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MYRTLE GROVE, YOUHAL, IRELAND.

Myrtle Grove was formerly Sir Walter Raleigh's house. It is a fine old structure of the Elizabethan style, and is kept in perfect order inside and out. Here it is said Spenser wrote a portion of his *Faerie Queene*. In the garden of Myrtle Grove, Raleigh planted the first potatoes grown in Ireland. An amusing story is told of him while living here. One day while he was enjoying a puff of the fragrant weed, which he had brought from Virginia, his servant woman who had never before witnessed such a performance, supposing her master to be on fire, threw a bucket of water over him to "put him out."