RED MIKE'S REST.

An Exciting Story of a Treacherous Irish Bog.

William Sharp, in Harper's Magazine.

One wild blustering afternoon of the last day of October I made my way as best I could across the stretch of wild moorland, vainly hoping that I might meet with some one able to direct me to my destination. Looking around, I presoived a man waving his arms to me, and as I approached him I noticed that he was a piper—a fact of which he soon informed me himself, adding that he was on the way to Mr. Connolly's farm to provide the music for the dancing that was sure to follow the regular Halloween festivities. It was well he descried me on the moor, for if I had proceeded further in the direction I had been following I would have probably found myself floundering in the huge and treacherous bog called in the neighborhood Red Mike's Rest. On the way Larry O'Hara—for so I learned was the piper's name—gave me much curious information about the customs of Hallowmas Eve in that part of Ireland, and as his account of how the great bog from which I had narrowly escaped got its name is germane to my subject, I will give it here. "Red Mike, your honor, was the only son of Widow O'Flaherty. He was a queer one from his birth, and no wonder, for he first seen the light atween dusk an' dark o' a Hallowmas Eve. Hereabouts the people say that if a babby be born on this night, it rins a moighty good chance o' bein' possessed by some sproite or other; it may or may not be true, ol'm sure its beyond the likes o' me to say whether such things are possible or not, but oi will say that Mike O'Flaherty was different to other men from the first. He wor always up to some game, he wor, an' nivver for good—leastways I nivver heard o' anny good he iver did. He lied an' broke his troth to man an' woman, an' got into bad odor with priest an' magistrate, for nigh upon twelve years after he came to manhood, until the judgment o' God came upon him. One Hallow Eve he was at the house o' the Flannigans, up by Glen Creachan. He was courtin' Mary Flannigan, though ivery one on us knew she didn't care two straws for Red Mike, but was all aglow wi' love for Larry O'Rourke, the Limerick carrier. It's the custom in these parts for the childer to run into the cabbage yard afore the evenin's fun begins, and to pick out a number of cabbage stalks, an' name them arter any seven o' the folk they have anything to do with; then, having finished wi' this choosin', they dance round the place. Flannigan's childer, havin' finished their song, ran into the house an' asked all the folk to come out and see their sowls. Ould Flannigan pulled his cabbage stalk an' Mrs. Flannigan hers, an' young Tim Flannigan his, and Mrs. Tim hers, an' purty Mary Flannigan hers, an' Larry O'Rourke his, until it come to Mike O'Flaherty's turn. The stalks of all the others had been quite clean an' white, but when Red Mike pulled up his, it was all black and foul wi' worms an' slugs, an' wi' a real bad smell shint it. Larry O'Rourke laughed, an' Mary Flannigan giggled, an' the others all looked moighty consarned. "Mike glared about him for a moment, more like a mad bull or a haythin Turk nor a Christian. Then he up an' says: 'Ye may laugh, Larry O'Rourke, but ye'll not be laughin' long; ay, ye may snigger, Mary, but ye'll be cryin' for manny a day, when yer lover's below the sod, as he will be before the year's out. As for you, ould Flannigan, you an' your son, an' all that belong to ye will have cause to curse the day ye mocked Red Mike, as ye call me. Ye forget I was born on Hallow Eve! I've the gift o' the sight I have, and on this day my curse can blast whatever I choose. What more Red Mike would have said I don't know, but at that moment Father O'Connor came up to where all were standin'. 'Curses come home to roost,' says he to O'Flaherty, in a stern voice, 'an' it's you that'll suffer, Mike O'Flaherty, an' no one here. Get ye gone at once, or I'll put the word on ye.' 'I'll go when I choose, Father O'Conner,' says Red Mike, suirily. The next moment the priest drew a crucifix from his breast, saying to O'Flaherty that even if he wor in league wi' the devil, he could not withstand that. Mike gave a howl just loike a wild baste, an' thin turned an' ran down the glen as fast as he could. Ould Thady King, the piper (now dead, God rest his sowl!) wor crossin' the moor that night, an' who should he see but Red Mike dancin' an' shoutin' like mad, an' screamin' in mortal fear. 'Mike! Mike!' old Thady cried; but O'Flaherty paid no attention to him, but kept on screamin', an sometimes shoutin' out, 'My time is up! my time is up!' Suddenly he bent forward an' ran like the wind, took one great leap, an' disappeared in the ground as if he had jumped into the sea. Nothin' more wor ever seen o' Red Mike, leastwise as a man. An' that's why the great bog yonder is called Red Mike's Rest."

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Old Baby.

Poor "old baby;" he hung about the halls and on the stairway, and everybody snubbed him and said: "Oh, your nose is out of joint," and he was told to be quiet or it would disturb "new baby," and he was sent off to bed alone and nobody cuddled him or kissed him to sleep. His papa told him he had a little angel brother, but he wanted to be angel brother himself, and he just hated new baby. But one day when the nurse was making gruel in another part of the room he was told that he might look at the bundle that lay in his own crib. All he could see was a cross red face and fisticuffs. Ha! a thought struck old baby. A cruel, wicked thought; revenge! He leans over the bundle, he watches the pink fingers unclinch, he puts his rosebud mouth down stealthily, he bites! There is a great cry from new baby, the nurse drops the gruel, all the family fly to the rescue, and bad old baby is summarily bounced. And he wanders about heart broken, and at last goes and gets lost in a cave of gloom. And he is of some consequence after all, when they cannot find him until some one looks under the hall table, where he is asleep with a very dirty face—

"A smile on his lip and a tear in his eye."
Poor, "old baby!"

A Billous Family.

Henry Ward Beecher tells us an amusing story of a family in Indiana where he stopped over night. Wishing to show off the precocity of the children the mother asked the eldest one to say grace. But the child snarled and refused.

"She's a little bilious this morning, but, Willie, you show Mr. Beecher what a nice grace you can say."

"Don't want to," whined Willie.

"He's bilious too," said the mother, so Mr. Beecher himself asked the blessing and the meal proceeded. After a little the hired girl brought in some pancakes that were underdone.

"Why, Nellie's pancakes are a dead failure this morning," said the vexed hostess. "I never knew that to happen before."

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Smilax Blooming in a Grave.

From the Brooklyn Citizen.

Bertie White, aged 2 years and 11 months, died on Tuesday, September 2. During his last illness a canary was brought into the sick chamber, and in the long hours of restlessness the little fellow was amused and to a certain degree quieted by the pretty songster's chirrupings. The day of the boy's death the canary was found lifeless in its cage. The bird was put on the boy's breast, and the two, with a bunch of smilax, which was also placed in the coffin, were buried together the Sunday following in Greenwood cemetery. Yesterday the grave was opened to transfer the body to the family vault. All the child's body, with the exception of the hand that clasped the dead canary, was in an advanced stage of decomposition. Both hand and bird were as perfect as life, and of the smilax not a leaf had turned color; in fact, it had grown since the interment at least two inches and had unfolded itself from the matted condition it was in when placed in the casket. The grave-digger stated that he had never seen a similar instance since his connection with the cemetery.

NEW YORK DOCTORS.

What They Earn and Where it Comes From.

Cor. Boston Record.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Talking a day or two since with a prominent physician about the rapid increase of doctors in town, and expressing surprise how they all live, he said that many of them merely vegetate. He added that few laymen have any idea what a struggle the profession of medicine involves in a great city like this. The popular notion that it is generally lucrative is altogether erroneous. There are at present, he says, about 5000 physicians in New York, and hardly one-fifth of them are in any way prosperous. At least 1500 of them, if not 2000, lead a precarious existence, subsisting partially on credit and by all manner of shifts and turns.

Many of those who regard themselves as well established and have been long in practice do not earn more than $2500 to $3500. Very few, until they are past their prime, have an income of $5000, and those who have $10,000 and upward, supposed to be quite common, are to be counted by the dozen. The physicians that get rich by their practice are those in attendance on wealthy and fashionable families.

Dr. McLane, who went abroad with William H. Vanderbilt, and who was summoned when he had his fatal attack of apoplexy, is one of these. Dr. Jared Linsly, now past 80, who was at Cornelius Vanderbilt's bedside for weeks previous to his death, is another. The old Commodore gave him $25,000 as a present by his will. Dr. Fordyce Barker, the family physician of John Jacob Astor, has a very handsome revenue. His fee for his specialty, with most physicians from $100 to $200, is uniformly $1000. Dr. Brown-Sequard, considered the best authority extant on nervous disorders, earned, when he practiced here, from $80,000 to $100,000, and earns as much in Paris, where he now lives. He has a world-wide fame, and is consulted by patients from every quarter of civilization. A native of Mauritius, his mother was French; his father, Edward Brown, was a Philadelphian, and at one time commanded an American merchantman.

Dr. Loomis' practice is worth $50,000, and Dr. Salisbury's $60,000. That of Dr. Marcy and White, with a fashionable patronage, is more than $100,000 each.

To be a fashionable physician is the sole guarantee of wealth in this city, unless one happens to be particularly eminent in some specialty, in which case one is pretty certain to become fashionable. Many a doctor, however, has become fashionable without any remarkable ability; but having secured that place, reputation follows. Some physicians strive after social position only to benefit their practice, and when they get it they make it highly remunerative.

A well-known doctor here some months since endured agony in the lumber region. He could not sleep or scarcely lie down for some days. When he grew easier, feeling the necessity of permanent relief, he asked the advice of a dozen leading physicians. Each one diagnosed differently, and the opinion of all diverged from his own. He then acted on his own judgment and recovered. He says that if he had been a layman he would have been compelled from lack of means—he himself is my informant—to accept the diagnosis of the first physician consulted and to follow his advice. But as he could consult many physicians gratuitously he did so. Nothing renders one more sceptical of the skill of doctors than to consult a number of them. He who has a specialty is pretty sure to see that specialty in his patient, and medical opinion is colored by the medical man's temperament. Is there not more truth in Voltaire's definition of a physician, "a learned man who amuses the patient, while nature performs the cure?"

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Round to Dispute About the Tariff.

From a Recent Speech by Governor Curtin.

When I was in Washington the first winter of my Congressional life I found myself sitting alongside a man I didn't know. I turned to him and said: "What's your name?"

Said he: "My name's Allen and I'm from Mississippi. I know who you are well enough; you are Governor Curtin, of Pennsylvania, the great tariff state."

"Well," said Mr. Curtin, "Allen, as we are going to sit together, I guess we might as well be friends," and, said the speaker, "we are friends to this day."

"Speaking of the tariff, though," said Mr. Allen, "down in Mississippi, Governor, we don't know anything about it, and the more I think about it and the more I read about it the less I know about it and the more confused I get, and I always feel like kicking a man who talks to me about it. It reminds me of a man down in our section who was arrested for assault and battery, and who was relating his story to the judge.

"A traveler on horseback rode up one evening to this man's house and asked for supper, horse feed and lodging, all of which were cheerfully accorded with true Southern hospitality. After supper the stranger insulted the man's wife, 'and, judge,' said he. 'I stood that because he was my guest. Then he wanted to kiss my daughter, and chased her out into the kitchen and then back again, and, judge, I stood that because he was under my roof and had eaten salt at my table. Then he ran out into the yard and heaved a stone through the window, and, judge, I stood that because I was determined to be hospitable. But I went out to the fellow, and I says to him: "Now, see here, old fellow, I've given you supper and fed your horse, and in return you've insulted my wife, chased my daughter, and heaved a stone through the window, but I'll overlook all that because you are my guest, if you'd only come into the house, behave yourself, and go to bed. Then I'll give you a good breakfast and send you off rejoicing. And by thunder, judge, what do you think he did then? Why, as sure as you're alive, he put his finger into my buttonhole and wanted to discuss the tariff with me, and then d—n him, I hit him.'"

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An Earthquake at a Funeral.

From the Charleston News and Courier.

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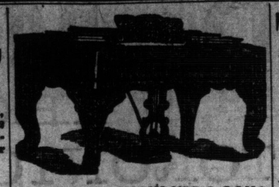

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