CARROLL O'DONOGHUE

CHRISTINE FABER Authoress of "A Mother's Sacrifice," etc. CHAPTER XXIV.—CONTINUED

"I thought we were going to Tralee," he said, halting within a step of the doorway; "that's what I understood from Mr. Maloney, and that the horse was to be stabled there."

"And who said we weren't?" said Tighe, turning round with an assumption of fierceness before which Moore shrunk. "Didn't you tould me you were niver in Tralee?"

"I did," answered the man with a crestfallen look."

Mr. O'Toole arose "And which came into his wrinkled face.
"I did that, Corny; an' you were mintioned; yis, Corny, you were mintioned be the mother an' the son."

Mr. O'Toole arose "And who said we weren't?"

town of Tralee."

"Well, mebbe yer common sinse would tell you how far out o' the town we are," mocked Tighe; "an' mebbe that same common sinse that mebbe that same common sinse that would tell you how far out o' the stood erect, glowing with the consciousness of his noble rectitude.

"Sit down, Corny, an' let me tell would be at my own, and the method would be at my own unhappy sentiments to the grave; yes, sir!" and he stood erect, glowing with the consciousness of his noble rectitude. town we are," mocked Tighe; "an' mebbe that same common sinse that you brag av would tell you I have a very good rayson for what I'm doin'—an' one that's to Mr. Maloney's intherest. Now, tell me one thing:"—going very close to the groom, and continuing his intimidating manner,—"didn't Mr. Maloney binsel', tell you to be attintive to Shaun. "sure me minition o' Corny. ing manner,—" didn't Mr. Maloney himsel' tell you to be attintive to my directions
"He did."

Very well thin; mebbe you're sharp enough to know that there's a great dale depindin' on this race; or mebbe you haven't the gumption to see that there's somethin' to be put in yer own pocket if you have

discretion in the matther. Which is it now?"

That was a shrewd way of detecting whether Arty Moore, Ned Maloney's groom, was too faithful to the miser's interests to be bribed.

Missed whin she tuk Timothy Carmody in preference to yerself'—"

"Not in preference, Mr. Carmody," broke in the little man, with dignity, "but because I didn't ask her in time."

"I how your little with the little man, with dignity, "but because I didn't ask her in time." to the miser's interests to be bribed betraying them. But the Maloney at the risk of a pecuniary loss to himself; with a snap of his heads are heapswered:

O'Toole. He stood up to Corny's hand with prolonged vigor. Mr. O'Toole replenished the glasses. "We'll drink, Tighe, to your

particular which master I serve, so long as the money's to the fore." Tighe turned upon him with well assumed indignation: "Hould, you thraitor! is that the way you're sarvin' the poor, lonely old man that thrusts you? It'll not overtake me

to let him know your characther. "Oh, Mr. Carmody, for the love of his visit. of God don't!" and the trembling Mr. O'To wretch was almost on his knees at Tighe's feet; "I meant nothing by it; the words only escaped me; but Mr. Maloney'd believe them, and I'd lose my place; it's an easy one, and a pretty good one so far, and I have a wife and family depending

Tighe pretended to be unmoved for a few seconds; then he seemed to yield only for the sake of the dependent family.

Will you swear to be thrue to Mr. Maloney's intherests be moindin' sthrictly what I tell you?" answered the groom.

answer any one a single question about this horse, save that you're his groom, an' nothin' more; you're nayther to tell the name o' the baste, who is his owner, nor the man that's to ride him; if the ould b'y himsel' was to sthand afore an' demand such information, you're to refuse to give it, both now, durin' days afore the race, and till afther the race is over. Do you 'I do, willingly," was the earnest virtue;

for the proper housing of the steed; and the sight of old Maloney's banknotes, that Tighe ostentatiously displayed, made the owner of the stable, which was annexed to a little shebeen, very willing to make every addition in the way of provender. Tighe was satisfied, and having renewed his injunctions of secrecy to the groom, he departed.

His first impulse was to seek Mr. Joe Canty; his next to depute Corny O'Toole to deliver the message; for this step he had an important reason: it might be rather an awkward contretemps to have Mr. Canty on the morning of the race recognize in the jockey who would step forth to ride for Quarter-for the purpose of brit master Garfield the person who had to view "Brian Boru." been the bearer of a message from Mr. Maloney, the owner of the horse that Canty expected to ride it might cause suspicion of foul play, sufficient to arrest Tighe's part in the race even before he had begun it. Thus deciding, he turned his steps to Corny O'Toole, faith-ful Shaun, who never lost sight of his master, closely following. He found that the little stranger had departed not an hour before, having sufficiently recovered under Corny's skillful treatment, and he found Corny himself in a very contented

Shaun, "sure me mintion o' Corny did touch her, only, begorra, it touched her in the way that Corny wouldn't loike. Yis," pursued Tighe, "an' in toime, Corny, whin the rale goodness o' yer noble heart becomes fully known to her, an' she has her vers owned to all that she has her eyes opened to all that she missed whin she tuk Timothy Car-

"I beg yer pardon, Corny, that's what I meant. Well, as I was sayin', whin she has her eyes groom's principles were not the staunchest kind and there was no very cogent reason why he should be faithful to old Melones at the staunchest kind and there was no very cogent reason why he should be faithful to old O'Toole." He stood up and shook

Trust me for that: I'm not ticular which master I serve, long as the money's to the fore."

Tighe turned upon him with well was in a state of the highest satisfaction,-pleased with himself, with his visitor, and with his surroundings; and Tighe, in the same happy state, judged it would be a very good time to broach the true object

> Mr. O'Toole looked a little doubtful: "I don't know, my boy, how I'll bring myself to do that. I haven't been in society since your mother married, and I haven't much mind for talking to any of these

sporting characters. "The divil a hap'orth you'll have to say to any o' thim but Mr. Canty himself', an' thin, barrin' he draws you into any remarks o' his own. you have nothin' to tell him but that Mr. Maloney desires him not to go down there to see the horse; an' you hadn't moind puttin' the mes-Maloney's intherests be moindin' rictly what I tell you?"

'I will, I swear solemnly I will!" swered the groom.

'Very well, thin; you're not to swer any one a single question out this horse, save that you're

'Maloney's intherests be moindin' you hadn't moind puttin the message in very sthrong words ayther; for if he won't belave you, an' if he will go down to see old Maloney, faith it's a quare welcome he'll get both from the people in Dhrommacohol an' the miser himsel'!" and Tighe laughed heartily as imagination vividly pictured the crowd that would surround unsuspecting Mr. Canty, entreating him

"May be he'd ask me if I came straight from Mr. Maloney," said The stable to which the horse was to the man that tells thim as to the dwas hardly as comfortable as man that listens: and there's roundings, and treating to mental led was hardly as comfortable as man that listens; and there's the one from which he had been taken, but at least it was sufficient for the proper housing of the steed; himsel' afore the world, an' o' importance in his awn eves." porthance in his own eyes.

"Right, my boy; every way right!" responded Mr. O'Toole.
"Tell him, Corny, that the messenger who kem direct from Mr. Maloney is at yer house, but for some rayson he couldn't take the message himsel', but gev it to you; an' that'll be the thruth, anyway: sure I have the best o' raysons for not wishin' to meet Mr. Canty this while yet."

At length it was settled; Corny agreed to take the message to the "Blennerhasset Arms," the most probable whereabouts of Mr. Canty, and Tighe departed to seek Garfield for the purpose of bringing him entire the purpose of bringing him entire the purpose of the for the purpose of bringing him out

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Tighe paused, and took another draught from his glass. Knowing the little man's peculiarities, he was doubtful of gaining his consent to take the message to Mr. Canty.

"I had an intherview wid me mether Corny."

mother, Corny."

"Did you now?" Mr. O'Toole imbibed from his glass, the rosy color of the liquor perhaps helping to make the blush which came into his wrightled face.

"Only win for me, my dear fellow," he said, clapping his hand familiarly for an instant on Tighe's shoulder, "and you will make me your lasting friend, willing and

eager to serve you in everything." "The divil a fear o' me losin' for you; I niver lost a race yet. But wait till you see 'Brian Boru'; if his beauty doesn't quicken the which Moore shrunk. "Didn't you tould me you were niver in Tralee?"
I did." answered the man with a crestfallen look; "but my common sense tells me that this isn't the widowed feelings; rather would I bear my own unhappy sentiments. wid the horse—don't even call the horse be name; for the groom is a fellow not much to be thrusted, I think, an' if he suspected that you were the man I was to ride for mebbe I couldn't kape the saycracy I want to kape till the day o' the race. You can let on to be a careless frind o' moine that's jist come out for divarsion's sake to have a look at the baste."

The soldier was strictly obedient to Tighe's injunctions, and though the lighting up of his heavy face, and his start of delighted surprise when the magnificent animal was led out, betrayed his admiration, he was careful not to drop a syllable of remark. Tighe lightly mounted "Brian Boru" and proceeded to still further surprise and delight the soldier by an exhibition of his skillful horsemanship. Garfield was in an ecstasy of joyous anticipa-tion; he could hardly wait for the exhibition to be concluded, and until Tighe and himself were in the silent open country again, on their return, when he burst forth:

'I feel as if I owe you an apology, my friend, for my past distrust of you; yes, I own, '-becoming more frank as he looked into Tighe's wondering and apparently artless eyes

"that until this morning I did not entirely trust you; there was a lurking doubt which I could not explain to myself that perhaps you were deceiving me; but this morning, Mr. Carmody, has obliterated all that. I believe you fully now, all that. I believe you fully now, and I thank you from my heart!"
"That's always the way," responded Tighe; "thim that's innocint is suspected, an' thim that's

guilty escapes."
"I did not forget, Mr. Carmody," resumed the soldier, "my promise to you, and out of gratitude I shall fulfill it this very day. I hope I shall be as successful for you as you have been so far for me. Come to the barracks tonight, and I shall have an answer for you.'

Almost at that same moment Corny O'Toole was having his interview with Mr. Joe Canty in the coffee-room of the "Blenrerhasset Arms." He had sought that Arms." He had sought that gentleman on the previous evening, but without success, either at the "Arms" or at Mr. Canty's residence and at the latter place Corny was told that he would surely find him at the "Arms" by a certain hour the next morning.

Mr. Joe Canty was the type of a sporting man: not too tall, lithe, wiry, with a look about the legs as if they were always holding them-"May be he'd ask me if I came straight from Mr. Maloney," said Corny; "what will I answer then?" that marked the trickster and the dare-devil. From his small, keen eyes, to the tawny mustache which shaded his upper lip, there was an expression of half scorn, as if he were constantly mocking his surwere constantly mocking his surwere constantly mocking his surwere specific to describe the trickster and the dare-devil. From his small, keen eyes, to the tawny mustache which shaded his upper lip, there was an expression of half scorn, as if he were constantly mocking his surwere constantly mocking his survey. selor on betting interests. He was surrounded by an eager group of his own class, when it was signified to him that some one wished to see

Let the person come in here." he said, too eager, in his animated description of some race, to care to

company.
Corny O'Toole was ushered in; his drab gaiters, bringing into more prominent view his ungainly feet, were surmounted by pantaloons that, having shrunk in size, stood sufficiently above his gaiter-top; to health of my noble grand-aunt. reveal to a considerable extent a pair of brown stockings; the color CHAPTER XXV.

MR. CANTY

A soft, bright morning, a country redolent of balmy air and newmown hay, and the perfume of a thousand wild, but sweet-scented flowers, that decked the fields on every side, together with the prospect of winning his money and redeeming his honor, all conspired to put William Garfield, quartermaster in her Majesty's — Regiment, in excellent spirits, as in company with Tighe a Vohr, and both mounted on horses capable of a fair gallon thousand with the prospect of winning his more and down from the ark, and it was so tight and short a fit for him whose stout, wide back it covered with the color of the unmentionables, once black, had become a dingy brown from age sides, and squirming and contorting his body with the most violent sides, and squirming and contorting his body with the most violent sides, and squirming and contorting his body with the most violent sides, and squirming and contorting his body with the most violent solders, had become a dingy brown from age ebullition of mirth. Even Canty was forced to ioin in the merriment. Corny was enraged; to have this glowing account of himself and his race, which he intended should be received as a convincing proof of his titles to blood and breeding, thus mockingly interpreted was of the day: but now it bore as antiquated a look as if it had been handed down from the ark, and it was so tight and short a fit for him whose stout, wide back it covered you are. You are the grandson of mured. Gorny himself in a very contented frame of mind over a piece of bacon and a dish of smoking potatoes.

"Just in time, my boy!" and the little man, with refreshing promptiness, agranged a place for Tighe at the homely table. The meal was heartily welcome to the tired Tighe a Vohr, and the platable fare, (Corny was an excellent cook) together with the contents of a little man for the platable fare that the black bottle, which came forth from a recess in the closet after the table is success with Maloney and the grown, and the platable fare was cleared, put Tighs into very sanguine spirits. He related his success with Maloney and the green platable fare the platable fare t

it you want?"
Mr. O'Toole's dignity was hurt fondly imagining that he was gifted with literary genius, his absurd conceit led him to fancy, also, that others must read his mental superiority in the very poise of his form and the expression of his face This humiliating slight to which Inis humiliating slight to which Mr. Canty was subjecting him was very galling. He flushed and trembled. "Mr. Canty." he said, in deeply indignant tones, "I came here with a message from Mr. Maloney, of Dhrommacohol; if you were the gentleman I thought you were, I'd deliver it to you, sr, in full; but since your not, I'll put you to the trouble of asking questions;" and Corny assumed his most fierce and dignified attitude.

A half-suppressed laugh went from mouth to mouth, while the circle of amused listeners drew closer to Corny, their faces expressing an eager anticipation of some thing ludicrous and racy. Mr. Canty did not join in the laugh—he was too much nettled by the situa-tion in which he found himself; and with a still more haughty, supercilious air he answered: Your message is your own concern sir; whether you deliver it or not is immaterial to me.

"Very well, Mr. Canty, you can take your own risks of what'll happen to you before long!" and Mr. O'Toole, with a most ludicrous-ly dignified bow, was turning away. "For shame!" echoed a couple of voices; "the message may be of

of the foremost of the group, shrewdly devining Mr. O'Toole's vanity, pretended to pander to it by as absurd an air of deference as

ever marked the mien of O'Toole "I beg you, my dear sir, to overyour message to me."

Corny was mollified and pleased;

Mr. Maloney desires Mr. Canty or foes. not to go down to Dhrommacchol to see his horse, 'Charmer;' the animal is kind of touchy, and won't bear looking at, nor trial. On the 'Shall I se

morning of the race Mr. Maloney'll have him here in time.' Mr. Canty's supercilious air changed to one of violent indigna-'Does Mr. Maloney suppose that I'm going to obey any such message as that—not see the horse I'm going to ride till the very orning I'm expected to mount him? you can pay my respects to the gentleman, and tell him I shall have the pleasure of introducing

myself to him to-morrow after-"You had better not," answered Corny, turning upon him with an air which he meant to be intimidating, but which was only a most laughable assumption of fierceness. Judge with a calm conscience.

sarcasm his very associates. He blood of the princely O'Tooles was popular among sporting circles, tingled in his veins, and gave because of his abilities in that line; and the latter, sharpened by an extraordinary shrewdness, had made him a most successful counkings and princes had their rise and kings and princes had their rise and fall; my pedigree is unstained, and my ancestry is one that my posterity gether."

"If you will allow me, I will help you, Count. We will pray together." can boast of; among my posthumous descendants "—in his excitement Corny was confusing his words—
"was a great-grand-aunt who, with whole soul I believe that God hears cease or to break the thread of his voluble account by leaving the young men for the priesthood. young men for the priesthood; they went in a body to Rome, and were

> and drank with them all to the A shout of laughter cut Corny short. Every man was holding his and Saviour Jesus Christ, I feel conreceived as a convincing proof of his titles to blood and breeding, not know his name—at least I

pany, giving a supplementary courtesy to Mr. Canty, whose person he knew. "Your servant, sir; and I would like a word with you."

Mr. Canty drew himself up, the interruption which Corny's entrance had proved to his story having put him in no gracious mood. "Speak out," he said haughtily; "what is it you want?"

the little man's face; and more than one voice urged Corny to depart, a request with which Mr. O'Toole, whose courage, while it was equal to a war of words, dwindled before a display of muscular force, eagerly complied; the flowing tails of his body-coat were speedily seen flying through the open doorway.

TO BE CONTINUED

A VICTORY OF PRAYER

A hot summer s day was drawing to a close, and the setting sun cast a crimson glow on the walls of a somewhat gloomy castle, which, vacated by the proprietors, had been hastily converted into a military hospital. A few days before, a terrible battle had been fought in the immediate neighborhood, and a great many wounded soldiers from among the ranks, both of conquerors and conquered, had been carried to the castle. Groans of agony re-sounded within its precincts as one after another of the stricken men awaited their turn to have their wounds dressed. Swiftly and noiseessly the attendants moved to and ro, executing the briefly worded orders of the medical men, given in low but peremptory tones. At length the last man had received attention, and the wearied doctors and their assistants withdrew, leaving their parents under the care of the Sisters of Mercy, who ould remain with them all night.

In a small chamber upstairs lay an officer of high rank in the Prussianarmy, both of whose legs had been shattered by the bursting of a shell. The injured limb had been skilfully amputated, but the prostration consequent to the great loss of blood was such as to leave little hope of his recovery; in fact, the surgeon told the nurse that the sufferer

could hardly live through the night. importance; question him, or give one of us permission to do so."

"Act your pleasure, gentlemen," responded Canty, curtly; and one responded Canty curtly; and one Sister devoutly recited the Rosary, praying earnestly for the soul that

was soon to pass into eternity.

The sick man made a slight movement, and the Sister went softly to his side and asked him if he felt "I beg you, my dear sir, to overlook the gross incivility with which you have been received, and state your message to me."

Corny was mollified and pleased:

Corny was mollified and pleased: was one of a small party of Sisters his wizened face relaxed its severe expression, and he smiled upon the Posen to the seat of War to tend the sick and wounded, whether friends

the Sister," he replied; "otherwise I am "Shall I send for a priest, Count,"

she next inquired. 'You may, per-haps, wish to make your confession. To have one's conscience at peace is often a step toward the recovery of physical health and strength, you The officer smiled faintly and

"Speak frankly, Sister; confess that you do not think I shall recover, and you are desirous that I should not depart out of this world unprepared. Am I not right?" The nurse answered evasively 'Our life is in the hands of God,

and none of us know how soon the end may come. Therefore it is well to be prepared to appear before our 'Then you think a man dies more

"Yes, I am quite sure of it. A clean conscience and prayer give 'But, Sister, I have got out of the

habit of praying, and I never go to confession, never enter a church. I have forgotten how to pray.

and answers our inmost heart. prove to you how firmly I believe it let me tell you that for thirty years
I have daily said a decade of the
Rosary for the conversion of a certain person, and I shall continue to received in the Vatican by the Pope himself. Yes, gentlemen,"—c untinuing with greater emphasis—
"the Holy Father entertained them it is highly improbable that I shall ever know whether my petition has been granted. But, trusting in the

> "Who is the fortunate individual for whom you intercede so perseveringly? May I know his

all-sufficient merits of Our Lord

fident that I have not prayed in

"I have never seen the unhappy not know his name—at least I know only that his Christian name is Louis, and that he belongs to a family of rank, who are known to be devout Catholics."

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