CARROLL O'DONOGHUE

CHRISTINE FABER Authoress of "A Mother's Sacrifice," etc. CHAPTER L.

A HAPPY MEETING Unhappy Nora! it required all her heroism to endure without repining the hard lot she had imposed upon herself. Never to see Carroll again—to have him die without hearing from him one last word, without catching one farewell look! her heart swelled, and its icy weight grew heavier. She sought to busy herself with her own light labor, in the hope of winning at least temperary forestfulness of light labor, in the hope of winning at least temporary forgetfulness of her sorrows; but the needle fell unheeded from her hand, and she dropped unconsciously into the most melancholy reveries. Sympathetic Mrs. Murphy endeavored in her kindly way to cheer the unhappy young creature, whose mysterious grief—for she knew nothing of Nora's antecedents—won her deepest pity: but she soon to smatch that Father Meagher tice to the injured parties!"

"Speak on!" commanded the nobleman, shading his face with his hand.

"Have I your lordship's permission to tell the tale in my own way give you the dates and the facts as I received them?"

"You have—go on."

The flush in the priest's face deepened. "Twenty - seven years her deepest pity; but she soon learned to feel that the greatest kindness she could show the young lady would be to leave her to her own reflections. So Nora divided the day between visits to a neighboring chapel, fruitless attempts to work, and in the evenings, choosing that time because she thought she would be less remarked, a stealthy walk to the jail. On one of these occasions she was seen by Tighe a Vohr, who had spared neither time nor labor in the search he had been nor labor in the search he had been requested to make; thus far he had been unsuccessful, owing to his efforts having been made in places not so respectable as Mrs. Murphy's abode. His first impulse, when he was sure of the identity of the veiled girl, was to rush to her and give vent to his delight by an extravagant greeting; but somememory cost him, "and oh, I understand it all!"

"Tell me, my boy,"—the priest stood up, putting his hand affectionately on Carroll's shoulder,—"what are your feelings for this poor wertch—can you forgive him?"

The prisoner's hand sought the crucifix within his bosom. "With this, father, before my eyes"—holding up the image which he drew forth,—"and remembering that a greater than I was betrayed before methors, and with a command which kept Shaun quietly by his side, he followed Nora; he noted the house which she entered, and then he hastneed to the "Blennerhasset Arms" to report to Captain Dennier, between whom and himself a series of communications existed regarding the efforts which both had been quietly making for the discovery of the missing girl.

Nora, unsuspecting, and absorbed in her unhappy thoughts, little decreased of the avaragination of the command again from the trenskeld to look again from the threshold to look instruction of the prisoner, turning again and again from the threshold to look instruction of the command again from the threshold to look instruction again from the trunkey was at the coulture rivaled that of more richly nutured ladies, and her kind and simple manner won for her universal affection. Near them lived a voung man nared Mortimer Carter; he had scarcely attained his twentwent with this, father, before my eyes."

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in her unhappy thoughts, little dreamed of the surprise which was on the next day to greet her. She had just returned from her stealthy walk to the jail, and was vainly endeavoring to busy herself with her work, when the knocker affixed to Mrs. Murphy's hall door loudly sounded. It put the good lady herself in somewhat of a flutter, but it did not affect Nora—she was so sure that it bore no reference to her. There was the bustle of more than one person entering, the sound of more than one pair of feet upon the stair, and before she could even

refreshing tenderness, and she sobbed in Clare's arms.

Mutual explanations at length followed, and while the visitors discovered the depth of that sacrifice which would have completed itself at the risk of an utterly broken heart, Nora had to learn that her discovery was due to the that her discovery was due to the faithful Tighe a Vohr, and not, as she had supposed, to Father O'Connor. She had also to learn of Captain Dennier's noble kindness, and more than all, to hear that she was to accompany the party that evening to see Carroll. That information was sufficient to send the blood in a mad glow to her face, and to cause her to tremble so that Clare, beside whom she sat, felt the tremor, she threw her arms more

warmly about Nora and whispered "You are Carroll's affianced, remember; nothing can undo that bond-nothing!"

The words with which Nora would the words with which Nora would have repeated her resolution not to disturb Carroll's last days died upon her lips; she had not the strength to complete her self-imposed sacrifice now, and she silently yielded. But it was in vain that there extends the content of the servant withdrew, and in a few minutes Eather O'Connor stood that the servant with the content of the servant with the servant wi upon her lips; she had not the strength to complete her self-imposed sacrifice now, and she silently yielded. But it was in vain that they attempted to control her resolution of remaining with Mrs. Murphy to await Rick's return—in wain they used every entreaty to

less to win all he craved for his friends. The governor of the prison was under too strict a charge to be able to throw open Carroll's cell as often as the young ex-officer hoped—and this visit, and perhaps one more before the final parting, was all that could be anticipated. Thus it was with the saddest employed.

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It needed no words from the unchangeableness of his affection; the fond, devoted, yet agonising look that he turned upon her, the thrilling touch of his wasted hand, spoke more eloquently than a thousand utterances, and she was said—the dreadful shadow of that approaching doom overhung them all, and restrained for a time even the words that Father Meagher would speak; but at last the interchange of final thoughts and sentiments began, and Carroll, anticipating the clergyman, "himself reverted to the traitor, Morty Carter."

I received them?"

"You have—go on."

The flush in the priest's face deepened. "Twenty - seven years ago," he began, his voice for the first time slightly trembling, there lived in one of the northern counties of Ireland an aged and almost impoverished, Catholic gentlemants.

FATHER O'CONNOR'S TALE In one of the courtly apartments of Dublin Castle, with sundry papers and dispatches spread on an open cabinet before him, sat Murphy, who recognized her visitors as those who had twice before called to learn of Nora's whereabouts, had rushed across the room, and was wildly embracing her.

"Nora, darling, at last! how could you be so cruel? but we have found you now, and we shall never, and the sound of the courtly apartments of Dublin Castle, with sundry papers and dispatches spread on an open cabinet before him, sat last the fore the same to his grasp, and disint rested friend. In time, and before Marie had reached her eighteenth year, there visited that hands nervously turned over the documents. One, a recently dated letter, came to his grasp, and though he had evidently perused it before, he scanned it again with more than ordinary interest, reading aloud the following portion:

"Contain Departments of Dublin Castle, with sundry papers and dispatches spread on an open cabinet before him, sat and before Marie had reached her eighteenth year, there visited that anxious, disturbed look, and his hands nervously turned over the documents. One, a recently dated the sole scion of a wealthy and ancient English house. A title would descend to him on his father's death, but until the young man, who was simple in his tastes and preferred quiet and obscurity to the ostentation of wealth, chose

hands waiting his turn to welcome and be welcomed, showed traces of emotion. Mrs. Murphy was weep-For Nora,—her tired, sick heart could no longer resist an affection which was so delightful; she yielded herself at last to all its refreshing tenderness, and about the trial of the Fenian prisoner, Carroll O'Donoghue. What his business in Tralee is I have been unable to discover."

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more than a quarter of a century, and which will disclose at this late date the perfidy that has separated two faithful hearts, and sent one broken to the grave?

I have the horor to the grave?

I have the honor to remain Your lordship's obedient servant, REV. CHARLES O'CONNOR.

Again and again Lord Heathcote fell which her father had feared. He was stricken with a fatal illness, darkening, and his manner growing and yielding at last to his wish, she

reverted to the traitor, Morty Carter.

"I attempted to tell you of his perfidy," said the priest, "that you might be on your guard; but you would not listen!"

"I remember," said Carroll, putting his hand wildly to his forchead; "I remember," he repeated, his voice showing how much that painful memory cost him, "and oh, I understand it all!"

"Tell we my how,"—the priest importance Dougherty. Only one member of his family remained to him—a daughter. This girl, Marie, who had not yet reached her seventeenth year, was famed throughout the little district in which they lived for her devotion to her father, her kindness to the poor, and her extraordinary beauty. Educated by her accomplished father, her culture rivaled that of more richly nutured ladies, and her kind and

the prisoner, turning again and again from the threshold to look fond, mournful adieus; but the door of the cell at last shut them out, and the poor captive was left to resume that intercourse with Heaven which alone made him resigned to his fate, and strong to suffer.

CHAPTER LI.

and Triend, Mortimer Carter. Carter, from the first opportunity that enabled him to render some important service to Mr. Dougherty, and which gained for him frequent access to the house, was struck with admiration and love of the beautiful daughter. He concealed the fact however probably because the fact, however, probably because he feared that a disclosure of it In one of the courtly apartments would exclude him from the family,

could you be so cruel? but we have found you now, and we shall never, never let you go again!"

Her happy tears would let her say no more; and even Father Meagher, who had followed Clare, and was now standing with outstretched ands waiting his turn to welcome and be welcomed, showed traces of emotion. Mrs. Murphy was weeping copius tears of supports the strength of the Fenian priested quiet and obscurity to the ostentation of wealth, chose the average chauffeur. That's rather to be known by his own plain name of Berkeley. Accident brought Marie Dougherty to his notice, and disclosed sufficient of notice, and disclosed sufficient of the recultivated mind to win the syntax priested quiet and obscurity to the ostentation of wealth, chose the ostentation of wealth, chose the ostentation of Berkeley. Accident brought Marie Dougherty to his notice, and disclosed sufficient of notice, and disclosed sufficient of her cultivated mind to win the syntax prompted me to inquire. After lunch Colonel Leslie went up on the roof and through a pair of powerful binoculars looked out over the broad acres which one disclosed sofficient of the strength of the fermion of wealth, chose the ostentation of wealth, chose the ost

unable to discover."

The nobleman put down the missive without reading farther, and threw himself back in his chair as if he would yield to some painfully absorbing reflection. There was a signal for ingress at the door, and to his response a servant entered with a note. The nobleman hastily tore it open:

"To His Honor, Lord Heathcote: Will your lordship kindly consent to see a Catholic ciergyman on business of vital importance—the unfolding of a tale which dates back more than a quarter of a century.

The nobleman put down the missive without reading farther, and though Marie refused to marry, because young Berkeley was not of her religion, unrestrained liberty in the Catholic education of their offspring, should Heaven grant offstated, and so great and so entirely trusted a friend was Mortimer Carter, that it was into his ears she poured her doubts and fears. Her fond old father, fearing from the growing feebleness of his health his own speedy demise, and confident from all that he had observed of their young visitor,

to Rome. assured, would have persuaded her into the alliance; but she, though loving with all the strength of her nature, still hesitated because he was not of her faith, until the blow fell which her father had feared.

gratify youthful extravagance still less would he, with his strong English and Protestant prejudices, brook the thought of his heir marrying an Irish Catholic. young man deemed it best to write nothing of his alliance in his letters home; he had sufficient means to

"Speak on!" commanded the nobleman, shading his face with learned to make an entire confidant

Thus they lived for a year, when Marie gave birth to twin boys; they were christened, by the clergyman who had performed the first marriage ceremony, Walter and William. At the same time a little girl was born to Richard Sullivan, but at the expense of its mother's life, and the babe was left to the care of its heart-broken father. A kind neighbor volunteered to assist him in its care, and Sullivan soon learned to concentrate in his child the love which he fancied had been buried in the coffin of his wife

TO BE CONTINUED

THE PRIEST'S ROCK

"Say, Malone, I don't think I can stand much more of this. On one side it's nothing but towering crag, and on the other impassable bog. If there were some decent pasture land in sight I should not complain. But this-ugh! How much farther

We're almost there now, sir, You'll see it when we get round this bend of the road. There it is, up there on the hillside.

The car drew up with a jerk and Colonel Leslie jumped out. For a moment he stood close to the road wall, looking up at the pillar stone he had been so curious to see. Then, with a look of disappointment, he turned to the chauffeur. 'What's that it's called, Malone?'

Corrig-na-thagart in Gaelic, sir, or in English, the Priest's Rock,' Malone answered.

What a queer lingo Gælic is. Sounds like kitchen Kaffir to me. And it was here the head of the order was put to death? They certainly used rough and ready methods in those days, Malone."

The Colonel took out a cigar and

set it alight.
"Do you know," he remarked, "I have a feeling that this legend is all bunk. It would be a joke if it should turn out to be a figment of the Celtic imagination. Is there any documentary evidence to sup-port this?"

"Oh, yes, plenty," Malone assured him. "I looked into the matter myself some years ago. "You amaze me, Malone. How long have been a chauffeur?"

"Oh, I've been tinkering with autos for years." 'And before that what were you?"
"I—oh I—er—I guess I was a boy

You speak rather better than the average chauffeur. That's what prompted me to inquire. Well, turn her around, Malone, it's

had decided were his to do with as he chose. It had been a stiff legal battle, fought with all the more stubborness, perhaps, because the two parties to the suit were

When, on the eve of his marriage to Marie O'Donnell, Kevin Leslie embraced the Catholic faith he became estranged from his family. It was bad enough to take to wife a common farm laborer's daughter, but it was a crime unpardonable for a Leslie to go over

Now that Colonel Leslie was undisputed master of Glenlee he felt glad that his cousin had crossed the theological Rubicon. Had Kevin not done so he might today be the owner of the place. Glenlee was worth every cent of a hundred thou-sand pounds, and that to a man who has had to struggle along for years on his army pay represented wealth untold. Then, too, there was the social prominence which the owner of the place had been accustomed to enjoy For generations the squire of Glenlee had been accorded high place at all local society func-tions. Colonel Leslie told himself that he would live up to tradition, keep open house, and cut a big figure among the gentry of the neighborhood. It was a matter for regret that the estate was in Ire-land instead of England, but one could not have everything exactly

Murphy for masses and ability to grant the commodation; and the latter lady gave delighted assurance of her willingness and ability to grant the commodation; and the latter lady gave delighted assurance of her willingness and ability to grant the commodation; and the latter lady gave delighted assurance of her willingness and ability to grant the commodation; and the latter lady gave delighted assurance of her willingness and ability to grant the commodation; and the latter lady gave delighted assurance of her willingness and ability to grant the request.

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