

Good-Bye to Ireland.

By THERESA C. BOYAN.

Coming from you, Ireland, far beyond the wide, wide seas, the sorrow for my heartstrings is a weary load to me...

Well, good-bye, my good old mother; one more look upon your face; I'll be faithful to Ireland, to your cause and to your race.

THE WIZARD'S CHARM.

In a pretty chalet that nestled high against the shaggy breast of Mount Oghadin lived the widow Neur and her daughter Marie.

his summers in a little house on the mountain very top. The simple villagers called him "the wizard," and told strange tales of how he spent whole nights gazing at the heavens through a long tube...

young man will care to dance with me. "But why?" asked the wizard, in surprise. "Because I cannot talk and laugh with them as other maidens do. My heart beats fast if they do but glance toward me, and I know not what to say, and so—"

Paris that winter, he read a scientific paper before the savants of the Academy. In it he detailed many of his wonderful discoveries and his work during the summer. But he did not speak of the most interesting of all—how, by the aid of a little magnet, concealed in a steel belt, and a rudo ring, he had brought together two loving human hearts, and by so doing had opened a door to the happiness of Paradise and imprisoned it in a chalet on old Oghadin Mountain.

There must be something in the atmosphere of Ireland peculiarly congenial to poetry and the poetic faculty. For the Irish poets have ever been among the sweetest, the most soulful and the best. The "old sod," it is true, has never produced a Shakspeare, a Milton, a Pope, a Dryden, a Byron, a Shelley—in other words, a towering, awe-inspiring master of the lyre, but it has brought forth a perfect flood of tuneful songsters whose graceful and melodious warblings have echoed around the world and found responsive throbbings in many and many a heart.

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