The Spirit's Treasure.

The night was intensely dark and the wind howled most dismally, while the teature's showlinks, were thinks, driven before it, paing them here and there ill sheltered corners.

In gale sighed deletally down the valleys where the thorn trees stood again and bunt, impentrable gloom was everywhere, not a star was visible, for it seemed as if they were touching the entit. Trees, nourses and everything shook in the large of the territory of the terri so terrillo or so mearnful or around the haunted ruln where Third, Datton, his wile, and two infloren were sholtening teaments. They were altered the first simple support and moving down to the old pixes. They listened in brothless actonishment to the warre corner or the old pixes. They listened in brothless actonishment to the warre corner mapping. A good peet fire berned brightly on the black hearth—thanks commissing with sounds growth an even imprime. A good peet fire berned brightly on the black fire three brightly on the black fire three come kind neighbor for that came—and a little out haup two table. At together it work light from a rich sty table. At together it work in concless nort of place, on unguinf place and unguinf place and unguinf backetion for his many beings on the hadden of the first state of the first state. The second of the second list of the second of the second

shnowin heavily."
"Heaven help any one out to-night undhor that storm," rejoined his wifo feelingly,
"Nera one out to-night, Nona, acushia, Sorra one wid a home bat's in it to-night—ohi d'ye hear that?" cried Thady, as he looked up in evident surprise at the strength and violence of the wind; for it rearred in the broken chimney and soughed flercely through the bare arms of the poplar clump outside the old gable.
"Fath' tis big win' any minait," exchanned his wife with white lips and still whiter checks. "May the God save us in this ould trap!"
Here the interpolation of Tommy's infant voice cut short any reply Ethniqy might have made.
"Will the brd men come to-night, feelor?"
"No, no, Tommy, agra; it is not worth their white throwin us out it this ould ruin," replied Thady with the ould ruin," replied Thady with

"Will the fird men come to-might, dedor?"
"No, no, Tommy, agra; it is not vorth their white throwin as out it has ould ruin," roplied Thady with ome bitterness, which the clear blue mocent eyes of the child upon his nee erased, for he gently and fondly atted the early little head.
"No, my boy, they won't come, so on had bottner go to sleep, for d'ye car the sthorm, agra?" he added, while he sat the little fellow upon the round.

ground.

'I'll not sleep, I'se afeard they'll come, lisped the little child while he gazed around in dread of something.

"Come here child an sit beside me knee," said Nona, fixing a stool beside me herself for him, into which he stumbled, but was soon righted by her lov-

knoe," said None, fixing a stool boation longell for the. Into which he stuidbled, but was soon righted by her loving hands.

Dear help ye, Townyl Childhood is little confort to ye, but shure ye are too young to know, an' mobto tis as well ye are. Last year we had a home iv our own, but how we are on the roadside, I may say, Shure we're in more danger thin if we wer on the roadside, I may say, Shure we're in more danger thin if we wer on the roadside, I may say, Shure we're in more danger thin if we wer on the road, here in this ould ruin. We don't know but it will fall in of us, an' be dides it's hunted. On, God help us What wor we boris for at all, at all' at this point Thady's wile broke lower and began to cry most bitterly.

None, don't cry. Wile broke lower and began to cry most bitterly.

None don't cry. Wile broke lower and the roads of the roa

ought him.

Now, I will give a brief aummary of hady. Delicate melortunes ere he as decome result in this old rule. At the mature age of thirty years hady Dakon, was what overyone said memory of the second of the mature of the second of the mature of the second of the

Thanky, but, poor feliow, ne ind no niternative but to summit immenf, little famor, mas seamt larintare to be left upset the roadende, while the other tomates were cautioned not to shad to them, or if so they should be shall larly dealt with.

So Thady, the wife, and chaften found tacenselves on the cold high road one frest morning a few days before the story opens, Now, the inlarty and former of all their leave to conject me, as words are headequate to describe naif the heartbreaking, influence of the scene.

In the immediate vicinit, there stood a runherd old house, which had to memory of the oldest man in the neighbrhood. It was a large out place, the simmery access generally in the standard was all the road of the scene, and the word was off for meny years generally, will little and walls were firm. Of cortain algitue will be succeed the second of the coldest man in the neighbrhood. It was a large out place, the simmery access generally, will little and walls were firm. Of cortain algitue will make the standard war had been allowed in a most on inous munifor each algebra of the standard wall will be succeeded in a most on inous munifor each algebra of the standard of the stan

her cars. Not being a wons-innessed woman, sho only laughed in derison and took a book to road, as if in defiance of it.

A will sirick was the next thing sho hord, but paid no heed to it, and went on roading. Her door was secarely locked, and in weak the hord hord, but paid no heed to it, and went on roading. Her door was secarely locked, and in weak the head given no response, and a second louder and more arbitratistic resounded upon it, echoning through the entire house and dying away in a fonely wall.

Nobbing daunted, she answered the last knocks in a stout, firm volog. "Away with you. There's no one here to let you enter,"

Taen all of a sudden, in an unseen way, the door flew open, and a small, weltd-looking man entered.

"Ho out?" exclaimed the woman, in tone of vehomence. "How dray yor force an entrance into my touse!"

At this he approached the woman, in tone of vehomence. "How dray yor looking, and so antiquated that—told woman though sho was else hirank before the grace of his plerching eye. He went so near to hor that she foilt his breath upon he checks, and, while he such protably to these, heard, while he doe to the grave of blowing care out had the strength of an October gale upon her face, and had also the line redbing power of blowing out the sight of her two eyes, which she noe or afterwards regained. Then, as if ymagic, she was litted up and had do the gravel outside the door. Not morning she was found, by some persons who were passing the ymagic, she was litted up and hand her, for her face had been eut and brulsed and three of her ribs broken, and while the first for the red was the mand though the refrace had been et and brulsed and three of her ribs broken, and when they expected would hap.

ture. They were not surprised. It was just wint they expected would happen to her in that queer old place. All this being green in the memory of all in that vi-inity it was no wonder that when Thudy proposed taking shelter there its neighbors rat of their bunds in awe, and in one voice admonstrates.

able, under she circumstances above related.

Its side-walls were firm, as already stated, so some light timber was restained, so some light timber was restained from wall to wall, over which a pile of straw was fixed, thereby making an abode somowine better than the restained. The strained is a second and fuel, and this already with some food and fuel, and the fuel of the second fuel of the seco misery was in the dim light of the or lamp, misery was in his wife's tears; misery was in the howl of the wind; misery was deep down in his own hourt.

"Oh, I'm sorry we had the misfortine of ever coming hore!" cried his wife. "Shure we'll not be alive tomorrow."

"Did you ever hear. None, that tolkin' is ghosts brings thim the quieker, Cheer up, an' put this little fellow to bed. See how his eyes are blink-

"On. Thudy! exclaimed his wife, while sin dried her eyes and presented a very wee-begons fance to her instancia grave, that would be a grate sum it money to expect from thom, an tam so poor—thi, had save ust size cried in suchen fright, as a lowel of wind, accompanied by a most moretily sound, swept around the old roll.

rain. Thody started vidbly, walle his poor

Thirdy started visibly, while his poor wife grow whiter.

Little Tommy was now fast asteep, with the stool he had sat upon
a few minutes before for it's pillow.
The light grow summer and sellower,
making things took so ghostl, it seemed as if the off in the lamp was run-

and the such a vin a dure itself to shelter us," rejoined his wife in falter-ing accounts.

"Sorr a dure we need, the wind in not in front by the house," sighed Thindy peering out into the impensively of the such as the su

coundings.

Tandy did his best to scotic and confort hor, and to aliny her fears, but was interrupted in so doing by a shuffling noise at the ver, door of their abole. On hearing this noise Tandy looked. On hearing this noise Trom, to ascertaint if possible its cause or meaning; but could see nothings. Still the noise went on, similar to when, in snowy weather, peasantry knock the at. wo of their shoes outside a cottage door when about to enter. Both Thady and his wife watched with a keen interest born of inward forebodings—watched, watched for wint they considered an age—and at last somothing entered their presence. An awful slence seemed to fall interest born of inward in the control of the seemed and in the seemed and went out, leaving the room and its coupants in total darkness. Not for long, however, did this grucomed out, leaving the room and its coupants in total darkness. Not for long, however, did this grucomed out, leaving the room and its coupants in total darkness. Not for long, however, did this grucomed out, leaving the room and the room of the seemals, for it gradualty gave place to a subdued yollow rand, ance, their wirely lighted the whole light the seemals, for it gradualty gave place to a subdued yollow rand arched, pure search years and the seemals, for it gradualty gave place to a subdued yollow rand, and they will be the seemals, for it gradualty gave place to a subdued yollow rand ance, their wirely lighted the whole light the seemals, for it gradualty gave place to a subdued yollow rand ance, their wirely lighted the whole light the seemals, for it gradualty gave place to a subdued yollow rand ance, and lay unconscious in the arms. Lattle more fine that the subdue of the seemals, for it gradualty gave, and and the planting with the seemals and the seemals while the seemals will be a subdue yollow and the seemals and the seemals have a seemal list and the seemals and the seemals have a seemal list neglet for the seemals and the seemals will be a subdue yollow and the seemals and the seema

ried evolunthon.

"You are right Thindy, you have good, firm fatta I am the ghost who have housely like I am the ghost who have housely like I and thought a form the property of the property

not unly 'mprehend the meaning of his words, "inow did I save yo?"

"Why, whon you saw me nid you not call to God to save me, and He has heard your prayer and I am sayed by it, he replied in the same silvery accents, "but for your rew red. To-night this gable and chinace will fall, my treasure is hid in the brick work, it will fall out and you can take it. You are a good man and will use it in a noble very. You need not fear it, it will do you no harm, on the contrary, it will help you along in this world, exactely, or Tandy. To-night I love this world To-night I go to l'aradisol' and so saying the stronge creature raised the hat of this forement, and our the first time Thady got a glimpse of his face.

And, oil such a radianaly happy

got a grimme of this face.

And, oil such a radiancly happy face it wins—a halo of glory sceined to enclude his head, and with an angelic smile he passed from Tordy's pres

When Thady realized once more that life was life, and that the world lay around line, the storm had abated, the wind was only coming in sudden quaste which sobbed away into slience; the snow-laden clouds were breaking, and the full moon from the zenith was shining coldly and brightly into the interior of the old ruin, where he and his wife and children were.

wile couldn't be awaken his scephic wile.

"Noraa, me dariin' wake up, be gently sald, "get up, dye hear?"

"Oll what, what, Thady? Are yet wilter she erled, awakening at the scund of his weel-lored voice, and jumping aways a few pacce from him, as if struck by some unseen spirit.

"Sure, T was dramin' that the onld gable fell in an' kilt us alli"

"No, nebushhal we're allee an' well, for so Tar," replied T wdy, as he woos off his seat with much difficulty from his long eiting, burdened as he

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ed, pulling her gently down into the seat he had vacated, where she remained in a trembling condition, not knowing why she trembled or what was the matter with her.

Tady wont with a wildly leating heart and a mind full of anticipations of golden treasures over to where he saw the tiny speck shining like a guiding star, Stooping low, he cagerly picked it up and closely examined it at the moonlight.

"Vily, good heavens!" he exclaimed aloud, "it's good!h" Taen, looking town among the debris, added, in almost a cry;

"Nyl, good neavens" in exclaimedaloud, "the goodh" Then, looking down
among the debris, added, in almost a
"Good, good, Nona, to any
"Good, good, Nona, to any
amount" "What?" screnned forth his wife
startied at his words and strange demeanor, then flow to his side with the
words, "What d'ye say, Thady"
"Oh, wife it me heart, we are made
up an last—tich beyant all doubt."
Thad Spinined in hydrat all doubt.
Thad by produce were refrect
And Thady's words were true, for
there before their eager and wondering eyes by a rund bex packed with
shining gole, coins. Its lid got broken
off by failing among the stones, and
its contents were pertly scattered. It
appeared to have been hidden in the
lower portion of the chimney.
Replacing all the scattered coins
again in the box, Thady with some
sight difficulty carried it down to
the safe end of the old ruin, where he
and his wife cuptied its contents, and
it was old gold to the very bottom,
sceuring it again, Thady then related to his attentive wife all about his
tran, delusion, or withover it ind
really been, at the conclusion of which
had come over me, I thought I was goin' to die, an' thin I remember no
more until ye called me!"

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A few works more and we will bid

Alenn a fond adue. Next thay when the

A few words more and we will bid thom a fond adea. Next day when the wintry sunlight fell upon the show-clad cartie, tinting it like crystal. Thady, with his son upon his strong arm, and his wife with her bobe care-fully wrapped up in her arms, made their way towards the nearest town where they pro-ured confortable lodgings.

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