

small screw steamer, and was about to enter, when he discovered the hostile vessels, or was signaled, and putting about succeeded in making his escape.

HOW "PAT" GAVE THE BLACK FILLY A WARM MASH.

"Peter," said I, "do you think I could trust you to give the black filly a warm mash this evening?" As he stared at me for a minute or two without reply, as I repeated the question. "Is it a mash, sir?" said he. "Sure I'd like to be plasin' yer honor, any way, and that's no lie."

As he spoke, however, I fancied I saw a strange sort of puzzled expression flit across his face; but taking it for granted he knew what I meant, paid at the time no further attention to it. The conversation which followed immediately after, by one of those singular coincidences which so frequently happen in life, turning upon the subject of horses, tended still more to impress me with that belief.

"In some egregious blunder, Stanley, I'll be bound. But, pray, proceed with your narrative. Peter stood for some time crushing his hat uneasily between his hands, and occasionally shifting the weight of his gaunt person from one foot to another, until I began at length to entertain a faint suspicion that he had not exactly understood me after all; so I said to him, 'A warm bran mash for the black filly; you will not forget it, I hope, Mulrooney?'"

"Och, it's an illigant mimory I have," said he,—"but 'tis bothered intirely I am. Will I give her an old country mash, or an Ameriky mash?" "I don't know of any distinction between them," I answered, rather puzzled in my mind at what he was aiming. I found afterwards he was ignorant of what a mash was. "I don't know," said I, "of any distinction between them."

"Arrah, 'tis reasonable enough that ye shouldn't," responded Peter. "Look here, Mulrooney," said I, impatiently. "I want you to put about two double handfuls of bran in a bucket of warm water, and, after stirring the mixture well, to give it to the black filly. That is what we call a bran mash in this country. Now, do you perfectly understand me?"

Phillis the warm mash, accordin' to yer honor's orders? Augh, the haythen! Bad 'cess to her! 'Tis throuble enough I've had to make her reasonable an' obedient; an' that's no lie—the stupid ould thafe of a naygur!"

My dear Urban, you may imagine the finale of so rich a scene; even Mrs. Stanley caught the infection, and laughed heartily. As for Peter, the last I heard of him was his muttering, as he walked away—"Aye! why didn't he tell me? If they call naygurs fillies, and horses fillies, how the devil should I know the differ?"

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