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smart fighting about Charlemont, and of Miles O'Relliy, as he runned for such as a mark againing whole considered of Miles O'Relliy, as he runned for such as a shore a mark againing whole real old a down the blood-dripping stairs. "Beware blood is in Sir Phelim, lawyer and all that of the powder " he castle was deserted by fifty foot but well he handled us; and living man, and at a considerable distance and wany a dark night I remember when we cut off the Scotch guards, and shot and sabred them by dozens in the mosses, driving in whole herds of Undertakers cattle, while Monros could only sweat and bluster on the head of it. And the four hundred Scots in Mount. joy were so cooped up by our fellows at a digtance that they could not get a stick of fuel for firing without paying dearly for it with their blood. Oh, my friend, we've had lively times in the North "

As for me," said O'Tracy, "I've been ohiefly in Leinster with Owen Roe."

"With Owen Roe ?" repeated his com. panion, becoming interested.

"Ay, and would I had a better tale to tell than one of misfortune to our cause. You see, we had campaigned in Leinster during the summer months, and when autumn came on we marched, oreaghts and all, to UL ster, so that our people might gather their harvest-but there was no harvest there for us : the regiments of Olotworthy, Conway, and Donegai had swept the province, reaping, threshing, or burning all the corn from the Bann to the Foyle, from Olones to Colersine. Well, we were nigh cqual with the Scots ; we had little or no bread, but plenty of beet, milk and butter, die in the attempt." They reached the foot of the first flight of as if in a mighty tempest. A cloud of steps without discovery, and here they isit stones and rubbish rose into the air, counsel to Kilkenny."

" You accompanied him ?"

"Yes, in his best regiment of horse. He complained to the council rightly and bit-terly of the state of his army in the North, leit without supplies, and offered, if properly seconded, to levy 4,000 foot and 400 horse in Ulster. Then the council sent 400 foot and 800 horse northwards to fight the Scotch, but not under our gallant general-no, the Palesmen faction in Kilkenny were too bigoted for that-but under an English lord, this Castlehaven yonder."

"Manam an diaout," exclaimed O'Oulrnin, " how mad we were in Uister when we heard

" So northwards our regiment came in this army, our brave leader having to serve for union's sake a Sassenach adventurer, and you know the rest-how we were obecked at Dromore, and driven into Oharle mont, where eating flesh meat without bread or salt made our men die in dozens of the lax, until Castle. haven thought fit to steal away with the relics of his army, with which he is now lying yonder at Granard."

"Strange I did not meet you at Charlemont.

"I never entered its gates, for our regiment WEE engaged in accuring the country to the South.'

"Ha, that explains; hallo, look there." O'Cuirnin pointed to a horseman who appeared galioping at full speed across the bridge. The attention of both was riveted on the solitary cavalior, who now reined in his steaming and exhausted steed, threw himself from his saddle, and hastily approached the colonsl, who with folded arms was thoughtfully pacing up and down in the shade of the trees. A short conversation end sued between O'Beilly and his cout-for such the horseman was--- the latter speaking in an excited manner and pointing now and then in the direction whence he had come.

" Emon, my hearty, I smell powder," erclaimed Niai O'Cuirnin.

Scarcely had he uttered the words when the blast of a trumpst sounding to horse rang through the wood. In ready obedience every dragoon hurried to his charger, and the entire troop was soon in the saddle. Drawn up in two long lines the detachment of cavalry presented a right gallant appearance and martial picture. The sunlight glowed on the bronzed and monstached faces of the cavallors and was reflected from the burnished corselets and heimets, each

# we must first get rid of the sentinel fiert us. PADDY'S SHORTHORN.

I had a cow-my Drimindhu-When Pat and I were joined together, And I may say that for a day She scarce was off the tether. Och / wirrasthru, my Urlmindhu, Your glossy coat all did admire; My shinin'aloe, your like I know Will never stand in shed or byre.

But just about last hollandtide, But just about last nollandtidt, Our Pathe rose one frosty morn; And wirrasthru / my Drimindhu, He sold, and purchased a "shorthorn." Och / wirrasthru, my Drimindhu, Your glossy coat all did admire; My shinin' sloe, your like I know Will never stand in shed or byre.

And when the "shorthorn " calved in May, Of "cake and corn she got her skin full; But may 1 never sin if she Gave at a militin' half a tinful i Och / wirrasthru. my Urimindhu, You needed neither cake nor corn; On a taste of hay three times a day, You gave a cauful night and morn!

I wipe the sait tears from my eyes— I feel my check with hot shame burnin'— As the neighbors say to me each day, "Arrah, Klity, is there no more churnin??" Och / wirrastiru, my Drimindhu, Grief chokes me and I cannot utter ! On a taste of hay three times a day, 'Twas you that gave galore of butter !

Says Pat to me, " Och, gramachree, Her pedigree shows' dukes' in dozans; The 'Royal Dane' and 'Lady Jane," And the 'Sultan,' too, are all her cousins."

Och / wirrasihru, my Drimindhu, Such nonsense puts me past my patience My darlin' cow I miss you now, Although you had no grand relations !

My curse upon them night and day, At d may their grief be great as mine is, That first brought o'er to Erln's shore. The "Shorthorn," cows and Cochin-Chinas. Och / wirrasthru, my Drimindhu, From Barrow's shady banks I brought

And off I dream of that fair stream, And her eyes, placid as its water.

# THE WILD ROSE OF LOUGH GILL. A TALE OF THE IRISH WAR IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

# OHAPTER XVIII-Continued.

The night came, a moonless and starless one, and a etrong force, commanded by Owen Ros in person, lay in silent am-bush in the wood, while the Slasher and his small band, with their maniac guide, set out in stealthy progress towards the castle. The night was too dark to allow the sentinels on the battlements to distinguish the dark forms that slowly crept up the slope of the eminence on which the castle stood. Each of the reconnoitring party was armed with sword and pistol, and each was barefooted, for greater caution, for their enterprise was a most critical and dangerous one. In the midst of the shadowy crawling group was the Slasher, trailing his giant form along in a wonderfully noiseless manner, and keeping a careful eye on MacSharry, who crept along like some strange monster of the night. Their progress was necessarily slow and painful; the snap of a rotten stick, the fall of a stone. the least outburst of the dublous guide's aberration, might draw the attention of the senti-

nels and ruin all. On the party crept up the slope of the hill, as noiselessly, it seemed, as the shadow of a the thought of falling into the hands of those cloud passed over the landscope. Edmund to whom they had never shown mercy, was now foremost. He had gained the crest of the hill, when an unlucky noise made in slipping by one of the men made him catch his breath and orough still and stiff as death. After a moment of great suspense he looked cautiously upwards. There was a dark discharged their pistols at the same time, and lump seemingly poised in the sir almost over his head, and he soon

Hold yourself ready to snatch his match and musket when I seise him from behind." Again sounded the regular tramp of feet as the unsuspecting Scot approached the place where his two enemies were concealed. Nearer and nearer he came, while Edumnd thought he could hear his own heart, of a tiger, had sprung up behind the sentinel, clasping him garrote-wise round the throat, stilling his gasping ory of alarm, while O'Tracy

easily wrested the matchlock from the man's unnerved grasp. At the same time there was a faint, gurgling ory from the other sentinel, as he fell, plerced to the heart, by the skian of the terrible MacSharry, who had crept upon him unawares. Hurling his man upon the stone flags, O'Ouirnan proceeded to gag and bind him, while Edmund shook the rope as a signal to those balow to ascend. In a short

time the entire party were standing on the battlements prepared for action. " Now, suidheras, follow Murty !" hissed the maniao; " Murty will show you how to use the Albanach." And he began to descend the stone steps leading into the heart of the castle.

"Follow him closely, lads, and use your eyes and cars," said the Slasher ; " remember, we must throw open the main entrance or

two of their number. They found them. selves in a dark corridor, at the further end of which a gleam of yellow light guided them on. It was the same corridor traversed by Kathleen Ny-Oulmin on the night of her daring effort for liberty. They stole silently onward in the direction of the faint light, their bare jeet making no noise on the flagged passage, at the extremity of which was another stone stairs, which they descended, leaving two more of their number at its head.

They now beheld the arched entrance of a chamber out of which came the flickering glare of many torches, and as they paused in the dark shadow, clutching their weapons and steeling their hearts, they heard the confused chatter of many volces speaking in broad

Scotch, and above all, the words of a song, sung in stentorian style : " Now let us drink Till we nod and wink Even as good fellows should do; We shall not miss To have the bliss Good wine doth bring men to !"

"'Tis the guard room," whispered O'Beilly. "You fout" (and he picked them out) " leap to the portal and undo bolts and bars; the rest

follow me ;---forward!" A rush, and the Slasher, O'Tracy, O'Cuirnin, and a fourth, were within the entrance of the lighted chamber, confronting its occupants with bared sword and lsvelled pistols. "Surrender!" thundered O'Beilly; "you shall not be harmed, but the first man that moves shall have a bullet through him."

The chamber was nearly filled with the guards of the castle. For a moment there was an indesoribable scene of panic and confusion, and then the Scots, undeterred by O'Beilly's threat, and rendered desperate at eprang by mutual impulse to their arms. The report of a musket rang through the chamber and a bullet passed close by the head of O'Reilly, who at once returned the shot, shooting a man dead. His companions every bullet toid. Thereupon, the Scots, with fiashing claymores, made a determined

of Miles O'Reilly, as he -rushed for the last

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off the victorious Irish watched the progress of the fiames. Brighter and brighter glowed from the excitement of the moment, the light of the configgration in each beating loud enough to betray them. A illumined window of the doomed building. moment more and O'Ouirain, with the bound As 'the devouring flames gained force and brilliancy, the surrounding objects be-came visible, stealing, as it were, out of the sombre darkness. The slopes of the castle hill seemed bright as if it were day. The light of the burning pile played on the fo-

liage of the dark wood surrounding, lit up with ghastly effect the black ruins of the Undertaker's town, showed the hideous Gallows Tree and its dread appendage, showed the old stone bridge with its dark green drapery of ivy, danced and quivered on the water of the river, and was reflected in a hundred bright glancing points by the arms and accoutrements of the watching and waiting Irich.

The flames were speedy with their work. With a succession of dull orashes, the stone roof and the blazing rows of raiters fell in. A long, vivid tongue of fiame, and a brilliant column of sparks shot upward. Then there was a hollow roar, a blinding glare of light, and a tremendous shock which made the earth tremble for a great distance around, and

great gaping fissures appeared in the castle walls, and immense masses of masonry fell rambling to the ground. It was the explosion of the powder.

"So perish the power of every tyrant!" shouted Miles the Blasher, waving his hat, and a long, loud cheer of exuitation from the insurgents pealed upwards into the heavens.

We shall meet Hamilton no more in this pale. A word or two more ere we have done with him. The name and memory of the monster are still known and cursed by the peasantry, as far eastward as Lough Erne, as far westward as Ballysadare-at which latter | of it !" place tradition tells how his ruthless troops committed a terrible massacro, hewing down even poor fever patients, who, with the shoets of their beds wrapped round them, endeavored

to totter out of reach of their destroyers. Hamilton had three sons-James, who succeeded him in the Leitrim estates; Frederick, who tell in the Irish wars ; and Gustavus, the famous Williamlte officer in the war of the Revolution, who was made Viscount Boyne by King William, in 1717-and one daughter, Christiane, who married the Scot, Sir George Monros of Thermore. Sir Frederick's eldest son had no male issue. His daughters Hannah and Sidney married respectively two Undercakors, Sir William Gore and Sir John Hume, between whom the vast Laitrim estate was divided, and thus the male line of the ruthless Sabreur became extinct in Breffay, and his town and castle remained Manor Hamilton only in name.

# OHAPTER XIX.

### THE SLASHER'S LAST CHARGE.

'Twas then like the storm-cloud of autumn That rolls over Barna's wild creat, When its thunder clangs hoarse through the

when its thunder clange hoarse through the gorges, And the lightning leaps out from its breast, With our loud-ringing slogan of battle On their thick-serried squadrons we bore, With a flashing of helmets and sabres, And a rattling of matchlocks galore, Till the fresh green was strewn with their corses, And the causeway was slippery with gore!"

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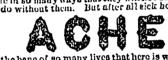
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a man, evidently the sentinel, and evidently listening and gazing, alarmed at the noise which had just occurred.

Edmund turned in apprehension and ganed down the slope behind him. He could just make out, about three yards away, officer, as he dashed the torches from the the form of the next man to him wall and trampled them under foot; "noo still, mute, and motionless as a log. As he gazed, he was alarmed by a loud times. noise above him-a loud whirr of strong wings, as a great white owl, which had been Hamilton himself, as he came rushing, half perched on the gallows, swooped over his head and flow away into the darkness. When next he turned his eyes on the battle-

ments, the form of the sentinel had digpeared. A few more strokes, as it were, and the

surrounded the castle; and now Mac imprecations of the combatants as they Sharry cautiously put aside the branches of a whitethorn growing by the wall, showing therein a small breach or sporture concealed from the view of the garrison by a pile of timber standing in the bawn. Through this hole each of the party silently crept in turn, until all stood within the bawn, and the dark cascle wall rose before them to and irresistible pody surged in the Irish. In a sheer height of forty feet.

And now a gaunt form commenced the the vengeful maniao. His body looking like them. Now like loosed demons of slaughs dark blot, moved up-up-up-the eyes of the silent group riveted on it with painful and absorbing interest, which grew greater and more intense when the dark spot disappeared through one of the battlement embrasures.

MacShurry had taken up with him a cord. for which Niall O'Oniman now groped, but groped in vain. There was a long and dangerous delay. At length the cord came down, weighted with a small stone, and a strong rope was affixed and drawn up. Then, hand over hand up the giddy height went the brother of Kathleen, Edmund holding the rope below to steady his ascent.

After a while the vibrations of the rope coased and it hung slack. Then it was gently shaken once more, and Edmund at once grasped it and commenced to ascend. This species of athletic exercise he had often practised, and up he went rapidly and steadily. His head was soarcely on a level with the top of the battlement, when a strong grasp was laid on his arm, and he was dragged in hastily at an embrasure and a broad hand laid on his mouth.

"Hush-not a breath," whispered the voice of Niall ; " crouch close or we are lost."

The pair orouched together in the shadow of the parapet. As they did so a heavy tread was heard close at hand, and a bright spark like a glow-worm, was seen coming in their direction. Then the form of an armed man loomed out of the darkness, passed within a few feet of them, turned and retraced his regular steps into the gloom whence he had emerged. The bright spark was the lighted tip of his quick match Home distance off, at the other side of the embattled square, a similar spark was

moving up and down. "Well, shall I shake the rope?" inquired Edmund of O'Cuirnan, as soon as the sentinel had passed.

"No," was the whispered reply, "not an. | window.

against the night, the head and shoulders of Scot that came within his reach. O'Tracy received a severe gash in the arm, but disabled more than one of his opponents. The Scots impeded each other in their attack, and again they had to retire.

"Bide a wee, my bairne," shouted a Puritan let's gl' the rogues a touch o' the auld

"Sirike home, lads!" orled Sir Frederick dressed and sword in hand, towards the scene of combat-"smite the dogs of Belial hip and thigh ;- fight for your creed and cove-

nant !" "Oreed and covenant !" cohoed the Scote, and the din and clangour of meeting weapons party reached the high bawn wall that was mingled with the shricks, ories, and struck blindly at each other in the black darkness. But now a gust of cold night air swept

vengeance rescunded without the portal, which O'Beilly's men had at length succeeded in throwing open. Then, in one solid, swful, mer. a second they had ignited fresh torohes; in another they had burst through the oppos-

ter, mad for a carnival of blood, they hurried through chamber and corridor on a mission of death. Nowhere did a hated Albanach get mercy, for the attacking force was nearly all Breffnians, and each man had the murder of a parent or wife, a brother or a sister to avenge.

"Binod | blood !" shricked the wild voice of MacSharry; "down with the murderers of my darling !-revenge for the sweet Wild Bose of Lough Gill! Ha! I'll make a pretty

Basl-fire of the cursed den !" Waving a blazing torch above his head, he dashed away into one of the gloomy passages.

"Heavens, the powder !" thought Edmund O'Tracy, who overbeard the words, and he rushed siter the madman. The latter turned of the hand. and discharged a pistol (which he had seized "Niall, ma in the conflict) at his parsurer, who narrowly fore me?" escaped the deadly ball. and then slammed a ponderous door in his face.

Edmund swiftly conveyed his apprehen sions to the Slasher.

"bpare the women and children," said the humane voice of Owen Boe; and his commands and exhortations being repeated and seconded by the other Irish leaders, the women and children of the castle were saved,

and conveyed in salety to the outside. The reign of slaughter was but of short horse in his stables, and rode at full speed through the surrounding press of his enemies, escaping several shots that were

fired after him. Soon after his escape, the castle was found to be on fire. Lurid firmes were discovered in one chamber gnawing greediy at the woodwork, and soon dark. volumes of smoke were rolling from every loophole and

other can come up without instant discovery ; "Outside, all!" commanded the loud voice | Colonel Philip O'Belliy. It was tough work |

battlements, he made out, dimly defined blade and tremendous stroke levelled every part in an easy state of sdlessc-some conversing in groups, some loltering listlessly to of feathers that nodded and waved in and fro, some reclining at their case in the cool shade of the trees. Their horses, ready saddled and bridled, were ploketed in a double line; wiry, supple-limbed animals of their manes, and spurned the soil with their lrish breed, and well trained to the battle- hoofs, causing a rattling of bridle chains, s field, they had long since learned to prick up their ears at a trumpst-call, and could listen unaffrightedly to the roar of cannon and roll

of musketry.

The radiance of the summer day did not fail to enhance the picturesque beauty of the scene. Here and there a stray sunbeam shot front presented by his brave and devoted through the green canopy of the wood, glanced on the polished arms of a soldier, or twinkled and quivered on the surface of the stream. Through the many vistas of the wood could be seen to the north-wast the bright and beautiful bosom of Lough Sheelin, encircled by the unclouded sky. A light, purplish mist was in the air, throwing the lake and its emerald headlands, the windings of the stream, the sweeps of luxuriant wood, tbrough the hall, and a long, dreadial cry of and the distant chain of hills into a warm and delicate perspective. Earth and air rejolced under the bountcous reign of sum. They drew rein in front of the array of

The dragoons were under the command of the in time, M'Oabe," said O'Beilly Colonel Miles O'Beilly, and formed part of es, the foremost. "Well, is the pow-dangerous ascent of this wall. It was that of ing force of Puritans, driving them before treating southwards before an overwhelming brid, must be blown up at once-heaven the vergeful manae. His body looking like them. Now like loosed demons of slaugh- incre of Puritans. A few perches from the it should have been destroyed hours ago dregoons' position, where the stream issued the enemy may be upon us at any moment. from the lake, stood a rude stone bridge—the "The reinforcement is on the way, Colors Bridge of Finae---which, as it lay in the direct route of the advancing enemy, the Sleeher was determined either to guard or destroy. He was now awaiting materiel and none sent." reinforcements from Granard, five miles due west, where the main body of Irish lay encamped.

Of the hundred dragoons one was Edmund O'Tracy.

Strolling through the wood, our hero, now a licutenant, met his friend Nial O'Ouirnin. Very different was their meeting now from their former rencontre in the wood of Dromahaire. They hailed each other with warm exclamations of welcome, and a genial clasp

"Niall, mabouchal, is it yourself I see be-

"Hollow, Emon, avic machres, are you alive?"

" Tell me, Niall," inquired Edmund, as the pair with mutual impulse seated themselves side by side on a fallen tree trunk, "have you heard aught of Kathleen since we parted last?"

"Ab, mavrone for my poor colleen-not a wordl

"My soul! this is had !"

A sorrowful pause ensued, broken at length their escape from the castle, and field off into as to the other's career since they parted; one of those political adventurers who thim the saving darkness. Hamilton himseli and both plunged with soldier avidity into in times of trouble and disquiet more from horse in his stables and field off the recital of their respective adventures since they parted to be and disquiet more from their parting about a twelvemonth before. "Well, avic," said Niall O'Cuirnin, "I had scarcely put foot out of Breffny, after the burning of that accursed castle, when some-how or other I was draited off to serve under Sir Phelim O'Nelll in Charlemont, the garrison nearest the Scotch-for fareer gair, we have only three garrisons in Uister nowadays -- Uharlemont under Sir Phellin, and Cloughoughter, and another place in Oavan under

being surmounted by a white plume the light summer zephyrs. The strong limbed chargers, seeming to "snuff the battle afar off," arched their proud necks, tossed clatter of accoutrements, and a jingling of scabbards against spurs all along the line. Truly, Myles O'Beilly, as he reined in his restive black destrier some yards in front of the line to survey the imposing array, might well feel a thrill of soldierly pleasure at the horsemen. It was a stirring spectacle :-

"Oh! the sight entrancing, When morning's beam is glancing O'er files arrayed In helm and blade, And plumes in the gay wind dancing : And each heart with hope high beating, And the trumpet's voice repeating That song whose breath May lead to death, But never to retreating."

The detachment was just mounted when a few horsemen were seen approaching at full speed on the road leading from Granard, CIV V.

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"The powder, man, the powder ?"

" Loth that I am to say it -- there has ten

"Cead mile mollaght !" orled the Slasher; "there is foul work here. Why have we been deceived? It is now too late to brank down the bridge; besides, we have neithe pick nor lever at hand. Our cause is ruined by traitors. Would to heaven," he mumm ed in a low voice, "that Owen Boe were a our head once more !"

The soldiers were not slow to notice th agitation of their commanding officer, an many were the whispered comments of changed among them comments by 14 means complimentary to the general who not held supreme command of the army encamp at Granard.

Great, indeed, had been the prise and chagrin of the Uister fore on learning that their trusted and below O'Neill had been superseded, at the instant of the Anglo-Irish faction in the Kilkens Council, by a foreign nobleman; and great was their ire when they found themselv the victims of the latter's blundering taction James Touchet, Earl of Castlehaven, style second Baron of England, and possessed in Dublin Castle by the Lords Justices at th beginning of the insurrection on suspicion o being therein implicated. Escaping for bis dungeon, he made, bis way to Kilkenny arriving there during the first sitting of th council. After some hesitation he joined th Confederation, took the oath of suscolation and was thereupon admitted a member of th council-not representing any particular pa or province-thus bringing the number

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