One of Dr. Hyde's Irish Stories.

-D. F. McCarthy.

In one of his racy, gossiping Irish letters to a Dublin paper—written when the present movement for the "Revival of the Ancient Language and Literature of Ireland was still in its incipiency—"Chraoibhin Aoibhinn," Dr. Douglas Hyde, naively says: "When I was a growing-up boy I loved to go over and hither asking every person I met to tell me old stories; I was so passionately fond of stories that I wouldn't go to bed till morning if I could find anyone to keep telling them to me for so long."

drink and attendants," and you'll have all you require; but if you part with it you'll repent it, and here's a little whistle and at any time you are in need blow it, and you'll get help. But, on your soul don't part with it."

Then he took Paddy up and left him on the road, and said: "On your soul don't tell any living person anything you saw to-night!"

Paddy came home at the dawn of day and his wife asked him "Where did he pass the night?" In one of his racy, gossiping Irish letkeep telling them to me for so long."

These stories were invariably recited in Irish—which the delighted listener spoke from his infancy—for, in another portion of the same letter, he mentions the "repugnance with which he heard the request to repeat them in English for the hencett of such of the audience are two young gomen leaned out and laid a the benefit of such of the audience as did not understand their forefathers' language.

nature was more fully developed as he advanced in years and intellectual cultivation. To it may be traced the "spring of action" which impelled him to labor with unwagried paragraphy. of that noble undertaking, wherein to me about it, for I cannot tell. to-day stands pre-eminent among his tal-ented associates. Here is a translation of one of Dr. Hyde's stories:—

"Tis joking with me you are," says ented associates. Here is a translation the woman, "she was born blind."

"Wait till you see," says Paddy, and with him and didn't ston till ha

### THE SPIRIT OF THE TREE.

the name of ("Foxy") Paddy O'Kelly, and he lived at the foot of "Little Cruic Nephin."

He was married, but he had no children except one only daughter, and she was blind since she was born.

The neighbors named her "Blind Nora," and they had a notion that she used to be with the "Good People." Paddy held but two acres of land, and, for that reason, he was poor.

was bringing him out, but his mind was dissatisfied and he could not stay within. In the old times, the people believed that every "phuca" (i.e. hobgoblin) and spirit in the land were abroad on "Hallow Eve night" blasting and destroying the blackberries, and, after that night, the pot, they wouldn't put a blackberry in their. The mouth on any account. But Paddy had

no fear of anything, dead or alive. old churchyard. The moon was full and friend was among them-Paddy's wife's was giving fine light. Paddy looked up brother-and he gave him warning. He and he saw a big man leaping from tree put the whistle to his mouth and he

The Spirit leaped down, stood in front at the foot of the wall. Eat some of it of Paddy and said—"Don't you be afraid and give the rest to your wife and daughter to eat and every one of ye will made our are and I will show you are good courage, and I will show you the have a man's strength for every hair Fairy hosts of Connaught and Munster, that is on your heads. With the wash-playing a hurling match on the top of ling stick on the wall of your house you'll Great Cruic Nephin!"

would throw a year-old child. He leaped women of the parish came to kill Paddy. up a tree and off with him from tree to They cried out that he was a "Fairy-

saw such sport as they had, and Paddy was laughing till he thought he'd burst. At length the King of the Fairy host of

"The Connaught host," said the Spirit.
"You're telling a lie!" said the King
of the Munster Fairy host, "and we'll fight before we give the goal to the Con-

broken and hands and legs, and the hill; of the Munster Fairy nost shouted and said, "Peace! We've won the victory from ye this time, but we'll fight again on

"Pay this live man that I brought here to your place of meeting. Ye could not play the hurling match without

him. "It's true for you." said the King of the Fairy host of Connaught, and he gave purse of gold to Paddy.

"I won't be worse than him," said the King of the Fairy host of Munster, and he gave him another purse, and at the turning of your hand, the two hoets were

Then the Spirit said to him: "You have plenty of money now; is there anything you wish for?" "Well, then, indeed there is," said Paddy. "I have a daughter, and she is blind since she was born, and I would like that she'd have her eye-sight."

"She'll have her eye-sight before sunset to-morrow evening, said the Spirit, "if you take my advice. There's a little whitethorn bush growing over the head of your mother's grave; get a thorn from it and put it through a pimple that is on the back of your daughter's head. and she'll have as good sight as you fore you go home."

Then he got a hold of l'addy's two hands, flung him on his back, and toff with him, and he didn't stop till he laid him fair and easy under a big tree in the churchyard. Then he took hold of the tree, drew it up and said, "Follow me."

Paddy took a step in, and the Spirit drew the tree after him. They went down a fine stairs until they came to a great door. They opened the door and went in. When Paddy looked about he saw a good many people, neighbors of

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his own, who died years before that. Some of them welcomed Paddy and asked him what time did he die. "I

didn't die yet," says Paddy.
"Tis joking you are," said they; "and if you did not die you wouldn't he here among the 'Host of the dead!' "

The Spirit came near them then and said: "Don't believe those people; "Ah! the pleasant time hath vanished, ere our wretched doubtings banished and the graceful spirit-people, children of the earth and sea—
Whom in days now dim and olden, when the world was fresh and golden, Favored mortals could behold in haunted rath, and tower and tree."

The Spirit came near them then and said: "Don't believe those people; there's a long and happy life before you. Come with me now, 'tis time for you and go home. Here's a little pot for you and any time you want food strike three blows on the lid and say, "Food and any time you want food strike three blows on the lid and say, "Food and drink and attendants," and you'll have all you require; but if you part with it you'll repent it, and here's a little whistle

Paddy came home at the dawn of day and his wife asked him "Where did he pass the night?"

two young women leaped out and laid a table and everything to eat and drink on it as good as was on the King's table. This inborn trait of the boy's Celtic Paddy and his wife and blind Nora ate with unwearied perseverance and long blind. I'll get a cure for her withscholarly research in every department; but don't put any questions

out with him and didn't stop till he came to the bush that was growing on In the old times there was a man by his mother's grave. He found the thorn and he came home. He got hold of Noreen, and put the thorn through the pimple, and she cried out: "I see everything!" And her mother clapped her hands with joy and said to Paddy: "Love and pulse of my heart you are. "Tis you're the best man in the world."

With that he struck three blows on the lid of the little pot and said: "Food

and attendants. No sconer were the words out of his He was out every night—wet or dry. mouth than the two women leaped out cold or hot, and he did not know what and laid the table before Paddy, and mouth than the two women leaped out everything on it better than was on the King stable. Himself and his wife and Noreen are and drank enough, and when they were satisfied the young women put everything into the pot and went in themselves, and Paddy put the lid on

The report went abroad among the people that Paddy was rich and had everything he wished for. They were On "Hallow Eve night" Paddy went out as was customary with him, and he was walking until he came as far as an had a strong design to kill him. But a had a strong design to kill him. But a had a strong design to kill him. to tree. Every hair on his head rose up blew it, and before long there came a standing, and the cold sweat began to whisper to his ear saying:—"Go out fall from him. He couldn't stir a foot, and get the herb that's in your garden. The Spirit learned down stood in front be able to beat all the people in the

tree until he came to the top of Great nan" and a "Lingulan," and said that Nephin, and he laid Paddy down fair and if he didn't come out they'd burn the Twasn't long till the Fairy hosts of Connaught and Munster arrived, and the did no harm to any of them. But nothing world satisfy them at all but to saw such sport as they had and Batta. kill Paddy. Paddy got hold of the washingstick and his wife grasped a turi-spade and his daughter a hand-tick, and out Connaught shouted:—
"Hello! Spirit of the Tree! Which host has won the goal?"
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troubled him. fight before we give the goal to the Conhand hands and least and the commenced and 'twas no
which was been a secret." and that
fragment of the cross, which was
given to Charlemagne by Pope Leo III.,
and which he hore continually on
his person. In addition, there are a
his person. In addition, there are a and in that way the story went from was red with blood. At length the King mouth to mouth until it came to the landford - care. He came to Paddy and the point of a nail with which Christ said: "I heard you have a wonderful

pot-show it to me." the sirtue that's in it."

of the pot and said; "Food and at-

hefore Paddy and the lord, "By my hand," said he "that's a good | Republic.

for one day only, for there are gentlemen. coming to visit me next week." Paddy reflected on what he should do, and at last he said: "The pot would not

pot : you ought to give me a loan of it

he any good if I was not with it." "You can come, and welcome," said the landlord, "but be well prepared."

at being among the gentlemen. " (in Lionday morning be at my house,

and, on your soul, don't deceive me." "On the next day Paddy bought a new suit of clothes, and when he put them on | he tooked so comely that his wife and daughter hardly knew him.

On Monday morning he took the little pot with him and went to the lord's ready until I see if there be sufficient to satisfy these gentlemen."

Paddy struck three blows on the lid of the pot and said, "Food, drink and at-tendants." On the spot six young women temped out, laid a fine table and every-thing to eat and drink on it was better than another. The lord then invited the gentlemen and they walked in. They wondered when they saw the fine table

PECULIAR in combination, proportion and preparation of ingredients, Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses great | "Why, pa, this paper says a big dog flew curative value. You should TRY IT. at a man and bit him."



and all that was on it. They ate and drank enough, and not long until a heavy sleep came on them all, and when they awoke the roof of the house was gone and no account of it. The litle pot, the whistle and the two purses of gold were gone from Paddy and he was as poor as ever he was. When he was in his drunken sleep a "Lurgadan" came and ran away with them all. And misfortune came upon Paddy because he did not keep the secret of his friend.—M. C., in Boston Pilot.

## RELICS OF HRIST SEEN.

Swaddling Clothes of the Infant Jesus Shown from Aix-la-Chapelle Cathedral.

The pilgrims who have recently returned to this country after a tour of the famous shrines in Europe were especially fortunate from the fact that their visit to Aix-la-Chapelle during the summer occurred in a year which is marked by the exposition of the great relics in the cathedrals there. The relics are to be seen only at intervals of seven years. For two weeks from July 12 in the stated year they are exposed with solemn ceremonies in the presence of the pilgrims who gather for the view from all parts

of the Catholic world. When Charlemagne had finished the building of the Church of Our Lady in Aix-la-Chapelle he set himself to the collecting of these relics. The occasion of their display is a fete in the city. The relies are shown amid most imposing. ceremonies from a lofty balcony on the exterior of the church, to the left of the entrance.

The relics include the tunic of the Blessed Virgin, the swaddling clothes of the infant Jesus, the linen cloth upon which the body of St. John the Baptist was placed after the beheading and the linen cloth which was bound about the loins of Christ upon the cross. The tunic of the Virgin is vallowish in color the of the Virgin is yellowish in color, five feet and a half in length and three feet and a quarter in circumference. A very small amount of decoration is to be found upon it, and a small piece of the cloth has been torn out.

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and flung him upon his back as a woman on the next morning the men and flung him upon his back as a woman on the next morning the men and relics the priest shows each one from the relics the relics the priest shows each one from the relics the priest shows each one from the relics the relics the relics the relics the relicion that the relicion the relicion that the relicion the relicion that the relici relics the priest shows each one from the two sides and the front of the balcony. With this last and most holy relic from each point he gives a benediction to the

crowd below. In addition to these there is a leathern girdle of Christ, which is sealed at the ends with the seal of the Emperor Constantine: a small piece of the cord with which Christ was bound during the flagellation; a cincture of the Virgin, a bit of the sponge which was offered to Christ on the cross, a fragment of the cross, a lock of hair from the head of St. Bartholomew, a bone of St. Zacchary, ground, and from that day they never the father of St. John the Baptist; two of St. Thomas the Apostle's teeth; one Tis a true saying that " women don't | of the arms of the old Simeon, another bone of the leg of the Emperor Charlemagne, a tooth of St. Catherine, was attached to the cross, a bit of the rod which served in the mocking of Christ, a lock of hair from the head of St. May Eve!"
Then the Spirit of the Tree said to the Paddy showed him the little pot and | Christ, a lock of mail from the little pot and | Christ, a lock of mail from the little pot and | John the Baptist; a bust in gilded silver of Charlemagne, in which is enclosed Paddy struck three blows on the fid the Emperor's skull; in a reliquary shaped like an arm the right arm of Charlemagne, presented by Louis XL, No sooner had he said the words than the two young women leaped out and lail the table with tood and drink on it. Rome prison; bones of Leo XIII. and many other lesser relics of saints .- The

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