CARROLL O'DONOGHUE

ess of "A Mother's Sacrifice," etc. CHAPTER XII.—CONTINUED

"Carroll O'Donoghue, do you The question was put so suddenly

Certainly, Morty; why do you

Because,"-Carter folded his arms, dropped his head till his chin almost rested on his breast, and spoke with such an assumption of sadness that the impulsive, tender-hearted young fellow was deeply ned—" because," repeated Car-'my character has been vilified and blackened, till the whole country is against me. What has a Carroll O'Donoghue, don't speak to me, but bid me to begone from your presence, for I stand before presence, for I stand before you accused of treachery and robbery."
"What do you mean?" broke in Carroll, painfully excited.

"I mean this,"—lifting his head and straightening himself as if with the provide consciousness of his rejoice with me in the full proof of about who have been defaming every action and word of mine. I English officers, I was permitted free access to the barracks; but what did I do it for ?-to help the cause I would die to serve: and I My information warned the boys many a time, and sayed them. But what do they say of me now?—that have betrayed them, and worse than that, they say it is I who have betrayed you, Carroll O'Donoghue; you whose life I saved when you were a child, you whom I carried my arms when you were a little boy and tired from the sports of the day. you, the son of that man who trusted me as if I was his brother, you that I love as I would my own

He stopped suddenly as if his voice had broken from emotion.
"These are ridiculous charges," said O'Donoghue, his !ip curling

with scorn. "Nevertheless," resumed Carter, are the charges that are brought against me, and my enemies have done even worse; they have made your sister and Miss McCarthy deem me their bitter foe,-neither be protected against me-me their guardian, and, Heaven knows, their best friend."

Again his head fell, and his voice assumed the sadness which he knew date, indented with wrinkles, and would not fail to touch his youthful brown with freckles, could not boast

This is dreadful!" exclaimed round, bald head was ornamented the young man.

Carter looked up.

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"If it touches you so deeply, how must it wound me? And there is yet more: Father Meagher told me to my face that he did not trust me, and when I entreated young Father O'Connor to tell me his opinion, his answer was that he too believed me guilty of all that was reported of me! Oh Carroll, pity me!" He took a step forward to the young man, and let his hands drop to his mouth, as if he regretted being obliged to part with it for even a short time. The knock was repeated, and the visitor, apparently man, and let his hands drop to his mouth, as if he regretted being obliged to part with it for even a short time. The knock was repeated, and the visitor, apparently man, and let his hands drop to his mouth, as if he regretted being obliged to part with it for even a short time. The knock was man, and let his hands drop to his indes as if in the very abandonment of sorrow. "I am getting to be an old man; my heart had few loves in this world have that the state of the room, with a grunt of satisthis world, but even those have been torn from it; and now, if you too believe these wretched lies, and spurn me, I have nothing left to live for."

impetuously; "the world may turn against you, Morty, but I retain my trust in, and my affection for you, and I shall make Nora, and

do," answered Carter.
"What!" burst for

"No! I will have no defense made for me until I can myself prove the falsity of the charges which have been brought against me, and that I shall be able to do when you, Carroll O'Donoghue, have, through my means, escaped. They say that I have betrayed you; let your freedom grained through let your freedom, gained through me, give the lie to that; Miss Mc-Carthy now believes me to be her foe; let her marriage with you, which shall be speedy through my efforts, show her her error. Your sister thinks I would gloat over her poverty; let the little property which I possess, and which I shall deed to her, proved that she has wronged me. I ask only to live to accomplish these things, and then, poor, old, lonely, desolate Morty Carter will retire where his shadow will never again cross the path of prying eyes of other dwellers in

sympathy, sprung forward and cated himself from the friendly caught Carter's hands, wringing grasp, he closed and locked the

them hard.
"Morty, do not take this so to heart; and believe me when I heart; and of my trust and

assure you of my trust and affection!"
"I do," was the response, sadly "believe that you trust me now, and that you will continue to trust me until you have heard their story, and-

Carroll interrupted : "They told me nothing when I saw them on the night of my arrest; nothing of you save to mention your name in an incidental manner."

Corney obeyed, forgetting, in his interest, to resume his pipe, and I approached the subjict o' this tormincidental manner."

Tighe seated himself near. In his own ludicrous, and yet sometimes "Scalar Widdy——" me nothing when I saw them on the night of my arrest; nothing of you

"I can't account for that," pathetic manner, he told the tale replied Carter; "but never fear, you'll hear it all soon enough, and subsequent events." pathetic manner, he told the tale "your mother, the honored Mrs. Carmody, is one."

then you too will turn against me."
"Never! I swear to you that I never shall; it would require proof before my very eyes; such proof as should compel from you an open avowal of your guilt, before I could there's no knowin' what I'll do next, believe sucht against you. Morty" ieve aught against you, Morty."
Will you swear to me then, my and so earnestly that the young man

dear boy, that no matter what they tell you, how fiercely they may denounce me, how firmly they may believe the evil that is spoken of me, you will not believe it—that you will not suffer your trust in me to be diminished in the least?"

"Willingly, Morty; I swear to all

that without hesitation And will you further swear to say nothing about me,—not to mention even that I have been here

yes; but it certainly will be very hard for me to listen calmly while you are being vilified.

the proud consciousness of his innocence—"that I have enemies the guard coming to let me out." as some one paused at the cell door.
"My plan for your escape will be matured in a day or two; till then became familiar with the English matured in a day or two; till then soldiers, I won the favor of the ber your promise to me."
The iron bolt was shot back with

an ominous click, the heavy door swung open, and Carter, wringing elp the cause, and help it well.
Information warned the boys a time, and sayed them. But Swung open, and Carroll O'Donoghue was again a solitary prisoner.

> CHAPTER XIII. THE WIDOW'S REPLY

In a small, dingy back room, situated in the poorest quarter of Tralee, a queer, crabbed little man sat smoking; the dudheen was well blackened, and the puffs arose from it in so precise and systematic a manner that they seemed to be following some plan in the smoker's mind. A small, old-fashioned table, littered with writing materials, was before him, and about the room was scattered a fantastical medley of furniture, the arrangement of which was marked by the disorder and want of cleanliness which told of the utter absence of a woman's hand. The occupant himself was in little better condione of the young ladies will give me a civil look—and they have gone to live with Father Meagher in order coat, to the dusty shoes worn into large and ungainly shape by numer-ous excrescences on his feet, he had the same musty, neglected look as his grim bachelor apartment. His

at the sides with tufts of gray hair tortured into the semblance of a

of an even feature, and his little

answered Carroll carefully down, and shaking himself out of his chair, he proceeded shall leisurely to the door. The knock fection was again repeated; still the grim a, and little man did not hasten his movemy sister, and Father Meagher, and ments; he had a key to turn, and Father O'Connor, know how a bolt to shoot back, and a spike wronged and calcimniated you have to take out, and by the time that That is just what you must not pleted, and the door stood fairly

do," answered Carter.
"What!" burst from Carroll,
"not permit me to defend you?"
"May I never be drowned in a mud pool, but it's Tighe a Vohr! burst from the strange little man, startled out of his wonted phlegmatic manner by his delighted astonishment. It was Tighe a Vohr, but in such a costume that, as he him-self had expressed it, hardly his own mother would know him-kneebreeches, body-coat, white vest, a spotless choker, and surmounting his mass of short, brown curls, his own, old, worn hat, presenting a most ludicrous contrast to the rest

of his dress.
"Where did you come from?" pursued the little man, "and what are you doing in such a dress as that?"—shaking both Tighe's hands "And how did y vigorously, and drawing him into the room forgetting in his eager Carroll, in the ardor of his pass, and as soon as he had extri-

> You may well ask," he replied. returning to the little man, I kem to have such a dress as this. luck to it! it has me bothered that I can't think a sthraight thought,"—ruefully sur-veying himself back and front. But sit down, Corny, an' I'll tell you all about it; it's a long an'

a divartin' story."

Corney obeyed, forgetting, in his

"And you are here, now, servant to an English officer? bedad it's ceeded:

or in the Irish of it, Tighe a Vohr

"Do you see now." pursued Tighe, drawing his chair closer to that of his listener, "I'll make mesel' a favorite in the barracks there; not one o' thim suspects me intintions; Captain Crawford tuk the greatest to be likin' to me intoirely, an' between one an' the other o' thim, keepin' somethin' happened you, or the loike, seein' it's so long since I laid

eyes on you Tighe, I'm wedded to my I sed to mesel', 'henceforth, Corny Corny o'Toole, let your heart be dead to an'children, and make no changes — pompously.
stay in the one spot, and let time "You are right, Corny; what wid reconcile you to the fact that if you had been beforehand with Timothy Carmody, it is Mrs. O'Toole your mother would be, Tighe, and you, you would be my son, Timothy O'Toole.'"

hand.

"An' why didn't you ax her since, Corny? she's a widdy this many a year, an' be me sowl, I don't think she'd refuse you."

The little man arose.
"Is it desecrate the ashes of her widowed heart by a proposal now, when her husband is in his cold grave? Tim Carmody, do not so disrespect my years an my gray He touched his sidelocks with melodramatic gesture.

"Tatther an' ages! it isn't whin her husband was alive that you'd be poppin' the question to her? broke in Tighe.

"No, Mr. Carmody," with a tragic action of his arms, "nor shall I now disturb the beautiful serenity of her widowed feelings by flattered soul responsive echoes. an offer. I honor your "Illigant!" broke-in Tighe, clap-r," placing his hand on his ping his hands, "illigant intoirely." mother,' heart—"and I will leave her to repose her love in the cold grave of and noble Mr. Garfield, and I intend lamented husband.

He sat down, wiping his face. "Well," said Tighe, "we'll not moind about that little matther for the present. I want your help wid this; you tuk in a while ago, all that I tould you about the letther I med the guaranteer weight and craving heart. With suffocating feelings of the deepest regret, I beg you to be speechless about all this for the present—cruel circumstances compel this dreadful necessity. Meet med the quartermasther write to one Widdy Moore

Corny nodded his head. me here this mornin'; he expected and undividable as yourself an answer last night, but I tould The Widow Mo him that the widdy wasn't in, but that I left the letther, an' also how I left the letther, an also now I left word that I'd go afther an answer this mornin'. Do you see, now, Corny, he's a soft soort of fellow that it's not hard to get round at all, an' if I can sthring him for a while wid something loike.

Tighe in the exuberance of his delight; and he shook that useful member of Mr. O'Toole's body till the latter gentleman was fain to beg him to desist.

It's satisfactory,'' said Corny, it's s for a while wid something loike this, I may be able to turn him to account. I got out o' him last night the perticler part of the jail where Mr. O'Donoghue is, an' how his thrial is likely to come off afore a thrial is likely great while. Sure it's your business to be writin' letthers an' the

loike,"—glancing at the littered 'It used to be. Tighe, it used to be, afore people got to have the book larnin' themselves: but now, since they're spiled us with their national schools, and their other divil's improvements, the sorra much poor Corny gets to do. in a while I've a love-letther to write, or an offer of marriage, or the like, where big words are a-wantin', but it's not often; times are not what they used to be;" and

the old man sighed touchingly.
"Read this," said Tighe, proffering the letter which he had induced the simple quartermaster to write to the Widow Moore.

"That's a fine employment of ords," said Corny, when he had read the missive slowly and aloud. Then he turned to the superscription, reading that with the same

this Mistress Moore?" he asked.
"The divil a bit o' me knew her had no desire to be stared at by the of a quartermasther make mintion her, thin I med a bould guess at husband. who might happen to as soon as he had extri- eyed him for a while, an' saw the the rest. Sez I to mesel', whin I eyed him for a while, an' saw the hesitatin' way he was in about the writin'—sez I to mesel', 'you're in Corny to hear. The latter gentleove; and faith, Corny, fellow's in love there's not much to be got out o' him be the way o'

rayson or common sinse. Corny nodded an earnest assent. "I found that out be the masther himself," continued Tighe, "for he wouldn't be led, nor dhrove, bekaise o' his love for a purty girrel, bekaise o' his love for a pur till he got himsel' into the schrape he's in now. Well, that's neither

Tighe stifled a laugh and pro-

the quare things you turn your hand to, Tighe."

"Yis," answered Tighe; "an' there's no knowin' what I'll do next, do you understand, Corny? I'll do now mortal thing that'd help the masther."

"I do, Tighe, an' them are the sentiments I admire; you are your mother's own son, Timothy Carmody, the Lyish of it. Fighe a Vohr."

"I approached the subject in the way I tould you, an' to me own wondher I med the right hit entoirely. But I wasn't widout makin' sly inquiries, an' I found out that this Misthress Moore is a young, gay, dashin' widdy that sets half o' the officers be the ears wid love o' her; sure that was playin' into me hands complately, an' if I can kape up the Jaine of the Lyish of it. Fighe a Vohr." "I approached the subject in the up the game long enough to help me to get seein' the masther, I'll be

very thankful."
"I see," answered Corny; "well, we will have to be very careful with the answer, Tighe; it wouldn't do to be putting an offer of marriage

Not at all, sure that would be the one an' the other o' thim, keepin' me eyes an, me ears open, mebbe l'il ketch many a bit o' information that'll 'be for the masther's binefit. An' that's what brought me here this mornin',—to have you help me. I was mortally afeerd I wouldn't find you,—that you'd be gone out of the ould place, of that somethin' happened you, or the could looks, for it will be only for a somethin' happened you. or the could looks, for it will be only for a while, an' that her heart is burnin wid thoughts o' him all the toime Corny !-- begorra surroundings. On the day that your forgittin'—tell him that she doesn't mother married Timothy Carmody, want him to be makin' delusions to the letthers in her prisence,

the natural affections; let the things of nature be your wife and mody," interrupted Mr. O'Toole,

the bewildherments o' the toimes the book larnin' is gone clane out o me head. Well, she doesn't want him to be makin' allusions to the letthers in her prisence—she wants him to be spachless, for faith if he In the excess of his feelings he leaned across and wrung Tighe's thing will be spiled. Now, will you

do that, Corny?"
"I will," said the little man drawing the writing materials to

"Put big words in it, Corny there's nothin' loike thim for touchin' the heart." Mr. O'Toole wrote with all dili-gence, and soon produced.

Dearest Mr. Garfield: When the sentiments of the female heart are touched, the tongue finds it troublesome and difficult to give them utterance. Your beautiful and noble letter stirred all the emotions of my susceptible nature. The promulgation of your deliberate affection for a widowed and bereaved youthful female woke in my sensitive and

to cherish them in all the recesses of my desolate and craving heart me, esteemed and revered sir, if you knew me not, for a little while; be silent about everything, "Well, I want you now to write and after a few days my bursting an answer as if it kem from the Widdy Moore—that's what brought

Till then, believe me as undivided

> THE WIDOW MOORE." "Give us yer fist, Corny!" said Tighe in the exuberance of his delight; and he shook that useful member of Mr. O'Toole's body till

trying to assume an indifference to the praise of his young friend, but a chair, facing his wife. ambition to gain fame as an elegant letter writer.

"An' yu tuk particler pains to make the han'writin' small, I see." said Tighe, examining the super-scription, when at length the letter was addressed, sealed, and given int his possession. "It takes you, Corny, an' begorra it always Once I'm only surprised at one thing, how you iver missed me mother." was a roguish twinkle in Tighe a Vohr's eyes, but simple, credulous Corny did not perceive it, and he answered:

"I didn't ask her in time, my boy; I procrastinated."
"That was bad, Corny; but kape up yer heart; mebbe, if things turn out well, I'll be able mesel' to put

in a good word for you."
Mr. O'Toole drew himself up, and folded his arms on his swelling

Mr. Carmody, I have already ttentive leisure.

"And how did you come to know that tender and delicate subject; respect them, sir, and do not force me the room forgetting in his eager delight to close the door. But Tighe at all till I heerd the amadhaun mother's widowed heart, so long buried in the grave of her lamented

> when a man maintained his lofty attitude, much to proudly assuring himself that his countenance was expressing at onc noble scorn and heroic resignation, whereas his yellow, wrinkled face was pursed up into a look so to hasten his adieu lest he should

TO BE CONTINUED

A wide-spreading, hopeful disintin' widdy——"
"Spake respectful, me boy, of the position is your only true umbrella in this vale of tears. THREE ROOMS AND GAS

By Mary Clark Jacobs in Rosary Magazine Jerry Warner paced the floor with long, nervous strides, his arms folded, his head sunk in abject misery. The task before him was hard, well-nigh impossible, yet he must do it. With white face and tightened lips, that spoke of grim resolve, he crossed the hall to the living room. At the door he paused, glad of the minute's reprieve, for his wife was talking to a maid who was leaving her service that day to be married.

"I am sorry you are leaving, Ellen," Dorothy Warner was saying "I hope you know what you are doing. Marriage is a very serious step. Are you certain you are bettering your condition?"

Jerry's lips relaxed into a smile. Dorothy, the gay, madcap social butterfly, who gave no thought to marital responsibilities, thus advising the older, serious, settled maid was funny! Perhaps Ellen was thinking the same, for her neatly capped head gave a little toss as she answered:

"Oh, yest Mrs. Warner. Jim is all right. We've been engaged for years. Before the War, you know".

Dorothy frowned with a matronly assumption of concern that made it difficult for Jerry to repress a

chuckle. No doubt your young man is all right, as you say, but can he take care of you?"

Take care of me?" Ellen flared. It's because I know he needs me to take care of him that I'm insisting on our getting married now. He went to France, and when he came back his job was gone. We've been waiting ever since. Now, he's working as a mechanic, getting in but half stime, but we're going to be married and do our waiting for better times together."
"How will you live under such conditions?"

Ellen laughed merrily. It will be three rooms and gas for me and Jim. Nothing more!' "Three rooms and gas!" Dorothy did not understand. "Gas?"
"On the fourth floor of a tene-

ment building we have rented two little rooms and a cubby hole of a kitchen with a gas stove. Oh, the gas, is everything, Mrs. Warner. gas, is everything, Mrs. Warner. We'lldo regular housekeeping. Jim The Home of Her Dreams and me are crazy about it. How often the woman in business reaches the climax of her earning power before she has made any provision for her future!

"And you give up this," with a wave of her hand she indicated her tasteful, attractive "You are willing to give up

this for such a place?"
"This?" Ellen's shoulders shrugged disdainfully. "Mrs. Warner, this means nothing to me. It isn't mine. I've had no part in the making of it. Our three little rooms will be home for Jim and me. We'll work together. I don't suppose I can make you under-stand," she sighed, "but to me a home is a wife's workshop and, rich or poor, be it in hovel or palace, a wife must do her daily duty or th can be no real home. I'll not shirl my part and we'll be happyhappier, perhaps, than many couples

who can live in a place like this The maid was right. Dorothy did understand. She was indulged, only daughter of wealthy parents, insistent that every whim be gratified. With marriage she had assumed no obligations. As a wife she but continued the role she

had played as a daughter.

As the maid departed, Jerry You're not dressed," she greeted impatiently. "We dine with him impatiently.

the Beeches tonight. Have you forgotten : 'Not tonight. I must talk with you-now.

"Are you ill?"
"No. . . O "No. . Only tired. . . Dot, I must tell you the truth. I dread to, but I dare not defer it

The end?" she echoed the words dazedly. "Yes. I can't keep up this farce any longer

Was that what he con sidered their life together? She drew herself up haughtily.

"I'm afraid I don't understand you, Jerry. No doubt you are tired, but why inflict your ill humor on me? I've accepted the Beeches' invitation. You must hurry—"

A flush of anger dyed his cheeks. I am not dining out tonight." said with finality. "If you don't he said with finality. understand, I'll try to make it clear. I can't keep up this house, this mode of living, any longer. The expenses are twice—three The expenses are times—my income, and unfortunately I can't stretch my resources. I've been in debt for months—going deeper all the time. Now I must settle up things.

"You mean this house must be given up?" she asked.
"The house is mortgaged to its

full value," he snapped.
"Oh! Then you've failed—"
"I have failed?" he asked grimly.
"Yes, I have failed. I should have made my wife understand that there was a limit to my resources and that she must live within my

You mean that it is not you but I who have failed ?" "Dorothy, I'm a brute, dear Of course, I don't mean that. I know what you were used to when I took you from your parents. Of ccurse, I wanted you to have every-thing you wished. . I want you to go to your parents for awhile.

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