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POETRY

IF YOU WANT A KISS, TAKE IT.

There's a jolly Saxon proverb
That is pretty much like this,
That a man is half in heaven
When he has a woman's kiss;
But there's danger in delaying—
And the sweetness may forsake it,
So I tell you bashful love,
If you want a kiss, why take it.

Never let another fellow Steal a march on you in this; Never let a laughing maiden See you spoiling for a kiss; There's a royal way of kissing, And the felly ones who make it Have a motto that is winning— If you want a kiss, why take it.

Any fool may face a cannon, Anybody wear a crown; But a man must win a woman If he'd have her for his own; Would you have the golden apple, You must find the tree and shak If the thing is worth the having. If you want a kiss, why take it.

Who would burn upon a desert.
With a forest smiling by?
Who would give his sunny sunny
For a bleak and wintry sky?
Oh! I tell you there is magic,
And you cannot break it:

NORAH CUSHALEEN

HAUNTED CASTLE.

'By the powers, but 'tis time this were seen to,' cried Malvrin, as his countenance blackened with passion. 'I'll seek the fellow out and wring his neck, and that may teach him the danger of a smeaking Englishman or a beggarly Scotchman, for I don't know what he is, coming to poach in an Irishman's preserves.'

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'Faith, there's no doubt that would teach him most effectually, that is if you could do it, but this fellow, low as he is, is not a coarse, vulgar adventurer. He can put on airs fit for the richest squire in the land, and besides that he is a big, full-grown fellow, who doesn't look like a coward. I would advise that we deal secretly with him—get him carried off to the mountains till such time as you have Mary Kendal safely and surely lodged at Blantire Castle. Then he may be set adrift, for you'll not need to care a fig for him.'

'Well I dare say that may be the best plan,' said Malvrin, carelessly. 'Only it is taking a deal of trouble with the fellow. How is he to be kidnapped and where conveyed?'

'I'll ell you', whistened O'Beadu.

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'I'll tell you,' whispered O'Brady, rising and coming close to the side of the horse. 'They are to meet to-morrow night at the end of Dundarra Park.—Squire Kendal must lock the girl up, and as for the young spark, this is how we can dispose of him. Mike O'Rafferty and his boys are, I know, secret agents of captain Jack; and I can get them for the asking to seize him and take him off to the headquarters of the gang. There I trow, he'll be well enough out of the way.'

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Before we finally settle on this,' said Malvrin, 'Fll ride up to Kendal Castle, and bring the matter to a point. The squire has as good as promised that Mary shall marry me, but I shall have yes or no from the girl's own mouth. If she refuses, we know the reason why, and we'll then dispose of this Hargreave as you say. Can you wait till I return?' 'Well, yes, if you are not long.' 'If I am not back to this spot in an hour you may conclude that the business goes fair, and can make away home, if Mary refuses, I'll be here in less.'

The factor nodded, and Malvrin, puting spurs to his norse, was in half a minute out of sight.

'And you will just be back here in less,' said O'Brady to himself. 'Mary Kendal is the sort of girl to stick to her fancy, against all opposition, and she'll no more consent to marry you than she will to marry m'. What a row the old squire will kick up when he finds out that his daughter has failen in love with a nameless adventurer—he the proud head of the house of Kendal, that would had of the house of the principal treet, and in the midst of the cit fill on the minist streat, each in the midst of the village, and heing street, and in the midst of the village, and heing street, and in the midst of the will and the minist streat, each in the find on the three of the three the ride of the three of the three the ride of the three the ride of the three of the three the ride of the three of the three the ride of the three the ride of the three of the three the three the ride in the the three of the three the three the ride in the three fill on the three of the three fill on the that his daughter has failen in love with a nameless adventure—he the proud head of the house of Kendal, that would not have it contaminated for a whole county. I think he il be fit to send for the priest on the instant, and save the honour of the family by wedding her to Blantire. Only the obstinate little creature has a voice in that matter, and it can't be done without she says 'yes'—Mercy on me.'

As the factor uttered the lattler exclamation, he bounded from his seat on

place where I didn't know I was coming to myself.'

'It's all a bit o' luck, that's all, Mike,' returned the other. 'I wanted to speak to you about a little bit o' business, and ye've turned up convenient.'

'Business,' repeated Mike, dubiously-'Well I hope it'il turn out better than the last, anyhow.'

'There's no mistake or humbug this time,' said O'Brady. 'Have you seen the young fellow that calls himself Hargreave, that lodges with Michael Cush-alen.'

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'Troth and I have,' said Mike; '1've met him in the common and in the wood more than once either.

'Well, he has had the impudence to try to cut Malvrin Blantire out of Miss Mary Kendal.'

'Bedad, but that's no news to me,' said Miko. 'Haven't I seen them walk, ing wid each other in the woods as sweet as honey, and wasn't there the tinder glanees comin' out uv both their eyes.'

'Exactly, and as long as the fellow is in the way she'll not marry the man her father wants. Now have you any objection to do a bit o'service for Malvrin?'

'No shiestion in the world, if I'm

vrin?

'No objection in the world, if I'm paid for it,' answered Mike, readily.

Does he want this Hargreave put under the turf?

'No, only carried out of the way till his marriage is over. You and the boys could manage to convey him to the mountains—to the head quarkers of Captain Jack.'

tain Juck.'

'Whist, spake low,' said Mike hurriedly, as he looked round.

'Don't be alarmed, there's nobody within hearing,' added the factor.

'And there hadn't need,' rejoined

Mike. 'Well, what say you? Will you do

it? Maybe I might, answered the other. Then sit down here, and wait a bit fill Malvrin comes. He's up at Kendal Castle, but I expect him every moment. Ye'll make more by waiting on him, than you will with the gun, by a mighty great deal. Mike crossed the ditch, and took a seat on the fence beside Jacob O'Brady.

The soft beauty of a still summer night now rested on the landscape, and the stars looked sweetly down upon the darkened earth

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