A Sunday Outing in Ireland.

[illegible] Sundays is not much in the line of [illegible] Sunday outing. Not that the people are [illegible] of the white and [illegible] sex. From the chancel of a [illegible] a little [illegible] the [illegible] over their early breakfast [illegible] the byre and [illegible] have been hid from the [illegible] meadow where they have gone [illegible] a sight at such an hour, however [illegible] they stand patiently while Pat [illegible] and his wife, in [illegible] get through the [illegible] of milking. [illegible] the cattle look to their [illegible] pausing for a moment to glance [illegible] at the [illegible] in "herded up" under the shade of [illegible] tree, while Mrs. Connolly [illegible] the frothy milk-pails into the [illegible] that is made to serve the purpose [illegible] dairy in the summer weather. [illegible] the Connolly domicile there is [illegible] common. The eldest girl [illegible] with needle and thread and [illegible] eager to repair a rent in [illegible] belonging to the youngest [illegible] of the family, while one of [illegible] members reminds her that Sunday [illegible] has to be unpicked on Monday [illegible] two or three children in various [illegible] of undress are uproarious over [illegible] prospect of the holiday they are [illegible] to-day, and full of conjectures [illegible] questions as to what sort of place [illegible] their mother's former home is [illegible] of shoes polished so that one [illegible] see one's reflection in them is [illegible] underneath the table that [illegible] beside the kitchen dresser; and [illegible] and caps, new or renovated, are [illegible] upon the whitewashed wall. A [illegible] is bubbling and seething over [illegible] fire, and the teapot has been [illegible] and awaits Mrs. Connolly's return. [illegible] young woman for whom the [illegible] of the Sabbath is being com[illegible] is screaming lustily from the [illegible] behind the fire, and her immediate [illegible] is being despatched to [illegible], but in doing so increases the [illegible] Connolly's entrance and a [illegible] and shakes restore a sort [illegible]

[illegible] excitement is too acute to allow [illegible] being sought but a crumble, [illegible] the presence of the baker's [illegible] the table or Mrs. Connolly's [illegible] that the journey to Lismore [illegible] one can induce the children [illegible] a hearty meal. The cups and [illegible] the bowls and tins, are hastily [illegible] up, the pigs are fed and the [illegible] supplied with their allowance [illegible] and then the business of dress[illegible]. There is many a call for [illegible] Connolly. She has to button the [illegible] of her husband's shirt—a [illegible] a trifle less difficult than in[illegible] the baby to allow her ten re[illegible] toes to rest inside her new [illegible] shoes. She has to arrange [illegible] flaxen locks in a stiff and un[illegible] curl, and persuade Kate to [illegible] the eldest girl's jacket. At length, however, Pat, assisted by the eldest [illegible] has the brown mare between the [illegible] of the blue and red painted vehicle [illegible] board, covered by a bag stuffed with straw, is stretched across the cart and makes a not very uncomfortable seat for Pat and his wife and two youngest children. The others, with much laughter and pushing, are crammed in behind; Pat shakes the reins, gives a sharp 'click, click' with his tongue, and off they go.

Suddenly Mrs. Connolly gives a quick exclamation. "Och, sure, we've forgotten the basket with the dozen turkey [illegible]

[illegible] up, and half a dozen voices [illegible] behalf of their respective owners) to go back to the house [illegible] missing articles. "Have you the bottle, Pat?" Mrs. Connolly asks in a [illegible] whisper. Her spouse closes his [illegible] over the pocket of a coat. "[illegible] It is well we didn't leave [illegible] altogether!" Pat says thankfully. Jessie receives instructions as to the [illegible] about of the half mat of [illegible] Mickey, and the setting of [illegible] and darts back to the [illegible] Connolly and his wife [illegible] than to visit their relations [illegible] handed.

[illegible] back in a few seconds. [illegible] is deposited at Mrs. Con[illegible] and the bottle finds a [illegible] in Pat's pocket. The [illegible] moves onward again. She [illegible] been meditating over the [illegible] goings on. Along [illegible] deep-banked boreen she tra[illegible] The rose-covered hedges [illegible] each side. There is the [illegible] morning honeysuckle in the [illegible] early morning sunbeams [illegible] under leaves on the young greenish gold. Amid the [illegible] banks are beds of blue [illegible] and scented violets, and [illegible] children call "dens" of wild [illegible] The mare quickens her [illegible] passes through an opening [illegible] from the boreen to the [illegible] way. The road is broad [illegible] grass-grown at the sides [illegible] the fields lift their heads [illegible] as they pass. By-and-by a [illegible] view, and the children [illegible] looks to get a glimpse [illegible] waters with their [illegible] amber foam. Yellow iris [illegible] adorn the banks and [illegible] amid the pendulous [illegible] of a line of young [illegible] away a solitary pedes[illegible] angle, and Pat glances [illegible]

[illegible] hurry," he says, strik[illegible] the wattle he carries [illegible] is at ten in Lis[illegible]

[illegible] brings forth a string [illegible] the crowd behind. [illegible] a chapel is Lismore? [illegible] name of its priest? [illegible] at Mass? [illegible] gallery?"

[illegible] priest preach every Sun[illegible] are duly answered, and [illegible] sun rises higher [illegible] the cloudless blue sky, [illegible] becomes less lonely. [illegible] tries to shelter herself [illegible] under a big cotton um[illegible] continually knocking [illegible] wide and threatening [illegible] is sorry when the [illegible] a comfortable farm[illegible] Mrs. Connolly's bro[illegible]-sister-in-law appeared [illegible]

[illegible] children are lifted from [illegible] proceed slowly to make [illegible] with a number of [illegible] are scattered over the [illegible] Mrs. Connolly is conducted [illegible]-in-law into the house [illegible] that one or two articles [illegible] added to the furniture [illegible] before the fire since her [illegible] is a mirror over the [illegible] and a fine screen of crum[illegible] hanging across the fire[illegible] has fallen asleep, and [illegible] bed in an inner room, [illegible] while for Mrs. Connolly [illegible] bonnet and shawl, but [illegible] cup of tea before she [illegible] husband's brother for [illegible]. The latter's delicate [illegible] keeps him indoors to escape the [illegible] of the younger children [illegible] have already set [illegible]

Goldwin Smith on Imperialism.

[illegible]

[illegible] Goldwin Smith looked back into the fire without reply. Then, suddenly straightening himself up in his chair, he jerked out: "I can't say yet."

"Are you studying the question now?"

"Well, I may say that I have been in correspondence with one of the Cape Town statesmen on the subject of the mechanism of a constitution. One of the questions was the working of a bi-lingual parliament. I told him that we had it here and it seemed to work all right."

Goldwin Smith declined to give the statesman's name.

A DILEMMA.

An anxious-looking young man had been standing beside a street mail-box for nearly two hours waiting for the carrier to come and take the mail out of the box. When the carrier finally appeared, the young man said:

"See here, I dropped a letter into that box that I've got to have back again."

"Can't have it," replied the postman, as he unlocked the box.

"I can't have it? Why, man, I've got to have it! I wouldn't have that letter go to the person it's addressed to for a million dollars!"

"Can't help that, mister. It's against the law to return a letter after it has been dropped into a mail-box. It's Government property then until it's given over to the person it is addressed to."

The look of distress on the young man's face deepened as he said, coaxingly:

"Oh, come now, that's all nonsense in a case like this. I wrote that letter. I can tell you to whom it is addressed, and you can compare the handwriting with mine if you want to. Hand me back that letter and you may select a dozen of the best cigars in the cigar store across the street."

"Do you know that you are trying to bribe a Government official? I wouldn't give you the letter for a whole cigar store."

"But, my good fellow, I've got to have that letter. It's one I—there it is! That one in the large, square, cream-tinted envelope. It's this one, and——"

"Hands off, young man, or I'll call a policeman, and have you arrested for trying to rob the mails. If the postmaster at the general office wants to give you that letter he can do it. I shan't!"

"But, say now—wait a minute, please wait! I'll tell you exactly what is in that letter, and if you've a spark of feeling you'll give it to me. That letter contains a proposal of marriage, and ten minutes after I'd mailed it I got an invitation to the young lady's wedding! Think of it! Those are the blood-curdling facts in the case! Now be merciful enough to let me have that letter."

"Very sorry, but I can't do it," said the postman, with a grin. "But come along with me and state your case to the postmaster, and maybe he'll think it none of the Government's business and give you the letter."

The dejected suitor followed the postman down the street, while the anxious look on his face deepened into one of actual misery.—Youth's Companion.

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Michael Davitt Resigns From Parliament.

Michael Davitt has given out the highly important signed statement that follows, setting forth his reasons for resigning his seat in the British Parliament:

"My resignation is prompted by three reasons, closely related to each other.

"I have spoken in the House of this war with the Boers as 'organized infamy.' This is what the civilized world, outside of the jingoes, will call it. But the House of Commons approved this war, supplies the money for its prosecution, indorses the criminal policy which led up to it.

"The only protest still left to me to make against this monstrous action of the British Parliament is to cease to be a member of it.

"Secondly, I feel most strongly about the non-attendance of the National members in the House during the fight for the Transvaal cause. To combat the selfish ferocity of the jingo war policy was left only Dillon and three or four more of us, with an average backing of thirty.

"In division our colleagues remain in the lobbies. This is a disgrace to the popular representatives of Ireland, who number eighty-one men.

"Some of the absentees are known to be pro-British and opposed to the Boers in this war.

"I shall do my best, now that I am again a free man, to hunt these supporters of British infamy out of their Irish constituencies.

"Thirdly, I am convinced that it is a waste of time and energy for me to remain in the House appealing for justice to an assembly that is dominated by money and lust for conquest.

"England is now the most unscrupulous enemy of liberty among the civilized nations.

"Her money and her callous commerce are poisoning the wells of liberty all over the world.

"It was England's example and influence that induced the United States to do in the Philippines what England is now doing in Africa.

"Apart from this war against the Dutch race in South Africa, English forces have slaughtered thousands upon thousands of natives in the regions of the Soudan, the Niger, in Sierra Leone, Coomassie, Uganda and elsewhere during the seven years I have been in the House.

"To me all this is murder and robbery on a scale of imperial magnitude and for the basest motives. It has been done hypocritically, professing the purposes of civilization and humanity, which the devil himself would be ashamed to assume under such circumstances.

"Lastly, I ask myself this question: If two little nations like the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, with a combined population less than that of San Francisco, can challenge England's military might on the field of battle, can best English soldiers, even when outnumbered, as the Boers did both at Dundee and Elandslaagte, can threaten the prestige of England with the most serious blow it has received during this century; if, I say, a handful of people can do this in their fight for independence, the Irish race, which numbers at least 20,000,000 at the present day, is called upon to view the problem of Home Rule in the new light of these startling facts.

"To-day we are simply scolding about England's rule in Ireland. Women could do that better than men.

"If that is all men can do, Ireland's cause will be dead, and deservedly damned.

"MICHAEL DAVITT."

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