

The governess led him through the hall leading to the nursery, his heart o'erflowed, as his voice joined that of Katie.

The governess sensed the sweet tragedy of the scene, she led Bobbie away and left Tom standing in front of Katie, their voices blending in the song of "Ever Fair Killarney."

Again they were on the sands of the little cove, youth and maid, their hearts filled with newborn love. Then the glare of the sun on the emerald sea and the white sands so hurt his eyes that his hand was gropingly outstretched for the one to guide him to the little cabin on the bluffs. He felt its warm clasp that filled his soul with peace as Katie seated him on the nursery lounge. A pair of loving arms encircled his neck, loving lips brushed his forehead and tears of joy streamed down Katie's cheeks as she sobbed, "Tom, my Tom, praises be to God, praises to Him that gives back to his colleen, y're blessed self. Oh, Tom, Tom, tell me y'll niver agin be lavin me."

The old mirror was not there to accuse her of being "an auld goose," as the love of other days surged through her heart and Tom Blake and Katie O'Shaughnessy Murphy folded each to the others breast and lived the glorious joy of reunion.

CHAPTER XVI.

"ORDERS IS ORDERS"

"The friend in need" had not failed Dorothy. "By return" the mails had brought her a money order and a letter stating, "Come back home, colleen," and a "God bless ye till y're safe in the home of y're thru friend Katie."

She arrived at the station she had left with fond dreams, that all too soon had proved untrue, and hurried along the streets, shaping her course to pass Tom's corner to tell him of her return and the reason for it. Arriving at the corner she was surprised to find it vacant. Her enquiries informed her that he had not been seen for several weeks.

Anxiety filling her mind, she hastened to the home of Katie and there received her second surprise, for a sign in the window proclaimed the fact that the place was to let.

Realizing that she had made a mistake by not wiring Katie the time of her arrival, Dorothy went to a nearby store and there learned that Katie had moved to Elmdale. Taking a street car she alighted at the corner of a street centrally located in Elmdale, and from enquiries at a small store learned that Katie lived "at the other end of the block, in the little bungalow next to the vacant corner."