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HER IRISH HERITAGE BY ANNIE M. P. SMITHSON

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CHAPTER XI.-CONTINUED She had got through Saturday

someway-how she hardly knew, and never afterwards could she remember much of that day. It was as though some other personal-ity—some unknown being—had taken possession of her body and had gone round her district and dressed bad legs and sore fingers and burnt children, and had made old momey's hede and all the rest old women's beds and all the rest of her morning's work. She came back at dinner time and sat through the meal-actually eating too, what she was eating she neither knew nor cared. The other nurses noticed little except that she was pale and tired looking—stupid and heavy, but she said she had a head-ache and as she was subject to very bad ones this made a reasonable excuse.

Daisy Ray and Nurse Seeley were the only ones who knew that she expected to have met Dr. Delaney that night, and as Mary passed through the hall on her way to the cloak room after her evening visits,

wide, open eyes.

she met these two on the stairs. "Hello, Mac!" called out Nurse Seeley gaily, "feeling better old, girl? You must try and pull yourself together for this evening you know

Mary Carmichael stood for a moment looking at her in a stupid,

moment looking at her in a stupid, rather vacant fashion. "You poor thing!" said Daisy Ray tenderly. "Your head must be very bad! How unfortunate you should have it tonight ! How distressed Theo will be!" and let her sleep in Mary's room, explaining that she was anxious about her as she seemed so ill. And Daisy had kept awake for several

Mary Carmichael moistened her dry lips as if she was going to speak, but did not do so, and after another half stupid, half puzzled look at her two friends, she passed slowly up the stairs, leaning heavily on the bannisters.

'What is the matter with Mac?"

gazing down—but with unseeing eyes—at the busy Square beneath. "Are you no better, dear?" asked Daisy. "Here's a cup of tea, though

try and take it and a biscuit. Have you taken anything for your head? You bow it's after eight—don't you want to go out soon?" Early in the mo

Mary Carmichael took the cup of tea in her hand, but made no effort to drink it.

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Here the beauty of Nature was all

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THE WAY

By Teresa Brayton

one woman's unquiet heart.

They took the hot jar upstairs together, and by af great effort forced themselves to talk quietly and unconcernedly to that silent. seemed not to grasp that there was anything to be spoken about out of the ordinary. She finished her tea composedly, and handed the tray to Daisy with a smile of thanks. Herassing Loretto, Mary went on in the Killiney direction until she where she sat down. It was one o'clock now—only one! she thought, gazing a ther wristlet watch. Oh!

unresponsive figure lying on the bed and staring at the wall with

wide, open eyes. And so Mary Carmichael passed the hours of Easter eve—that Easter Eve to which she had been looking forward for long weeks, Counting the very days and hours. And so she lay wide eyed and sleep-less through the long, long night. Daisy Ray had prevailed on Nurse Johnson to change beds with her and landed the tray to Daisy with a smile of thanks. "And now I think I must get up," she said. "I suppose you will go to eleven Mass, or will you wait for twelve? But I am afraid the last would be too long for you today," said Nurse Seley. "I don't know—I haven't thought about the matter," and again the But I am afraid the last would be too long for you today," said Nurse Seeley. and Obelisk of fair Killiney—and Seeley. "I don't know-I haven't thought peace reigned everywhere save in

about the matter," and again the cold indifference of her voice struck the others unpleasantly.

dress," hours, but at last, almost against her will, she had dropped off to sleep. As the hours went by Mary Carmichael seemed to pass out of stairs together, feeling strangely depressed. Both had engagements with

that had come upon her like a veritable bolt from the blue, shat-tering in one awful moment all her Left to herself, Mary dressed

"What is the matter with Mac?" asked Daisy Ray, "she looks so queer. I never saw her like that before." "Nor I," replied the other, "Her head must be really bad— she locks like one who is stupefied with pain," which was true, but not in the sense that Nurse Seeley meant. Indeed it is very probable that if Mary Carmichael had had to undergo very severe physical pain that if Mary Carmichael had had to undergo very severe physical pain on that night she would hardly have felt it, for she was benumbed in body and soul-dead spiritually and mentally, and she seemed incapable of physical feeling. She did not appear at supper, and when Daisy Ray came up after-wards with a cup of tea, she found Mary seated at the open window gazing down-but with unseeing evee-set the busy Square heneatty and push back her heavy hair with a helpless puzzled gesture, and again she would ask herself, "Can the true." '' But at last she found herself forced to answer back-'' Yes, it is true-quite true?'' And then indeed the iron entered into her soul, and Mary Carmichael lying quiet and still, never even moving for fear of disturbing Daisy, suffered such tortures, such mental and spiritual anguish, that the memory of that night will

thought of it years afterwards was like a knife turning slowly in an the bonnet and across the wide hall-without seeing anyone. She opened the hall door and passed out hought of it years afterwards was like a knife turning slowly in an anhealed wound. Early in the morning the bells for first Mass awakened Daisy Ray. Dependent the function of Nelson Pillar, The streets were very full this for the moment to find that she for the moment to find that she

to drink it. Daisy began to feel rather frightened about her friend's con-dition. Could she be going to be really ill? "Mac. dearest!" she said, "do you feel bad?—is the head very painful? Do speak, old girl, and tell me how you feel." Mary Carmichael looked at her then. "How do I feel?" she repeated slowly: "I don't feel at all, Daisy ""Well, drink your tea!" urged "Well, drink your tea!" urged

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> " Lasting !" spoke up the offended New Englander, 'why, the descendants of that same parent stock are prominent in our public affairs up to this very minute."

what a long, long morning it seemed—that long night and long morning were stamped on Mary Carmichael's brain for all time. "I don't doubt you," answered Ma, "Look at the Eighteenth Amendment! What I /mean is Ma, this: If any other European race be they Jews, Dagos, Poles or any thing else, got the same running start and clear field after the Indians were cleared out, why you'd be seeing the 'Standing Room Only' sign hanging out from Maine to Mexico long ago, in Yiddish or whatever their language might be. No, the Puritans hadn't the spreading-out quality, and that is why the Big War needed every Pat and Abie and Max and Hans and Toney It had been a very hot day and we had to send over to France

now the grateful shadows of sunset were gathering down on a hot, hot "The Irish have been coming here in boat-loads for years and no one city. Tony, the iceman, who dripped perspiration from every can say they haven't the spreading-out quality," said Mrs. Adams, "yet there is no fear of them own-

often that none of his customers took him seriously, and looked for his services through many a summer and winter yet to come. "Ma" Driscoll, who furnished room and board for "single men only" in an old-fashioned high-stooped house in West Sixteenth Stroet hore with the weather in a an organ-grinder, surrounded by a group of children, started a dance Street, bore with the weather in a more philosophic spirit. "When it's hot in New York it's hot every-Nodding to a neat-looking house mental and spiritual anguish, that the memory of that night will never pass from her—never be her bonnet and cloak went down the long stairs and across the wide the long stairs across the wide the long stairs across the long stairs across the long stairs across the long stairs acro where, and I'd rather spend a hot day within reach of my own icebox to get cooled off in a crowd that would tear the buttons off a walk-



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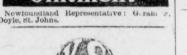
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from and going to the various Masses, and others, their religious

Well, we will leave you now to ss," they said, and went down the dull lethargic state in which she had been all that day, and in doing so she began to realise more dis-tinctly what this terrible thing was

slowly; "I don't feel." dear-1 can't feel." "Well, drink your tea!" urged Daisy still anxiously. Mary drank Daisy still anxiously. Mary drank ''My head is all right, thank you," was the quiet answer. the cup back.

"And now won't you dress?" said Daisy. "You will be awfully

late dear for your appointment." Mary turned and looked at her. "What appointment?" she asked

quietly. "What appointment?" repeated Daisy Ray, incredulously. "What appointment! Good heavens, Mac, why, I mean your meeting with Dr.

It's getting quite chilly, Mac," forget her in your prayers for I'm taribly anxious about her." she said composedly. "I think we terribly anxious about her." Mary's city-bred mind the idea settled nere. Nearly all we're of the park of the squarters will be terribly anxious about her." Mary's city-bred mind the idea settled nere. Nearly all we're of the park of the squarters will be terribly anxious about her." Mary's city-bred mind the idea settled nere. Nearly all we're of the park of the squarters will be terribly anxious about her." Mary's city-bred mind the idea settled nere. Nearly all we're of the park of the squarters will be terribly anxious about her." the top to give us air. And now still absent at Mass, but Anne—a come and I'll help you to undress a dainty little tray with tea and bread and butter for her beloved you know your head won't get better until you have had a sleep."

must get away somewhere and think—think—what was to be done —for that she could continue in her

you," was the quiet answer. "I suppose you don't feel able to go to early Mass?" enquired Daisy, present position she knew was im-possible. Both she and Dr. Delaney

as she drew on her stockings.

as she drew on her stockings. "I am not going to Mass." "Well, I think you are wise, dear, to take a rest. A late Mass will be best for you this morning." peated Ray went on with her toilet, What vaguely uneasy in her mind. Mac, When she was finished and ready

would be impossible to one of her temperament. Already she could to go out, she went and stood beside

why, I mean your meeting with Dr. Delaney, of course." The other continued to look at her for a moment in silence, then— "Dr. Delaney?" she repeated slowly. "I don't know him." Daisy Ray stood as one petrified— she looked an almost absurd picture of bawildered constarnation as a

comforts innumerable. It meant too, narrow minded gossip instead of intellectual companionship, and too, narrow minded gossip instead of intellectual companionship, and

better until you have had a sleep." And Mary obeyed her like a child, allowing Daisy to take off her clothes, and settle her comfortably in bed. "And now I'm going to fill a hot jar for your feet, dearie," she said, and left the room. But once outside the door she caught her breath with a little dry sob, and almost pulled her into the cloak. break and butter for her beloved two friends carried it up the weary fights of stairs and knocked at them as and anxious eyes, and opening the almost pulled her into the cloak. break and butter for her beloved two friends carried it up the weary fights of stairs and knocked at them as and anxious eyes, and opening the almost pulled her into the cloak. break and left her comf. almost pulled her into the cloak. break and left her comf. almost pulled her into the cloak. break and left her comf. almost pulled her into the cloak. break and left her comf. break with white cheeks almost pulled her into the cloak. break and left her comf. break and anxious eyes, and opening the break and bays eally hand. "We have brought you some tea, break and bays eally her into the cloak. brea

Comforts." Some of the irreverent dwellers on the block called her "Nosy Lizzie," on account of her propensity for gathering news, and " for the country. There was no Mrs. Driscoll often claimed that whatever home comforts were next door, the boarders did not get had been so well known in their own social circle and had had so many mutual friends—all of whom she knew had considered their street, began to keep an eye on

sne knew had considered then street, began to keep an eye on engagement as practically settled— that for Mary to stay in Dublin and face the gossip, the smiles, and shrugs that her fancy conjured up, drew to pass the news of Mrs. Ryan's new tenant to her neighbor her well-known and well-feared battery of attack against all and on the other side, in a back-fence

almost hear Nurse Lenehan's sar-castic comments, and see her mock-ing smile, and the pity and compas-sion of her real friends would be "Dramber of a monte of the state state state, since state story, when it is story, w

old come Christmas, and the biggest fool in New York," he muttered, "A plumber to be talking like a Greenwich Village picture hound ! to her. A country district! To years ago when our ancestors Mike Clancy, you'd better keep out Mary's city-bred mind the idea settled here. Nearly all we're of the park or the squirrels will be and hills, wind and rain and dis- of English. Why, they are over-

behind my back! Well, let her laugh. Let Schultz and herself laugh themselves to death for all

