

A Trial of Patience.

A short time ago, a parish priest in a country district in Ireland, experienced a severe test of his patience and good humor. A niece of the clergyman was to be married to a wealthy parishioner, and the good priest determined to give the wedding-breakfast in his own house. He prepared a royal feast; every one of note for miles around was invited. The appointed day came and the ceremony was celebrated with great solemnity. Just as the guests were about to get down to the sumptuous spread, a messenger came with an urgent sick call. The guests, in compliance to his reverence, returned to the sick man. The priest had his horse saddled, and rode off to the end of his parish to attend to a poor old man who was dying. Having attended to all the Sacraments given on this solemn occasion, he re-mounted his horse, and, solemnly and with a heavy heart, he set out on his way. He had scarcely left the room, when the sick man called for the priest for another moment. His voice being feeble, the priest did not hear him; at this moment, the old man's son came into the room and heard him calling for the priest, and he too was late; he, too, called and was not heard, through the noise of the galloping horse. The son believing his father had still something of importance to communicate to the priest, immediately leaped on his own horse, and followed in hot pursuit of his reverence. The priest arrived home, and had just assembled his hungry guests, when the old man's son came in breathless, and begged the priest to come again to his father; he had called for him; and the son pleaded with all the urgency of the moment as the old man had only a short time to live. The good priest bade his friends amuse themselves, and mounting his panting horse proceeded gently to the sick man's house. Arrived the old man turned towards him with an affectionate look, and said, "Oh! your Reverence, I forgot to say—to say—good-bye to you!"

How to go to Sleep.

Mr. BUTTERWICK'S EXPERIMENT. Mr. Butterwick, of Roxbury, had a fit of sleeplessness one night lately, and after vainly trying to lose himself in slumber he happened to remember that he once read in an almanac that a man could put himself to sleep by imagining that he saw a flock of sheep jumping over a fence, and by counting them as they jumped. He determined to try the experiment, and closing his eyes he fancied the sheep jumping, and began to count. He had reached his one hundred and fortieth sheep, and was beginning to doze off, when Mrs. Butterwick suddenly said: "Joseph!"

"O what?" "I believe that yellow hen of ours wants to set."

"O don't bother me with such nonsense as that now! Do keep quiet and go to sleep."

Then Butterwick started his sheep again, and commenced to count. He got up to one hundred and twenty, and was feeling as if he would drop off at any moment, when, just as his one hundred and twenty-first sheep was about to take that fence, one of the twins began to cry.

"Hang that child," he shouted at Mrs. Butterwick; "why don't you tend it and put it to sleep. Hush up, you little imp, or I'll spank you!"

When Mrs. Butterwick had quieted it Butterwick, although a little nervous and excited, concluded to try it again. Turning on the imaginary mutton, he began. Only sixty-four sheep had slid over the fence, when Butterwick's mother-in-law knocked at the door, and asked if he was awake. When she learned that he was, she said she believed he had forgotten to close the back shutters, and she thought she heard burglars in the yard.

Then Butterwick arose in wrath and went down to see about it. He ascertained that the shutters were closed as usual, and as he returned to bed he resolved that Mrs. Butterwick's mother would leave the house for good in the morning, or he would. However, he thought he might as well give the almanac plan another trial, and setting the sheep in motion he began to count. This time he reached two hundred and forty, and would probably have got to sleep before the three hundredth sheep jumped, had not Mix's new dog in the next yard suddenly become homesick, and began to express his feelings in a series of prolonged and exasperating howls.

Butterwick was indignant. Neglecting the sheep, he leaped from bed and began to bombard Mix's new dog with boots, soap cups, and every loose object he could lay his hands on. He hit the animal at last with a plaster bust of Daniel Webster, and induced the dog to retreat to the stable and think about home in silence.

It seemed almost ridiculous to resume those sheep again, but he determined to give the almanac man one more chance, and so as they began to jump the fence he began to count, and after seeing the eighty-second sheep safely over, he was gliding gently in the land of dreams when Mrs. Butterwick rolled out of bed and fell on the floor with such violence that she waked the twins and started them crying, while Butterwick's mother-in-law came down stairs, four steps at a time to ask if they felt that earthquake.

The situation was too awful for words. Butterwick regarded it for a moment with speechless indignation, and then seizing a pillow he went over to the sofa in the back sitting room and lay down on the lounge.

He fell asleep in ten minutes without the assistance of the almanac, but he dreamed all night that he was being buffeted around the equator by a Cotswold ram, and he woke in the morning with a terrible headache and a conviction that sheep are good enough for wool and chops, but not worth a cent as a narcotic.—Phila. Bulletin.

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