties with a somewhat lightened heart.

to a sudden halt, was surrounded. "Don't foight, by's," said Tighe, feigning huskiness, that his voice

might not be recognized, as he saw where the shadows lay deepest, standing so motionless that he could not be distinguished from the dark mass of stone against which he leaned; and he watched and listened. Minutes passed; they were like hours'to the faithful Tighe a Vohr; he fancied he could hear the beat-ing of his own heart, and ghoul-like his companions preparing to make a desperate resistance; "I'll give

An' that divil o' a Carther-och, but it does me heart good to be upsettin' his plans! He has the with the darkness, effectually con-cealed his identity. He crouched in a corner of the vehicle, and immediately a voice called trem-blingly forth: "We are discovered ! you took "We are discovered ! you took

to go back to his cell. It flashed on me all o' a suddint the minit he said he'd have to go on with to go back to his cell. It flashed ''Going for good and all? You see, I was in the last pew—and since you spoke about leaving, Father, I've scarcely explain to himself what, checked the asking of the boon, the words of which were twice upon his ilps, and he determined to trust to some other favorable accident. Sutton departed, and he was alone. Not a sound could be heard, not a shadow crossed his vision save those that obscured the angles in the walls. He softly unwrapped his parcel, and shaking out Captain Dennier's cloak, folded its ample proportions about his person. Then as he luked whin I turned an' faced him awhile ago. I wondher, now, if it remoinded him o' Tighe's swate-heart !'' and Tighe'a Vohr had some difficulty in restraining him-selfs from laughing aloud. At last slumber sealed his eyes, and he did not awake till he was aroused by the warden in the morning.

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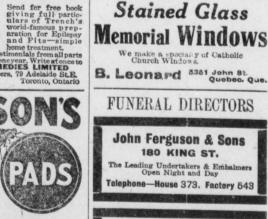
would be worse to go to any else, let alone a strange priest who might—he might take it all too hard. You see, I can't die like this, and I'm getting old, Father. I'm older than you are, by five or six wears "

years. "God be praised! I am very glad, Tim! Come this afternoon," Father Mattingly said thankfully; and he shook the old man's horny hand, and repeated encouragingly, "Come this afternoon, and have it over." over.

and heart.
The evening arrived, and Tighe, with the fancied he could hear the beat, ing of his own heart, and ghoul-like mig of his own heart, and ghoul-like forms seemed to start out of the seemed to the jail.
Ned Sutton, being himself a sociable fellow, had many of his English prejudices dissipated by the remembrance of Sutton's information seemed to falsify his fears, lever exploits, he was pleased to accord him a very warm welcome. He conducted his guests to his own his dubts and alarms, there was the slight noise of a carefully was the slight noise of a carefully was darkes, nurned into a some constraints, and where a short while before all its private apartment, and there or ducted on diselessly and moiselessly Tim limped away, and Father Mattingly—who could not afford to pay a sexton—went to close the outer doors of the church, which







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