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About six months after its arrival in Galway the regiment was joined by a junior ubaltern. He was a mere lad, being still his teens; yet by all accounts he was a ine, soldierly young fellow. He gave every aromise of making a splendid officer, and a we weeks sufficed to establish him as a avorite.

But, alas! only a short time elapsed beore he had the misfortune to fall foul of Lapt. Fenton. A challenge was given and accepted. The affair was kept as secret as possible, and at the appointed time the meeting took place in the corner of meadow about half a mile from the barracks.

Not much time was lost in preparations. The combatants were placed, the pistols loaded and the seconds retired. The young officer stood with the full front of his body to his opponent. He was a novice in such

his heart.

A stretcher was fetched from the barracks, and the corpse was conveyed thither without delay. The affair would doubtless have caused a profound sensation, but for obvious reasons those engaged in it were careful to let as few particulars as possible

leak out.

But on the third day a startling change took place in the aspect of affairs. A young man, travel stained, pale and haggard, arrived in town. He proceeded at once to the barracks and announced himself as the brother of the deceased. He was conducted to the room in which the body was laid. They say the scene which followed was of the most heartrending description. The stranger flung himself upon the corpse, and as he lay there his whole frame was shaken by convulsive sobs.

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It quickly transpired that the brothers had been left orphans when mere lads. They were the only children of the family, and through boyhood had clung to each other, feeling that they were alone in the world. Their love was like that which brought David and Jonathan together. It have fore be scarcely conceived with

When the first paroxysm of grief was ever, the young man raised himself from the corpse. Then, in a voice half choked by emotion, he uttered a solemn vow to take speedy vengeance upon his brother's slayer. With this object in view he retired from the apartment, and instantly despatched a challenge to Capt. Fenton. The officers endeavored to dissuade him from such a rash step, pointing out that instead of avenging the slain he was himself from the speedy and strengthen weak, the officers endeavored to dissuade him from such a rash step, pointing out that instead of avenging the slain he was him. Book, full explanation and proofs, mailed (sealed) free, Address one and all he replied, saying, "My brother over the corpse."

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skill. But remonstrance was in vain. To one and all he replied, saying, "My brother is dead; I do not care to live."

Under these circumstances it seemed hopeless to prevent this second duel. Some, indeed, thought of appealing to Capt. Fenton in order to persuade him if possible into refusing the challenge. But none were very eager to undertake such an unpleasant duty, especially as there appeared little likelihood of their efforts being crowned with success.

Nevertheless, there was one who ventured upon the disagreeable task. This was an elderly gentleman, a Mr. Martin, who resided in the neighborhood.

He was generally looked upon as a quiet, unassuming old gentleman, who never interfered in any other people's business. In fact, his one aim and object in life seemed to be the welfare of his flocks and herds. But in the present instance, having learned some particulars regarding the late tragedy, he determined if possible, to prevent a repetition of the sad event. With this object in view he called upon Capt. Fenton.

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Though he had turned three-score years, Mr. Martin was still hale and hearty. Like the patriarch of old, "his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated." A beard of snowy whiteness descended from his weather-beaten countenance. His venerable appearance would in all probably have given considerable weight to his arguments had he to deal with one who respected gray hairs. But, as it was, Capt. Fenton listened to him with ill-concealed contempt. In answer to the old man's remonstrances regarding the result of the recent duel, his reply invariably was that "it served the young cub right."

Mr. Martin entreated him to relinquish his intention of fighting the surviving brother. The intercession was so persistent that, as might have been anticipated, the Captain lost his temper. Turning upon his visitor he abruptly ordered him to leave the house—adding that "he would not allow an old bullock driver to interfere in his affairs of honor."

"Sir," returned Mr. Martin, quietey, "you have insulted me!"

"It seems so," replied the Captain, tauntingly.

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"With all my heart?" responded Capt. Fenton, laughing at the absurdity of the

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"Moreover, as you have been guilty of such ungentlemantly conduct," said Mr. Martin, "I insist that my claim shall have preference over all other engagements."

"Oh, certainly," replied the Captain, with mock gravity. "To-morrow morning, if you wish it. I am engaged to meet the young fellow in whom you take such a vast amount of interest in the corner of the big meadow at 8 o'clock. Be there a little before that hour, but don't be late, for I want to dispose of both affairs and return here in time for breakfast."

"I shall be punctual, returned the old gentleman; and without saying more heleft the house.

He was as good as his word. At 7.30 a. m. he was on the ground, attended by his second. Capt. Fenton soon arrived, and later on the party was joined by the brother of the deceased subaltern, with whom was one of the officers from the barracks.

It was feafful to behold, the wild look which the young man fixed upon Capt. Fenton. Not once during the preparations did his eves wander from his brother's slayer. While the pistols were being loaded, Mr. Martin's second whispered to him: "Don't lose a moment when the signal is given. Aim, low, it is your only chance."

"No," replied the old man loudly; "I shall strike him full in the head."

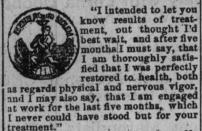
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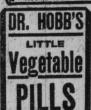
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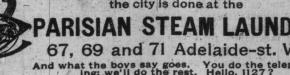
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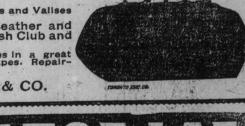
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