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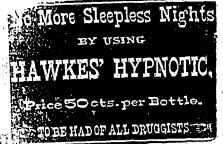
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turer; Father Graham, and a number of other

The Vice-President, Mr. E. Tobin, occupied the chair, owing to the President, Mr. W. P. McNally, having to take part in the vocal proceedings. He made a few brief remarks appropriate to the occasion, after which Mr. James Shea sang "Nil Desperandum" in his happiest strain. It were useless to comment on Mr. Shea's performance, as Montreal is well acquainted with his fame as an amateur vocalist and accomplished musician. This was followed by Baby Blanche, of the Theatre Royal, who sang "The Furny Old Gal" in character, Messrs. West and Sharp, of the Theatre Royal, also gave some negro sketches, and kept the andience convulsed with laughter during their performance. Mr. T. C. O'Brien sang the Dear Little Shamrock" in good style and was encored. Next came Mr. Bernard Shea with a fantasia on Irish airs on the violin, followed by Mr. A. Filiatrault, who sang "The Heart Bowed Down " and sang it well, at least the audience seemed to think so, if we are to judge by their plaudits. The duet "The Sailor Sighs," by Messrs, W. P. McNally and J. Brown, was well rendered and the first part of the programme was finished by Mr. T. Fallon singing the beautiful and touching melody, · When the Swallows Homeward Fly," good voice and in excellent taste.

ance created had subsided, spoke as follows:-

We hear, ladies and gentleman, a great

deal, now-a-days, about giving Catholic Irishmen a chance, or a share, or a part, in the emoluments and honors of the country. Petitions and deputations, in which one portion of \ the people begs the other portion to recognize it,—to give Mr. This and Hon. Mr. That an Sawnie or Sir Sandy, who, believe me, will advantages which their immediate ancesanarchic and revolutionary opinions which whole day. If we could induce a few Koconstitute the very atmosphere of the nine- bolds to emigrate to Canada it would cerchance and working with a legitimate ambi- name. The English outlaw, Robin Hood, tion and a high and noble purpose-by testing public measures and men by the unerring principles of Catholic teaching-by scorning to allow themselves to be considered as so many voting units by intriguing politicians—
by being ever ready to defend Church and have a tinge of melancholy in their character. country against their enemies—these things | The German lady, Nix, a pretty fairy, is always will surely make the Catholic Irish a power in the land, and save us from the same thing, but she accompanies the ghastly toilette with a gentle wail of sorrow, the humiliation of seeing rights begged for as if they were privileges. There is a certain class of men in Canada harbinger of death. There may be a little who have been educated to look upon Catholic Irishmen as an inferior element of society. Though the letter of the Penal Laws has been wiped out from the statute book, their cruel and unjust spirit exercises an active influence at this hour on those whose fathers and themselves escaped, by treachery to country and apostasy from creed, the evil effects of that infamous legislation. Their ridiculous assumption of superiority has no other basis whatever than the persecutions and others give the fairies full play. Chaucer of the past. It is time that Canadian snobs | tells us that the monks drove all the fairies should understand that this is the nineteenth, out of England. That accounts for two not the seventeenth, century-that this is America, not England or Scotland. The evil elements of ominous import to the future of and the absence of snakes. The monks the Dominion which old world persecution has projected into the civil life of this Erin! St. Patrick banished the snakes, and, colony will quickly disappear before Catholic Irish union, faith and intellectual culture. | not but the reptiles settled in England-which Especially does it behoove young Catholic accounts for Henry VIII., Elizabeth, Crom-Irishmen in their time to hold steadfastly to those healthy Christian principles which ruled the intelligence of their forefathers, and carried the true faith triumphantly over an ocean of light and shadow—over ages of glory and sorrow—from St. Patrick, of Armagh, in the into such a magic dream that animation fifth century, to John of Tuam in the nineteenth. Days of trial and terrific combat are approaching for the world, Catholic principles, alone will survive the catastrophe which awaits modern society. But there is another question suggested by this evening of less importance than the foregoing, it is true, which it would be unpardonable to pass over in silence. We are too forgetful of our benefactors. We owe something to the little half We owe something to the little half fairy, he will give you anything—generally of mankind, for it is a poor heart a crock of gold—to get off. Why the gold that lorgets it was once young. Hal- must always be in a crock, history does not that forgets it was once young. Hallowe'en is the festival of the fairies. There are some solemn creatures of a torpid liver and Puritanical spleen who pooh-pooh 'Jack and the Beanstalk," and march off in huge dudgeon if one but hints at the existence of fairies. Whenever I meet with such I am irresistibly reminded of the ancient sect was confined to holding their noses and whining forth prayerful woe over the sins of their one thing was certain: the bottles were neighbors. I may as well here add the New England Puritans are the legitimate representatives of the old Montanist sect. As to them a gorgeously royal appearance, a Jack and the Beanstalk," I must confess productive of awful respect among the plethat, though my faith in that portentous hisbein mob. The little chap I have tory has been somewhat staggered by the ups mentioned started on foot for his home and downs of prosy fact, yet there lingers in arrayed in his red robes. But it was dark, the crannies of my mind some remnant of exact topography—and, finally, lay down un-der a hedge and fell asleep. Bright and early that living faith of my youth which caused

me to search eagerly for that miraculous bean-

stock in a variety of works. I may add that

less, the Germans, who are always discover-

of the imagination, have had a huge volume written by a learned pundit, setting forth the leviathan thought, the vast system of social and political ethics concealed beneath the childish text of "Jack and the Bean Stalk." I have not discovered that the Jews ever had any fairies. The reason of this sad want, I tion was curbed by their holy books and refathers became corrupted. Even the idea of until at length the Gentile world accepted the wildest dreams of the poets, and, as a result, supernatural agencies, partaking of the distinct genius of the difman, reach their perfection. But in the exferent societies of the city, including Ald. tremes of cold and heat we find not only a The Scandinavian sagas are full of bloodshed and violence. The Valhalla is a vast, rugged, gloomy hal', where drinking mead out of capacious goblets is relieved by quaffing the blood of enemies out of well-polished skulls. King Koffee Kallali, of Ashantee, and his dusky subjects do not wait for a valhalla to drink the blood of their foes. We are told that Sir Garnet Wolseley found at Coomassic a great bowl five feet in diameter, which was often Coomassie was a mere slaughter-house, and the highest art consisted in a fantastic piling up of skulls. You may imagine what kind of fairies haunt the Scandinavian and Ashantee mind. They are a sanguinary crew of evil phantoms. The literature of Oriental nations is swarming with fairies. The Persian djinus are everywhere as tvicksey as their Western conferes. The Arabian stories, such as the Thousand and One Nights, without the genii, would be like Hamlet with the Prince of Demaark left out; and there are lessons in some of them which we might utilize in our prosaic age Take, for instance, the Genius of the Battle. It was but a little phial in which the genius was confined, but when liberated, he grew to such amazing proportions that he darkened sun. Have we not a genius of the the battle, that darkens the sun of prosperity and overclouds the highest promise of many a noble soul? The Father Graham was introduced by the Grecian fairy partook of the delicate Chairman, and, after the applause his appear-genius of that poetic people, while the Romans, in borrowing, degraded them into a semblance of their own ferocious materialism -half spirit, half brute. The Roman Satyrs. drydas, hamadryads, fanes, and harpies, itvery plainly visible in their respective fairy lore The German Kobald, Hodeken, nixes office-are, in my estimation, unworthy of are every-day characters, fond of good cheer freemen and citizens. Let young Catholic and, on the whole, good-natured, and willing Irishmen imitate this society throughout the to share their good things with plodding country-let them elevate the intellectual mortals. And, upon my word, I must here and social tone of their race-let them man- | pin a eulogy on the green skirts and red coats fully recognize themselves, their duties and of the tiny Kobalds. They were most inobligations to the Dominion, and they need | dustrious little creatures. You must know that never seek for recognition from either Hon. in olden, prosytimes, ere pianos were as necessary an article of mere furniture as the bed, never care a pin's value for our nationality or | people were very ignorant. Young ladies were religion until they are compelled to do so in | young women then, and helped their mothers order to protect their own interests and to tidy up the house without finding the task power. The rising generation of Catholic a shanneful outrage. The young men, too, in Irishmen in Canada are blessed with those slow ages, actually imagined that life was destined for some other purpose than tors never knew. On an occasion coloring a meerschaum or exciting a like the present, it is not necessary to particu- ferocious hirsute outbreak on the uplarize the causes of that condition of things. per lip. Well, the Kobolds tried They are sufficiently obvious to every student the house-maiden's patience by throwing of Ireland's history. The young men of our chips through the window on her clean floor, race and religion have a great future before &c., &c. If these trials were good-humoredly them if they carefully avoid two rocks-the borne, the Kobold helped her at the work the

who lives in the vivid pages of Scott's "Ivanhoe," took his name from the fairy, he

being a sprife who loved the shady woods and

pretty, solitary dells of the forest and vale.

gaily combing her long, golden hair when not

dancing on water. The Irish banshee does

vanity in both, but I shall not investigate the

matter, for fear less ethereal beings might sus-

pect a hidden sarcasm. Strange to say, the

German male Nix wears a green hat, which

would lead one to infer that, during the

migration of the Celtic race, he had fallen out of the ranks and lost his way.

Very naturally the fairies occupy a promi-

nent place in poetry. Hafiz, Homer, Virgil,

Dante, Ariosto, Spenser, Chaucer, Shakspearc

things not sufficiently elucidated heretofore-

the prodigious numbers of fairies in Ireland,

ejected the fairies, and they flitted to genial

as one good turn deserves another, I doubt

well, and the Penal Laws. In his " Midsum-

mer Night's Dream," the illustrious Shak-

speare gave to the world a great manifesta-

Queen Mab, of Lucifer eclipsed.

hans it is not generally known that the airy

little chap, voted themselves a supper as a

brethren the world over. The company sepa-

empty when they left. In those days, alder-

he lost his way, punch being unfavorable to

in the morning the fairy hunter was prowling

asleep! At last, the "crock of goold" was

I was unsuccessful in the search. Neverthe- about, when, lot he espied a little red man

"Murther!" roared the alderman. "Spare my life, and I'll give you my gold watch and all my money!" "Arrah! what the dickens has fairies to be doin' wid goold watches!" cried suspect, was because the origin of that race the fairy hunter. "I'm not a fairy; I'm an was specially theocratic, and that the imagina- alderman!" yelled the victim. "Faix," quoth the fairy hunter, dryly, as he saw his mistake, ligious traditions. When the great Gentile and arose, "Anyone would know ye are an apostacy took place from the theism of the aldherman, by the smell of your breath?" 1 patriarchal age, the pure traditions of the once asked a gentleman from Meath if he had ever seen the fairies. "Seen God Himself was distorted by the imagination, them! Of course! Dawnie little creatures, wid red coats, candles in their hats, and they playing shinty with might and main!" The radiant boy " is a kind of Salamander fairy, who comes laughing from the fire, flutters for ferent peoples, were called into existence. a time, and dwindles away. He betokens vio-In the temperate zones the fairies, just like lent death. Castlereagh saw him. It is well if he has not seen worse. There is a tradition that the great head-quarters of the fairies are Kennedy, Mr. Edward Murphy, Mr. O'Neil monstrous mythology, but, as one might natu- in the bowels of the Himalaya Mountains. All Russell, the celebrated Irish scholar and lec- rally expect, a very repulsive class of fairies, the chiefs of the little people are there: and, in their midst, strange to say, sits, shund ering at a table, Barbarossa. His beard has gone twice around the table; when it accomplishes the journey a third time, the end of the world will come. I should rather think the end of the world would come before that takes place. From present indications, I fancy Barbarossa's rest will be rudely disturbed if the fairy cave be anywhere in the vicinity of the Khyber Pass. In the olden time Hallowe'en was devoted to filled with the blood of captives taken in war, certain Eleusian mysteries provocative of much mirth. Reaching cross sticks, with alternate apple and lighted candle at the ends thereof were much in vogue, which explained the numerous scorched noses prevalent about that time. Dipping for apples and sixpences tested the ingenuity of the boys, aye, and of the small girls, too, for I remember one little mite of a daughter of Eve who got all the sixpences in a corner—as Chicago speculators do the wheat-that is, in the corner of her mouth, and who was, therefore, much scorned -as a cheat-by the losers. Just like the grain speculators again. Snap-dragon I believe, and the supreme test of the chestnuts are of a most serious signification. The chestnuts are put into the fire and when they are sufficiently heated to explode, and they jump, and that young maiden in whose direction one hops, shall you may rest assured, be married within the year, which, remarkable to say, seems generally prophetic, for that young lady does get married within the time specified. It is as providential a thing as that other marvellous dispensation, alluded to by a pions preacher, which makes a river pass through nearly every great city in the world. The powerful influence of Christianity is in lustrate the fact perfectly. The different nothing more clearly shown than in these character of the Teutonic and Celtic race is popular beliefs. From the fetich of the African barbarian to the fairy of the Christian there is an immense distance. The gloomy spirit of Paganism tinges its lightest fictions with a sombre, even a bloody hue. Its superstitions have nothing genial or attractive about them. Terror is the basis of them all. The Christian can never be the slave of his superstitions, for authority guides his judgment and curbs the dangerous flights of the imagination. But the Pagan has no restraint. so he lives the sport of a perverted imagination, the growth of the debased moral of centuries. He peoples the woods with spirits, which are ever seeking his destruction. He trembles at the sigments of his own mind and crouches beneath the fears engendered by the false traditions of his tribe. But, enough! The Catholic on such an eye as this has something better, something holier than those creatures of the imagination to fill his mind with; for, as he medidates upon the real significance of Hallowe'en-the holy eve-beautiful visions of the saints and martyrs of God are embodied forth from the memories of the past. He rejoices to feel that, though nearly two thousand years have teenth century, and carelessness with respect | tainly be a boon. The English fairies | clapsed since the Expected of Nations walked to their imperative duties as Catholies. By etriving to elevate themselves in the intellectual and social scale—by watching every because and northing the control of the carth, he is in perfect sympathy and communion with those saintly heroes who elevate the Catholic scale of the carth, he is in perfect sympathy and communion with those saintly heroes who elevate and northing but the Tentonic Hudeken under another vated humanity by their plorious sacrificant and left us the shining example of their faith and sublime deeds. Poor, indeed, of spirit is he who feels no holy emotion on this night, or who is not desirous of becoming a better Christian by the noble inspirations which cluster about All Hallowe'en. A vote of thanks to the speaker, moved by

Mr. O'Neill Russell and seconded by Mr. Edward Murphy, was carried unanimously, and the second part of the programme was begun, Father Graham's address being, of course, the pirce de resistance of the evening's entertainment.

"The Last Words of Emmet," a song by Mr. W. P. McNally, was delivered with pathos and feeling, and was deservedly applauded. After this, song followed song, and hours flew like minutes, until the concert closed to the regret of all present, who acknowledged they had never passed such a pleasant evening. We congratulate the committee of the society who got up the programme and had it carried out; it was unlike the general run of amateur concerts, neither too short nor too long, and pleased everybody, and there was no yawning seen or heard in the hall during the

evening. Before the close it was announced by the chairman that Mr. O'Neill Russell would, at an early date, deliver a lecture on the Irish language, under the auspices of the society, and the announcement was hailed with cheers.

THE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY'S

FESTIVAL. The Academy of Music was, for once, well filled Thursday night on the occasion of the tion of genius. He took a clod-hopper and a Caledonian Society's Hallowe'en Concert. At popular superstition, and wove them eight o'clock punctually, the pipers struck up "The Campbells are Coming," durin was hushed and criticism grew dumb. which performance Sir A. T. Galt, the orato of the evening, and U.S. Consul-General Smith Titania is the product of a heavenly genius; entered the Hall. This finished, Mr. Alexander McGibbon delivered a welcoming aqfreakful Puck foretold the telegraph. "I'll dress to the menbers and friends of the society. put a girdle round about the earth in forty Sir Alex. T. Galt then delivered an interesting minutes!" he exclaimed, when starting on a and, at many times, amusing speech. After message. I suppose all have heard of the humorously apologizing for the neces-sity which compelled him to speak, Irishman who devoted his life to one purpose the capture of a fairy—for, if you catch a at present, he referred to the universal celebration of Hallowe'en in Scotland. Every Scotch family, in fact, was celebrating the day that night. The speaker alluded to the deriexplain. Now, a number of Cork aldermen, vation of the name as the "hallowed eve" of among whom there chanced to be a mighty All Saints' Day. He asked the audience to welcome heartily the Scotchman who was delicate recognition of their gigantic labors once more to assume the Governor-Generalin behalf of that honest bailiewick, in which ship of the Dominion, paying at the same course they were very like their municipal time a graceful compliment to Lord Dufferin, whose memory, he said, would never fade from Canadian hearts. Sir Alexander concluded morning-they could never tell when-but by a reference to the system of education pursued in Scotland, declared that it was that which had made the old country what she is. men used to wear red gowns, which gave The concert closed appropriately with 'Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the

An association has been formed in England entitled "The Church of England Funeral and Mourning Reform Association," to encourage the adoption of such observances as are consistent with the hope of a resurrection to eternal life, and to discourage feasting on the day of burial and all useless and extravagant expenditure in the coffin and its furniture, and ing recondite philosophy in the veriest trifles his! He stele up, trembling with eagerness, in wearing of mourning.