# (1) (ulut f aditlut <br> CATHOLIC CHRONICLE 

## he rivals. <br> ${ }_{c}^{y,}$ Gerald criffin,

As be rode homeward in the dark, within 2 a figure on the road side, which, on nearer approach, he distinguished to be that of a young
woman. She waved her hand anxiously several woman. She waved her hand anxiously several
times. and seemed inpatient for his approach.
"Is that times, and seemed impatient for bis approach.
"Is that your docthor?" she said, as he came
nearer, "Hurry in, hurry in, an' the hearens
. nearer, "Hurry in, , wurry in, an" the hearens
bless you! You never will overtake bina alive."
"Whom, woman "" Whom, woman ?"
Didn"t James tell
"Didn't James tell you, sir? A man of Misther Lacy's, that was serin' a process in the had the misfortune of killing bim
"A man of Lacys'?" exclainel Riordan,
"bring me into the house immediately. I am no
doctor, my doctor, ny yood woman, so lose no
ing for one, He dismounted, and led his horse along a nar-
row bride road, following the steps of the wogown turned up over her shoulders, giving him at the same time an
which had taken place.
which had taken place.
"He was a very foolish man," sard she, "It was only this morning he took up two boys ${ }^{\circ}$
the Hares for niglt-walkin', an' nothin' could do hima afther, but to go into the mountain to serve
a process upon one Naughtin, $a$-first cousin of their own. M sure what could he expect?They gathered about hinm, and one o' em knock-
ed biim down, and another made him go poon his, knees, and att the proces, to wash it it, an ant afther that, he got a blow of a stone, from
somebody or another, that destroyed his head, an' indeed $\mathrm{I} m$ afeerd he nerer ' $1 / 1$ do. Ah, shir 'tis a frigltutul thing to see a man in that state
when he isn't aizy in his mind ! I wished he had the priest, poor creature, for he's one o', the They reached the cottage, which was crow ed with the country people. The wounded man
was lying in an inner room which wikewid was lying in an inner room, which, likenvise, was
thronged as full as it could holdi. Looking orer
the shoulders of the crovd, Francis could just discern the bed on which the unfortunate wretch was laid and around which a number of aces
were gathered, some wearing an expression of compassion, but by far the greater number evinc-
ing eitierer simple curiosity or a grium satisfaction. was cristhed gaianst the wall for the want of better candlestich, threw a dead and perplexing "Is the doctor come?" said the wounded man, in a tone of deep sulfiering, "is there no com-
passionate soul lhere that would get me a doc"He's sent for,", said an old woman," be'll be "The Lord forgive you!" said another " many's thite time you maue work for the cocthors
yourself, before now, an' the surgeons, an' the "The Lord forgire you!", said the third," the second year isnt gone by since you swore away
the life of my poor husband for nothing, and left me this way in rags, an' my children fatherless,
an' aprenticed in their youth to beggary ! "OL, let the Lord forgive jou, iif he can!
exclained a fourth. "I had tro brothers, strong and handsome. as were erers seen at fuir
 to thank for that, and for my misery."
The wounded man regarded each of his acsmile of grim and calm defiance, nor did be apwhich they launched argainst lim in his agony. "I had but one," screamed a withered creature on the right of Francis-"I had but one
alone-an" that villain came across him an" desthroyed me ! He left me cliduless-may the
Lord remember it to lim in lis own time ? Again a grim smile of defiance crossed the
pale face of the sufferer, and showed that erea ing conscience. ${ }^{\text {an }}$. ${ }^{\text {S }}$, "is "Shame! shame!" said Francis, "if any thing the condition of the poor man who is suffering before you."
man, "I It knoury you well, sir," mexther Framed the wo you are our friend, but I knov, likewise, what had, an hoor yost it. I cant forgive him for
 oina at his hands. The mother of the Hares it At ing her face towards the bed.


#### Abstract

out, so as to allow the entrance of a stranger, who presested an appearance somewhat superior to the people by whom she was surrounded. She was dressed in deep mourning stuff, with a widow's cap on her head, and a cloth scapulary, of the order of the Blessed Virgin, around her neck. Although her cosuntenange bore the trace of recent anticition, yet there wose an habatital calmess in her eyes, and around her mouth, which gave an appearance of serenity and eren She walked to the fter pausing for a fever moments the patient, and of one who endearors to outreary rather than wrestle with a deep and agitating passion, she said to This man Uers in her native tongue : same faith and knolt at the same altar that do ourselves. He deserted his creed, and those who asked him wherefore he had done he replied, that he had discorereed many erro in our doctrine, and that the worship which he offered up in his present creed was of and loftier nature than hle bad evere used in purs. I appeal to you, thy friens and T appeal to you, my friends and neighbors, whe- ther the course of bis apparent life since the day of his change, bas been such as to justify the Ah, say not that $I$ judrat bim, whlen $I$ principles No! The blood of our fair, uor youns, our vituous, and our noble-hearted, give back the judgment, and not I. This morning, he made me feel or myseif as. I had often felt for others who had fallen inta o ohi power -he robbed me of my tiro children, and I Itemble for their blod or innocence is not a safe-guard in the grasp o Lacy. Yet let this deserter of our fathth behold the influence of that doctrine which he has cast the influence of that doctrine which he has cast from him and reviled. Behold !", sle continued untying the strings of her widow's cap and un- corering a head of hair hall sillered over the touch of age; " 1 I maire my heand bare, in the presence of Hin who is to judge us both, but do not tremble, hor P come to give you, not the no pardon in your dying hour. I forgive you for my lonely hearth, for the fearful days that I ho passed, for the heart-aches and the pangs I feel fhis noment. Go to your Maker, if he call upon you, and tell Him that Mary Hare has Washed the bood of ler children from your hands and oh may He deal lighty with you, for the stains that many a broken heart beside has left there! I know not how thes giltles yen may thrise, the times have taught me to expect the wrorst, but let their fate say, again, their mother partions you, their mo- her gives you her forgiveness and her prayers. 


 Without waiting any reply, the woman at these words ghided out of the room, learing thecompany impressed with a strange and solemn feeling, such as the norelty of such a a scene was
alculated to excite. It was dificult to obsers vhether it produced any effect upon the wounded man, for his countenance scarcely changed, and
his position remained unaltered, but he did not amid the execrations which preceded it. "I heard a voice, while aso," said the sick be a gentleman in this room who will receire dying man's last wishes, I will thank him to draw
near me." etting some dificulty Francis succeeded
 him a ghastly and wandering eye, and then sunk
back, as if his suspicions had been fully justified.
"You seem to know me $"$ " said Francis.
 nan's shanachus was troubling my mind, and onged to ease my soul of one offence at leas
before I Iie. I wouldn't hare minded to the last the barking of those cabin curs that snaried hands have been, there's somelhing of the genleman about my heart, and the forbearance of
that widowed wretch struck throught it. I should not like to meet the Hares before a difieren ourt from that which $I$ intended."
"You may make some reparation
is, "by revealing all you know ol then Fran cis, doy revealing an you know of them to me justice before you go."
The ratient smile.
Theec ratient smiled at this, as at a very simple
spech. "They call 5 ou bright," he said, " but think you ought to know more of human nacould induce me to say more than thys ;")
chat pointed with his finger to the wound. "I hope,"
he added, after a pause, "T hope my ousins
will take care that I bave a decent funeral. MMy mill take care that $I$ bave a decent funeral. $M y$
fatherer's covered a mile 0 ' the road. I am not so well liked in the counthry, but may be when I'
dead they'd forget that for me, in compliment dea famiy."
acquainted with the impatient disposition of master. Lacy, while his lips quirered with
eagerness, made an eflort to appear ranquil and andines, tade he eaked the quention:
indienell, Sivitizer, where is Tobin??
"Well, Switzer, where is Tobin?",
"is liph hard, "Dean!" echoed Lacy, starting back with ok and action of feimed concern and ill con cealed delight. "II it certain, Switzer ""
"I savi him down myself" replied the man, I sary him in the hands of bitter enemies." "Those murderous dogs!" said Lacy, "thus hay, anongst them. We must be at the Cour to-morrovy, and see those rusfians done for. Get ou, before 1 go to bed, again. At present, The man bowed, and leff the room without speakion. Lacy remanined nacing up and down dge, eren to his own minu, the secret satisfac scure a counsellor as Tobiait. "Let him rest in peace!" he said at lengt are, the Hares to deal with. The shadow of Riordan llas been upon them litherto and hid
them from the search of my revenge. Alive or chem from the seareh or my reverye. Alive or
dead, their fate will touch liin sorelly, and I have Low, theirer mans to nanke it certain."
Haring completed all lis arrangements for the approaccling morn, he liung gimself uyno lis bed, and took such rest as usually launts the pillows
of the impassioned aud the guilty.
The interior of the petty sessions house, at an carly hour on the following morning, was occu-
pied by neariy the same actors as those who apcareu upon the scene in the second clapter of table, sat Mr. Dormer and lis friend Mr. Leon-
ard, notling altered in appearance or condition by the lapse of the intervening montus. Th door was stall closed, and a clerk sat at he end
of the table, busy in preparing his books and too passing between the two Magistrates
"Well." said Mr. Leomard, " now that Thare
asked after the condition of vour other stock asked alter the conitition of your other stock, ou find your neophytes? Has the nur
Popery got amongst them onec again ?"
ith an embarrassed spule, " , therere is liess frend tude an embarraseer smile, " thiere is less grati-
tude, or 1 less sincerity, amongst them than I be-
"I know it well," returnod Mr. Leeonard, "t the priest has coaxel them all back again, lias
he not ?"
"A "
"And people so convinced, so thoroughly con-
vinced, as they appeared to be !"
"Conrinced of what ?"
"Why the errors of their creed. Thley salv,
as plainly as I could desire, the excessire folly of many of their ecclesiastical ceremonies, an the pry,
faith."
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"Aye, but you know that was in the spring,
and it is autumu now."
before summer than after?
"Because potatoes were thirty shillings


Some other magistrates, dropping in at this
moment, cut sthort the dialogue, and the conver"ation became more general.
"V ell, Dickson, said Mr. Leonard, "soy you
village?" "I cannot consent to it sir," returned the
gentleman so canserssed, wtht a g grare look, "I I
think the road is not wanted, and besides, Mr. hink the road is not wanted, and besides, Mr.
Leonard, I thouglit you knevev ny principles, and " Wall
"Oh, certanly, Leonard, you may. But then,"
and Mr. Evans lowered his voice a little as he er of the kind that I shall speak to you about another time
" You ma
"u fling no job upon my mands."
The crowd were now admitted, and severa cases were dispatched, while they, amaited the
arrival of Lacy, as the accuser of the Hares. Some processes were issued, to recover for a mith the price of a nesv spade; for a weave
village carpenter, the cost of some repairs in instruments of husbandry. Then came the dire account of trespasses and offences. A police-
man, with a long paper in his hand, containing a list of parochial grievances appeared at the right
hand side of the clerk, prepared with lave and errdence.

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Complaints were made of, on, the barefooted proppeietors of of oats and nies
ound trespassing $u$ upo the lighay, notwith tanding sal thast human elog unencee and ingenuity ould do on their behalf. Penalties were imosed on publicans, for vending whiskey at illegal
But in the midst of those affairs of lesser insurest, a general murmur of dislike, and hatred plar individual. The people in the sessionsThe village Scjanus entered pale, and candarerous with anxiety, while his round, full, sparkling eyes, glanced rapidly in all directs, to ascertaia
what dificultics he might have to encounter in the approacliing effiort. They alighted wilh soune Mr . Leonard but yet cion cone form of his presence was not considerable, for his talent
was not sufficient to render him a very formidable opponent.
The Eares, two decent-looking countrymen, Tha remarkable family likeness of each other, Lacy stood up to make lis clarge against them, Thuch he mas ino briefl These two brothers were, he said, lis own
Thants. They had been Iong applying to linn orants. They had been long applying to him nation, fro obin, lhat these two inen, in company wihh severa! others, meditated an attack upon his house,
with the view of compelling linn to enter into with the view of compelling liin to enter into
the terms which they desired. 'Cheir rendezpaces of his residence, and he was also made
aware of the night on which the project was to e put in execution. Accordingly, hle took care
be upon his guard, and lay hid within the ruint atil the party should appear. The two prisonwho first appeared, and they were instantly seclrcumstance, however, had occasioned the re-
mainder of the party to tuke alarm, and they did not appear at the place of appointment. Tobin ougon this very occasion, but Lacy had still enough of eridence to make his allegations grod.
He had the policemen who assisted in their apprehension, and he lad a threatening notice in
the liand-writing of the elder Hare, which was ailed upon his gate, and the purport of which
was, that he nust cither make up his mind to
隹 ants, or elsc prepare his coffin.
These facts were proved by the policemen and hers, and the threatening notice was handed in,
and examined by the magistrates. The identity the handwriting was proved by several wit

When the Hares were called upon for their rose. His dress was rather threadbare ; his ejes affectedly subtle; and his mouth had got a ha-
bitual twist to one side, from the custom of speaking apart, inside his palm, to counsel and others, mart attitules, in mimicry of lawyers at the bar, darted his eyes knowingly on both sides, and
wlispered a moment with the elder Hare. He ten stood up, nodded significantly two of hiree "I ask pardon," said Lacy, rising watha smile, "Yes, I am concerned' for the prisoners," re"Then," rejoinow.
Then," rejoined Lacy, "it beloves the maistrates to stay a proceeding so much out of
course. It is already decided, by many precedents, that a prisoner cannot be heard by attorey on his examination before a magistrate."
The attorney replied, fuoted, looked angry iled and bullied, but Lacy orerwhelmed him ith precedents, and he was compelled to retire, uttering a storm of censures and menaces. "Or'nt
"Oh, murther," said the younger Hare, "ar,
we to have the laiv, either? Well, Mr. O'wist, you won't keep our three and ninepence,t He wou can't eo any use to us? $t$ lawyer answered by a storm of abuse; the ther clients to his anxiety on behalf of this pair of ingrates. And saying this, and brusling his
hat furiously round with the cuff of his coat, he lapped it down upon his head, and left the court, ooking like a man who had been rery. ill used.
The clder Hare was then called on by Mr. eonard, to deliver, in his own manner, an ac-
Employed on their bebalf.

