#### A Man's a Man for a' That.

A NEW VERSION BY CHARLES M'KAY

"A man's a man," says Robert Burns, For a' that and a' that;"
But though the sons be clear and strong It needs a note for a' that.
The lout who'd shirk his daily work Yet claim his wage for a' that, or beg, when he might earn his bread, Is not a man for a' that.

You see yon brawny, blustering sot, Who swaggers, swears, and a' that, And thinks because his strong right arm Might fell an ox and a' that; That he's as noble, man for man, As duke and lord and a' that. He's but a brute, beyond dispute, And not a man for a' that.

A man may own a large estate,
Have palace, park and a' that;
And not for birth, but honest worth,
Be thrice a man for a' that.
And Donald herding on the muir,
Who beat's his wife and a' that,
Be nothing but a rascal boor,
Nor half a man for a' that.

For a' that and a' that,
'Tis soul and heart and a' that,
'Tis soul and heart and a' that,
That makes the king a gentleman,
And not his crown and a' that,
And man with man, if rich or poor,
The best is he, for a' that,
Who stands erect, in self respect,
And acts the man for a' that,

## THE TWO BRIDES.

BY REV. BERNARD O'REILLY, L.D.

CHAPTER XXXII.

"A little longer, and thy heart, beloved, Shall beat forever with a love divine; And joy so pure, so mighty, so eternal, No creature knows and lives, will then b

Mr. Hutchinson had gone to his mission Europe, taking with him his whole nily. For Colonel Hutchinson's health had been seriously impaired by repeated attacks of swamp fever, and a change of climate became absolutely necessary to him. He was glad to go for another reason. Mr. D'Arcy, with Rose and Mary and Gaston, were also in Europe, and poor Frank still clung to the desperate hope of meeting with them, and of awakpe of meeting with them, and of awak ening some affectionate interest in the breast of Rose,—his earliest and only love.

An affectionate interest Rose did, in-

deed, feel for the brave soldier, whose blameless private life and glorious military record completely blotted out in her mind all memory of his stormy boyhood and youth. He too had been, in very truth, lifted up into a new life by the love of a true woman. Alas for him, that she could make him no such return as his heart was busy with.
When Mr. Hutchinson reached Paris, the

D'Arcvs were still there, Mr. D'Arcv try ing what the most renowned physicians o Europe could do to restore his son's eye sight; Gaston allowing his dear father to sight; Gaston allowing his dear father to hope against itself, while he, who had long given up all hope, was calmly resigned to the Divine will. Mary had been placed with her mother's old and cherished mis tresses, in the great school of the Rue de Babylone, where Rose daily spent with her all the time she could spare from her duties to her father and Gaston. It was fortunate for Mary, who had never till then been away from home, that so many American girls were at that very moment receiving their education there. A few of them, from New Orleans, were acquainted with the Ashton, and thus a first bond of affection was formed. What, however, made Mary a sort of little heroine, was the first visit paid to the establisment by Gaston, about whose wounds and exploits the most romantic stories were soon told all

all we say that Rose, in the widowhood of her maiden love, was powerfully drawn to the noble ladies—noble in every true sense of the word - who reared within these walls the very flower of French womanhood? She was drawn by that heavenly perfune given forth by lives de-voted to the loftiest self-sacrifice and the doing to souls the greatest amount po of good.

Her mother, who had been trained in early girlhood by ladies who had left their native France to educate the daughters of our Southern planters, had made Rose familiar with the history of these heroic women, with the beauty of their private lives and the fruitfulness of their labors. Mrs. D'Arcy had spent the crowning year of her own academic course at the mother-house in Paris, and there she had learned to love and to reverence the holy women who had been the first chosen apostles of the new era of female educa-tion. Above all of them, she had loved and reverenced the venerable foundress, a peasant-girl of Burgundy, with the cultivated intellect of a Newman; with a feeble fame and a small stature, but with the great heart and lofty soul of a Xavier; and who had gathered around herself, by the twofold magnetism of her sanctity and her amiability, thousands of the most generous souls to be foud in the ranks of French womanhood.

Death had already sent the venerable octogenarian more than one prophetic warning of his near approach, when the warning of his hear and Mr. D'Arcy and winter of 1865 brought Mr. D'Arcy and winter of 1865 brought Mr. D'Arcy and With the extraordihis family to Paris. With the extraordinary fervor of her nature, Madame Barat welcomed in Rose the child of one whom had never ceased to love tenderly. And Rose, as her eyes first fell on the aged form, bent as it was with the double burden of years and of labors overwhelmed and unceasing, was strickened with a mingled sensation of awe and love—of awe in the presence of one who impre beholders with the conviction that the being before them had in it a something divine; and of love for that beautiful soul that still shone forth in the wrinkled countenance, like an angel half-revealed beneath sumed human disguise.

Our little mourner soon found that she could open her heart without reserve to this most mothetly woman, there was in her so much of winning tenderness, of varied experience in governing and guiding others, and so much, too, of the pre-ternatural wisdom that attends on great oliness of life. So one day-just while the devoted woman was hovering on the borders of the eternal world unseen-like a swallow in October, clinging fondly all day with its brood on the spot where it had built its nest, before taking its flight to the sunnier climes of the South—Rose was admitted as a privileged visitor, and

"You have been, like myself, most blessed in having such a mother and such

a grandfather," she said to Rose. "To my mother, grandfather, and my brother, I owe everything under God."
"To my dear papa also," answered Rose, "I am equally indebted; only papa and mamma and all of us, young and old, looked to the grandfast as our teacher and mamma and all of us, young and only of the up to grandpapa as our teacher and model in everything."

"These are priceless advantages," the other replied, "not often found even in the fortunate classes. And now, darling,"

she continued, "you say you want to dedicate the service of God's needlest on earth, the life you would have spent in companionship with your betrothed husband, and all the wealth which he has left you?"

"You don't have "Box answered "I "Yes, dear Mother," Rose answered, "I wish to go and labor for needy souls on that same land of Mexico, where God's light dawned so full on my dear lost Diego. I only yearn to continue the work -so far as women may-which enlisted his holy enthusiasm. One of his last noble utterances to me—on the very day before he took to his bed—was, that were he convinced he would contribute, by becoming a priest, toward reving religion and pro moting civilization among the forlorn native populations of Mexico, he was ready to renounce even my love." And the poor girl yielded to her emotion. "In whatever way I can help you to

carry out your design. you must count on my doing so, and count also on those who will govern our Society after me. We have houses among the native tribes, colonies of our most devoted, whose lives are spent in training the women of these wild races to all the virtues of Christianity, and all the arts of civilized life. We also help the men in the measure allowed our sex, and thus provide for the wants, both bodily and the spiritual life. shall be but too happy to second to the

utmost all the purposes of your holiest "Oh, if I could only think myself orthy!" exclaimed Rose, through her worthy

sweet tears of joy.
"Ah, my child," said the other, "You will never cease to be worthy so long as you seek what is highest and best in the road of self-sacrifice and devotion to your crucified love! Oh, you do not know," she continued, looking upward with a rapt, estatic look, "how daily and hourly ights of the wine of Divine love an self-abnegation intoxicate and strengthen and enable the feeblest of human beings to undertake and accomplish what would seem impossible to worldly wisdom! O, my Lord and my Love," she continued, while her whole countenance became radient, and the bent form seemed to raise upward; "oh, if I had loved Thy Cross more, what couldst Thou not have achiev ed despite my weekness and unworthi

Rose gazed in wonder-almost in terror at the transformed countenance, and, speaker, she felt her whole soul thrilled to falling on her knees by the side of the the centre by the lareent exclamations which burst forth from the great servant of God. "Oh, to serve Thee!—to suffer for Thee !—to spend a thousand lives in glorifying Thee !—O, Goodness! O Love Crucified!"

A few days later the welcome angle, Death, had released this yearning soul from its earthly bondage. Rose felt, as she bade her farewell, that she should never again in this life look upon those radient features or hear the accents of that inspired voice. The words spoken in this interview burned into the very substance of her soul. And, like hundreds of others of her own age, she left that chosen parent of a widespread family with her soul over-flowing with the spirit of self-sacrifice.

When she returned to her father and brother at the Grand Hotel, she found the Hutchinsons there. They had arrived that very morning. The meeting of Mr. Hutchinson and Lucy with Rose was a rapturous one, at least on the part of the former. On Rose's side, it was the joy that was tempered with the apprehension of having once more to listen to Frank's hopeless suit. This time, however, she was determined not to avoid him.

solicited a few moments of privacy with Rose, in spite of his mother's and his sister's remonstrances. For they knew that he was only adding to his own misery

and to Rose's pain.

When they were alone, Frank at once addressed himself to his task,—one more difficulty and dreadful to him than had ever been riding up to the enemy's bas tery and exposing himself to the full fury of its fire.
"I would fain spare you and myself the

pain of this interview," he said, as he sat down by Rose's side; "but the love of you, and the dear hopes which that love inspired, have been to me far more than the breath of life ever since that fatal morning at the Lovers' Leap."

"Ought not the glorious memories the year that have passed since that day comfort you, and make you look forward to a most honorable future?" she said

wery sweetly.

"Yes," he answered, "if my reward could be to realize in the present the bright dream that filled all these years. oh, Rose!" he continued, "let me speak to you as our dear companionship since childhood gives me the right to speak. Surely you must know how long and dearly I have loved you. Pray do not in terrupt me now," he pleaded. "My heart will break if I do not lay down its burden at you feet. I did not importunyou, when I learned that you had ratified your early betrothal, and that you had given you heart to one far more worthy of you than the Frank Hutchinson whom von had known. But I knew you would rejoice, and perhaps begin to esteem me when fame would have told you how strove to be worthy of the woman whom I loved hopelessly, but loved so truly." "I did rejoice, believe me," Rose said

through her tears; "for I know how many noble qualities lay choked beneath one defect. And my esteem increased for you with the tidings brought me of your victory over self, much more than of your heroic deeds of daring."

Thank you for that," he said, taking and kissing her hand. "You are scate.iy twenty-one," he continued, "and may I not hope that time will allow esteem in your heart to ripen into friendship, and your heart to ripen into friendship, and that a life of meritorious service to my

country may win me some beginning of love in return for my long devotion?"
"My friendship you have," Rose said, looking up at him. "Why cannot this suffice? Our families have been drawn so suffice? Our families have been drawn so much more closely together by the calamities of our dreadful war, and by the journey, poor Lucy's grief became most

ed, "if you would consent to be to my mother a devoted daughter, instead of the Lucy she is sending to be mistress of Fairy Dell?"

"This can never be," Rose said, firmly.
"From my heart I thank you for that long love devoted to one whose heart you knew to be given to another. Let us not pain each other more than it is unavoidpain each continued. "I cannot give you a love which I have irrevocably pledged to him who is in his grave." And she hid

"Do not send me away with a refusal That you can never recall," poor Frank pleaded, pitcously. "Let time decide. Time heals all wounds, and allows all blessed and beautiful things to grow up and ripen. Do not kill all hope in my heart!"

heart!"

"Alas, I must!" she replied. "This Very day I have been accepted as a member of a religious missionary body, devoted to works of holiest charity. I am only waiting to conclude some important business arrangements in Spain, to bid farewell to the old life."

well to the old life."

"Then God help me!" said the young soldier, rising. "The future is indeed without a purpose for me!"

"Oh, say not so?" Rose hastened to reply. "The future has in store for you all that can stimulate a true man to the noblest exertion. And will ate her forever from her family. you not delight me in my faroff field of labor by letting me hear of your growing fame, and of your happiness as we'll!" she added. "Oh, Colonel,—oh dear Frank!" she said, "I would send you or G ston or Charles to the battle-field with brave words of cheer and comfort, so must you send me, who am almost a sister to you, forth to my sacred and chosen duties with

words of praise and blessing."

"Almost a sister!" he said, vehemently.

"More than a sister, rather. You are to
me the soul of my life, without whom existence must have been one dark endless night. You are the pearl of all our hearts," he continued. "I would only hearts," have a dearer claim to you, because I would keep you at Fairview, to be the light of both families, and to continue to be a visible providence for the people who worship you, who cry out for your return, and who need you a thousand times more than before the war." This was too much for poor Rose. It

This was too much for poor Rose. It was touching her heart in its weakest point,—appealing at once to all her dearest and noblest affections and memories. "Be merciful to me," she said, as she struggled with her own feelings. "I know that with her own feelings. "I know that my heart will be half with you all when I my heart will be half with you all when I am gone. But I know that Lucy will be to our people all that I could have been. And I have seen Genevieve and Maud, and even little Mary, walking in my mother's footsteps. And Gaston, disabled as he is for public life, wil be only the more devoted to the happiness of all around him. And, oh, Frank! will you not also emulate Gaston's noble aims and not also emulate Gaston's noble aims, and eyes and the arms of my poor maimed brother ?"

He was peceply touched by this appeal. He felt how useless it was to press his suit, "I have pained you," he said, after some moments of silence. "It is not the first pain I have caused you, dear Rose," he continued. "It shall be the last."

"Then say a hearty 'God bless you!' before we part. Oh, Frank, how my prayers shall ever call down on you His

before we part. Oh, Frank, now my prayers shall ever call down on you His richest blessings!"

Frank could bear it no longer, and fairly broke down. "May God bles you, wherever you are!" he said. "And may He help me to bear as I can the loss of you! Oh, Rose," he continued, "can you blame me for being heart-broken?"

And thus they parted.

The next day found Mr. D'Arcy and

The next day found Mr. D'Arcy and Rose, together with Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson and Lucy, on their way to Spain. Frank, who acted as his father's secretary, went at once to his distant post to fulfil the duties of the mission till hi

parent could join him.

The formalities that Rose had to go through in assigning over to Genevieve the property held from their grandmother, did not delay our travelers long. Diego's will had been ratified without difficulty in Spain, where the old Marquis saw to it that his son's wishes were scrupulously complied with.

It was almost the last act of any imor tang importance performed by the heart-broken old gentleman. All the best hopes and purest ambition of his life were blasted by the death of his only son. After spending a week in the beautiful Carthusian founded by his ancestors, and monasterv setting the affairs of his soul in order, he

felt that his own end was nigh.

He disposed of all his own personal proty in favor of the poor, and died, ssed at his late hour by all the conerty in

solations of his fatih.

Rose had become well acquainted with
the Sisters of Charity in Seville during her stay in that city. It was to them that Madam Barat had directed her to apply as to the religious body best adapted to aid her in the noble work she contemplated. Their very name would be a passport to the favor of any government, and would be rapturously hailed in the northern province of Mexico by persons of Spanish lescent, as well as by the long-neglected Indian tribes.

As they approached the south of Spain, the gentle melancholy that had shaded Rose's sunny temperament since her last ereavement, seemed to disappear, and all her natural vivacity returned was most anxious to make the last days spent in the company of her father and brother, and their dear friends, as pleasant as was the beautiful landscape around them, as cloudless as the bright skies overhead. Perhaps there was another reason, that escaped the notice of her dear ones, and which she could not herself account for,—that extraordinary spiritual exultation and that mental excitement which are oduced by the nearness of some great and heroic sacrifice.

Mr. D'Arcy interested Mr. Hutchinson beyond measure by the details he gave him of local history, institutions, and manners, as by slow stages they passed through province after province and city after city. Gaston and Mrs. Hutchinson devoted themselves to each other, leaving Lucy free to enjoy as much as she could

touching devotion you have all shown to my brother, that our friendship is not of the common kind."

"What then would it be," he interrupted, "if you would consent to be to my mother a devoted daughter, instead of the Lucy she is sending to be mistress of Exirc Poil!"

pitiful to behold. She loved Rose with a love so deep and so grateful, that in her dream of future happiness and future usefulness at Fairy Dell she had never separated Rose's companionship from that of her worshiped Gaston. Only once had she pleaded Frank's suit with her friend. But pleaded Frank's suit with her friend. But she ceased to urge it, and never, with Rose, returning to the subject, because she feared she was only pleading for herself,— when Rose's whole conduct was so eloquent of self-denial.

The three young people were left to ex-plore by themselves the Cathedral of Cor-dova during their brief stay in that was

dova, during their brief stay in that most interesting old city, while Mrs. Hutchinson, with her husband and Mr. D'Arey, visited the Aleazar. Gaston, who had carefully studied the history and antiquities of the city in a former visit, and under the guidance of his grandfather, now explained to them what he could no longer see. Oh, how different was the present from that delightful past, unburdened with any care, when, at the age of nineteen, he explored with his grandfather all that was mos beautiful and inspiring in the Peninsula How many sacrifices, young as he was, he had been called upon to make in the interval! And the end was not vet. For now Rose was to be taken from him,—
Rose, who had been so unspeakably dear
to him! Not all the devoted love of Lucy, fully as he prized it, could reconcile h to the thought of giving up his sister, the companion of his life so far, and his own twin-soul, to a vocation that was to separ-

They had both been explaining to Lucy the sad changes which time, political and religious revolutions, together with the neglect fo men and the shocking bad taste of age, had wrought in the structure of the glorious cathedral and its decorations. was now all covered inside with a coat of was now an covered inside with a coat of whitewash,—an act of vandalish first done, most likely, by the French during the brief reign of Joseph Bonaparte. Rose had been describing the vast interior as it was in 1235 when St. Ferdinand entered it as conqueror: the twelve hundred columns, each of one block, of marbles of different hues, reproducing all the vivid colors of the rainbow; the blue roof studded with gold and silver stars, from which hung hundreds of silver and gold lamps, the walls and spaces above the capitals of the pillars, wrought like lace-work, inlaid with precious stones and marvelous tracery; and through the stained-glass windows the richest tints ever streaming on the marble pavement. Surely, when the saintly warrior-king had dedicated to Christ this, the most beautiful temple of Islam, the worshipers who came with the dawn to the morning sacrifice might well fancy that the brilliant scene which met their eye on entering the holy place was an anticipation of paradise.

So did it seem to Lucy, as they paused near the portal to explore with the eye the maze of perspectives before them in the eye like in the with twilight of Andalusia.

"Shall we ever build such temples again?" inquired Lucy.

"Neyer shall!" Gaston answered. "At

least, not till the anti-Christian and anti-social spirit which now forms the very soul of the triumphant European demo-

cracy shall have swept all existing insti-tutions, and Christianity begins anew to reconstruct the entire social order, and to eform both the heart and mind of humanity.

"Why, Gaston, what a gloomy prophet you are!" said Lucy."
"It is, in substance, what my poor Diego was saying, both about Mexico and

about Spain, when he came to us at Mort-lake," Rose added. "And papa was much struck by the truth of his prophecy."
"Then you all think that these beauti-

ful churches will be allowed to fall into ruin, or be utterly destroyed by the spread of modern democracy?" again asked

Lucy.
"I fear," said Gaston, "that it shall be destruction before reconstruction, not merely a purification or repairing of the existing structures.

"Ah, if we could only repair and purify All, if we could only the thoroughly before the fated time!" ex claimed Rose. "It would be a glorious work to restore this magnificent temple to work to restore the magnificent temple to be a claimed when the state of the stat its former beauty and wealth of color even though the destroyer were at its "And the spiritual temple, Rose ?

"So with the spiritual temple, she answered. "I should give a thousand lives—devoting them one after the other devoting them one after the other through the slowly passing years—to make the souls of all who believe as I do the pure and lightsome temples of the Holy Spirit, and their lives the true expression of the the spiritual beauty within. The

life of a nation is made up of the lives of "It is hard work, I fear, dearest sister aid Gaston, pressing to his side the arm within his own.

# THE TRUE WIFE

Oftentimes I have seen a tall ship glide

by against the tide, as if drawn by an invisible towline with a hundred strong arms pulling it. Her sails unfurled, her stream ers drooping; she had neither side wheel nor stern wheel, still she moves on stately, in serene triumph, as with her own life. But I knew that on the other side of the ship, hidden beneath the great bulk that swam on so majestically' there was a little oilsome tug, with heart of fire and arms of iron, that was tugging it bravely on; and I knew that if the little steam tug u. twined her arms and left the ship, it would wallow and roll away, and drift hither and thither, and go off with the effluent tide no man knows where. And so I have known more than one genius, high-decked, full-freighted, wide-sailed, gay-pennoned, but for the bare, toiling arm and brave, warm heart of the faithful little wife, that nestled close to him so that no wind nor wave could part them, have gone down with the stream and been heard of no more. —Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Let us honor, revere, respect, and love with a special love the most holy and glorious Virgin Mary. Let us have recurse to her, and like little children cast ourselves into her arms with perfect confidence. Le us implore her protection, invoke her mat ernal love, and try to imitate her virtues, thus testifying that we have towards her a truly filial heat. - St. Francis de Sales.

## BETTER THOUGHTS.

Politeness costs little, but avails much. Envy no man's talent, but improve hine own. The reward of work well done is having

Pleasure comes through toil and not by

Our own heart, and not other men's pinions of us, forms our true honor.

A man's good breeding is the best secu-ity against other people's ill manners. There are not good things enough in life to indemnify us for the neglect of a angle duty.

We believe that God's power is without Why should we not believe the same of His mercy?

Do not try to force yourself into the confidence of others. If they give you their confidence, never betray it. There are few occasions where ceremony

may not be easily dispensed with, kindness never. To tell a falsehood is like the cut of a

saber; for though the wound may heal, the scar of it will remain. As an appliance for the improvement of our friends a habit of scolding possess no

Sense shines with double lustre when set in humility. An able yet humble man is a jewel worth a kingdom.

Let reason be your rule , conscience your counsellor, and your actoins ever contrary to those you find fault with.

has its root in the dirt. Falsehood, like poison, will generally be

rejected when adminstered alone; but, when blended with wholesome ingredients. may be swallowed unperceived. Sloth makes all things difficulty, industry all easy, and he that riseth late

must trot all day, and shall scarce over take his business at night, while laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him. The wise man makes equity and justice the basis of all his conduct. The right forms the rule of his behaviour, deference

and modesty mark his exterior, sincerity and fidelity serve him for accomplish-The object of God has been to perfect

The object of God has been to perfect the heart of man rather than his mind. Perfect light would indeed help his mind, but would check his feelings. There is nothing in the world that does not show either the wretchedness of man or the mercy of God; either the impotence of man without God, or the power of man with God. Don't fight for the last word in a quarrel. If you are scolded and criticised, just bite your lips and keep still, it will soon be over; but if you retort you are in "for three or

years' war." Many a man who pours himself in torrents of rain for five minutes, and then breaks out into the sunshine of good temper again, will settle down into a three days' dismal drizzle if he is weak enough to insist on having that last God's mercy controls the first and last

grace; the first He gives gratuitously by regeneration in Holy Baptism, and the last at life's close, when He calls, in loving accents: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Receive the crown prepared for you from all eternity." From the spiritual birth to a happy death, the chain is one of love one love live of greens and is one of love, one long line of graces, and it behooves us to hold fast to each of the links, as they pass through our life's

#### SOLEMN BLESSING OF POPE PIUS IX. ON THE IRISH NATION.

IN ANSWER TO THE ADDRESS OF THE WOMEN OF IRELAND PRESENTED ON 5TH JANUARY, 1872.

The Pope replied in the following beautiful

This proof of the loving devotedness of the Irish nation to the Holy See, is indeed to me nothing strange, for every year of my Pontificate has been marked by re-peated proofs of such affection.

Each year and each season, but in a particular manner in the mournful circumstances of the present times, Ireland has multiplied her deeds of devoted at-

tachment to the See of Rome.

She sent me her gold, and she shed her blood in my defence. It is not many years since I beheld in this city a band of Irish youths who came to devote themselves to the service of the Holy See, ready to sacrifice their lives in defence of justice and of the throne of Peter. Therefore I reeded not this new proof to con-vince me of your affection, and yet these renewed protests are not without their ruit. They are welcome and dear to me fruit. They are welcome and the because they inspire me with fresh courage, and renew my strenth to combat the enemies of God and of His Holy Church. May the Irish Nation be ever blessed by

May she ever prosper under the protection of her great Apostle St. Patrick, from whom e inherits such a spirit of love in the onds of unity and faith with the

Blessed be you, her people! May all our holy desires be crowned with the blessings of God, and when the end of this your mortal pilgrimage shall have come, may you gather the fruits of faith when you shall see your God face to face, and praise and love Him for all eternity.

This is the prayer which I to-day offer for you all, for all the Irish people, for the two hundred thousand women who signed this address. May two hundred thousand blessings be granted to them, yea more, again and again a million times may all the blessings of Heaven, which strengthen woman's weakness and redouble the might of man, be given to you all, and together with the blessings, may the mercies and graces of our God forever rest on Ireland! Amen.

## OLD DUBLIN.

Tradition tells how Fighting Fitzgerald, an exquisite and duelist of the last century, dealt with the "bucks," a plague then infesting the streets of Dublin, and, indeed, the streets of every town in Ireland. These "bucks" were half-bread young fellows of some means and high animal spirits, whose sole occupation consisted in making town-life intolerable to quiet people. Parliament was more than once compelled to frame penal enactments with the visco. to frame penal enactments with the view of restraining their peculiar ruffianism; but as there was no properly constituted police to enforce them these statues were of

small effect.

Among the tricks of the Dublin bucks was this: On of them would take his stand in the middle of a crossing on a dirty day, and, drawing his sword, thrust everybody who wanted to pass into the mud. It was a common thing to see half a dozen or more of these unpleasant sentries lining a leading thoroughfare all ready to afford a leading thoroughlare all ready to afford each other support. Nor were they content with merely obstructing the passage. They knocked off hats, ripped up garments and pricked the limbs of the wearers with the points of their weapons, and broke ribald jests on them the while—to the vast amusement of the ragamuffins who used to collect in the vicinity. our friends a habit of scolding possess no appreciable virtue.

The best friend is virtue; the best companions are high endeavors and honorable sentiments.

amusement of the ragamumns who used to collect in the vicinity. If anybody turned on one of these bullies the rest would rush up and form a circle round him; then seizing him by the collar and the arms they would prick him about the legs until they considered him punished

sufficiently.

Fitzgerald proposed to some of his brother exquisites and fire-eaters that they should clear the streets of the metroplis of these pests. It was just the sort of proposal to Pride is like the beautiful acacia that lifts its head proudly above its neighbor plants, forgetting that it, too, like them, has its root in the dist swordsmen and dandies of the first water —the Dandy being in all essentials the antipodes of the Buck—a distinction which but, people who write about Ireland of the past are very apt to forget.

are very apt to forget.

The association set to work most heartily, and in this way: Whenever a fine afternoon followed a showery morning they would sally forth in knots of four or five, each being followed dy a lusty vale carrying an oak slapping. On reaching the haunts of the bucks the servants kept the rabble off while the equisites did the work they had undertaken. For a couple

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broad daylight was abondoned.

of months few days passed without thr

or four affairs between the bucks and the

landies, in which the former invariably

came off second-best. Ere long the main-stay of the bucks, the mob turned against

sure to be followed by hooting and pelting

with mud and stones. Then the pleasant pastime of blocking the thoroughfares in

them too.

This meant that defeat

The following personal item about the great New York lawyer, will be read with interest. It is from the New York Corre-

spondence of the Buffalo Courier:

Mr. O'Conor still keeps his office in Wall street, but his use for it is very little. He has been out of active practice for several years, but force of habit still brings him down to the office quite often. His mail is generally delivered there and he has old papers of one sort or another to look over, which take up a good deal of his time. He occasionally takes a retainer as counsel in cases involving intricate law seen, furnishes evidence of his full recovery from the illness of four years ago, when the doctors gave him up and he took his case into his own hands. His hair does not seem any whiter now than it was ten years ago, his back is just as straight as ever, he never wears glasses out of doors as many much younger men do, and though his step is not quite so active as it used to be, he can still do very creditable walking on the down town sidewalks. His make up, so to speak, has not changed within the memory of a generation. His hat (sometimes rather shabby-looking) is worn well back on his head, a tightly-buttoned frock coat wraps his body, and his trousers and boots are about half way between shabby and genteel. A plainer looking man could not be found in any respectable company, nor one seeming to think so little about himself. He is not what might be called a talker, but among whose society is agreeable he can and sustain a full share of the conversations. and he is always listened to with the most respectful attention. He speaks freely of his early days and especially of his boy-hood, and the hard fight he had to make his way in the world, and he seems to take special pleasure in telling these things to men who began the same way themselves. Mr. O'Conor is a democrat of democrats, and hates all kinds of sham and pretention almost as much as trickery and dishonesty.

# WHERE THE SUN DOES NOT SET.

A scene witnessed by some travelers in the north of Norway from a cliff one thousand feet above the sea is thus described: "The ocean swept away in silent vastness at our feet; the sound of waves scarcely reached our airy lookout; away in the north the huge old sun swung low along the horizon, like the slow beat of the pendulum in the tall clock of our grandfather's corner, We all stood silent, looking at our watches. When both hands came together at 12, midnight, the the waves, a bridge of gold running due north, spanning the water between us and him. There he shone in silent majesty, which knew no setting. We involuntarily took off our hats; no word was said. Combine, if you can, the most brilliant sunrise and sunset you ever saw, and the beauties will pale before the gorgeous coloring which now lit up ocean, heaven and mountain. In half an hour the sun swung perceptibly on his beat, the colors changed to those of morning, a fresh How great one's virtue is best appears by occasion of adversity; for occasions do not make a man frail, but show what he is.

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