"MONA;

The Irish Bride of an English Gentleman. [Continued.]

knee," returns Mr. Darling, undaunted.
"Well, when I got up at last, I found a
capital place to sit in, with a good branch
to my back, and I was so pleased with to my back, and I was so pleased with myself and my exploit that I really think—the day is warm, you know—I fell asleep. At least I can remember nothing until voices broke upon my ear light below me."

Nolly regards her mournfully.

"I think you needn't be unkinder to me than you can help!" he says, reproachfully. "However, to continue There's a way of doing things, you know, and the time Violet took to arrange that flower is worthy of mention; and when at last it was settled to her satisfaction, Jack suddenly took her hands in his, just like this, Mrs. Geoffrey," going on his knees before Mona, and possessing himself of both her hands, "and pressed them against his heart, like this, and said he..."

to death with their sentimentality for the last three months, they coolly turn round and ask each other if they are sure they are in love."

"Nolly, you have no romance in your nature," says Nicholas, severely.

"Noll, you have no romance. Of course there was nothing for it but to shut my eves again and resign myself to my fate. I wonder I'm not dead," says Nolly, pathetically. "I never put in such a time in my life. Well, another quarter of an hour went by, and then I cautiously opened my eyes and looked again, and would you believe it?"—indignantly,—

when they are quite convulsed with delight.

"Yes, go on, Noll; what did she say" repeats Geoffrey, the most generous encouragement m his tone. They have all, with a determination worthy of a better cause, made up their minds to forget that they as listening to what was certainly never meant for them to hear. Or perhaps consideration for Nolly compels them to keep their cars open, as that young man is so overcome by the thought of what he has unwillingly gone through, and the weight of the secret that is so disagreeably his that it has become a necessity with him to speak or die; but I believe myself it is more curiosity than pity prompts their desire for information on the subject in hand.

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"If didn't listen," says Nolly, indignant ly. "What do you take me for? I ferammed my fingers into my ears, and shut my eyes tight, and wished with all my heart I had never been born. If you will get it. So I thought if I threw my whole soul into that wish just then I might get it, and find presently I never had been born. So I threw in my whole soul; but it didn't come off. I was as lively as nessable after ten minutes hard lecentry.

"Nolly, you are inventing," says Mrs. The set of the more inventing," says Mrs. The subject is all yery well in his way, and off course I like him very nauch, but he is not to be compared with you. 'He is very handsone,' said Jack, fishing for compliments in the most indecent man, whole soul into that wish just then I might get it, and find presently I never had been born. So I threw in my whole soul; but it didn't come off. I was as lively as nessable after ten minutes hard lecentry.

"Nolly, you are inventing," says Mrs. soul; but it didn't come off. I was as lively as possible after ten minutes' hard Geoffrey, sternly.

"Well, I like that!" says her brother.

"And pray what was to happen if I didn't? I gave 'em ten minutes; quite sufficient law, I think. If they couldn't get it over in that time, they must have forgotten their native tongue. Besides, I wanted to get down; the forked seat in the laurel was not all my fancy had painted it in the beginning, and how was I to know when they were gone unless I looked? Why, otherwise I might be there now. I might be there until next week," winds up Mr. Darling, with increasing wrath.

"It is true," puts in Mona. "How could he tell when the coast was clear for his escape, unless he took a little peep?"

"Go on, Nolly," says Nicholas.

"Well, Violet was crying (not loudly, you know, but quite comfortably): so then I thought I had been mistaken, and that probably she had a toothache, or a backeds a recombining and that the fore.

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then I thought I had been mistaken, and that probably she had a toothache, or a headache, or something, and that the foregoing speech was mere spooning; and I breath. They all feel intensely obliged rather lost faith in the situation when suddenly he said, 'Why do you cry?' And what do you think was her answer?

Then it is enchanting to watch the Prices. what do you think was her answer?

Because I am so happy.' Now, fancy any one crying because she was happy!' says Mr. Darling, with fine disgust. "I always laugh when I'm happy. And I think it rather a poor thing to dissolve into tears because a man asks you to marry him: don't you Mrs Geoffrey?"

"I don't know I'm sure. I have never a the solution of the solution

ought about it. Did I cry, Geoffrey, are breaking (the last is the best) you "hesitates Mrs. Geoffrey, with a laugh, and a faint sweet blush.
"N—o. As far as I can rememb

says Geoffrey, thoughtfully, pulling his mustache, "you were so overcome with delight at the unexpected honor I did

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"What else did they say, Nolly?" asks Dorothy, in a wheedling tone.
"If they could only hear us now urmurs Geoffrey, addressing no one in

nothing until voices broke upon my ear right below me."

Here Mona and Dorothy grow suddenly deeply interested, and lean forward.

"I parted the leaves of the laurel with cautious hand and looked down. At my very feet were Jack and Violet, and"—mysteriously—"she was pinning a flower into his coat!"

"Is that all?" says Mona, with quick contempt, seeing him pause. "Why, there is nothing in that! I pinned a flower into your coat only yesterday."

The nairete of this speech is not to be surpassed,

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Nolly pauses.

"Oh, Nolly, what?" says Mona; "do tell ua." Sne fixes her eyes on his.

"What darling little hands you have!" begins Nolly, quite innocently.

"Well, really!" says Mona, mistaking him. She moves back with a heightened color, disengages her hands from his, and frowns slightly.

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"I was only going to tell you what Jack said to Violet. 'What darling little hands you have!' he whispered with the very sillest expression on his face I ever saw in my life; 'the prettiest hands in the world. I wish they were mine.' Gracious powers!" said I to myself, 'I'm in for it;' and I was as near falling off the branch of the tree right into their sams as I could be. The shock was too great. I suppressed a groan with a manful determination to 'suffer and be strong,' and..'

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"It is my opinion that you looked and listened all the time; and it was shamefully mean of you," say be death of you my honor I didn't. I neither saw nor heard but what I tell you. Why, if I had listened I could fill a volume with their nonsense. Three-quarters of an hour it lasted. How a volume with their nonsense. Three-quarters of an hour it lasted. How a fellow can take forty-five minutes to say, five in the you was my honor I didn't. I neither saw nor heard but what I tell you. Why, if I had listened I could fill a volume with their nonsense. Three-quarters of an hour it lasted. How a volume with their nonsense. Three-quarters of an hour it lasted. How a volume with their nonsense. Three-quarters of an hour it lasted. How a volume with their nonsense. Three-quarters of an hour it lasted. How a volume with their nonsense. Three-quarters of an hour it lasted. How a volume with their nonsense. Three-quarters of an hour it lasted. How a

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lively as possible after ten minutes' hard wishing. Then I opened my eyes again and looked,—simply to see if I oughtn't to look,—and there they were still; and he had his arm round her, and her head was on his shoulder, and—"

"Oh, Nolly!" says Dorothy, hastily.

"Well, it wasn't my fault, was it? I had nothing to do with it. She hadn't her head on my shoulder, had she? and it wasn't my arm was around her," says Mr. Darling, losing patience a little.

"I don't mean that; but how could you look?"

"Well, I like that!" says her brother.

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