## CARROLL O'DONOGHUE

ess of "A Mother's Sacrifice," etc. CHAPTER XVII—CONTINUED

'And was it against him that

Garfield bet ? Garfield bet?"

"Yet; it has got abroad some way that this poor fool of a quartermaster is dead in love with the dashing widow, though she only spoke to him once, and that just at their introduction; and though by reason of having so many richer beaux she has been giving him freezing looks and the like, it doesn't seem to have had any effect doesn't seem to have had any effect on the poor fellow. He's been haunting her like a shadow; intrud-ing himself everywhere that he could do so without gross impro-priety. Her brother, Jack, always ready for sport, whether fair, or foul, got an inkling of all this, and also how the Englishman was one of a class who think an Irish girl's affections are to be had for the asking, and at the meeting for the course the other day—when the stakes were entered, and the horses named—just for sport, and to show soldiers a trifle of Irish smartness, when Rody Crane's filly was put up Jack, who had already got the ear of Garfield in view of this very thing, suggested that he, Garfield, should enter the filly, and that he, Jack, would furnish the best rider in the secondary of the secondary in all the country. Garfield accepted, though one of his friends tried to whisper him into refusing, and immediately the pools were made. Garfield bet as I told you, to find himself in a day or two a sadly-duped man. The rider, Joe Canty, who is really the best jockey in the county, was bought up by the other side, just as deceiving Jack Moore knew he would be, and Rody Crane's filly was discovered to have taken the spavin. The bet is in such a way that if Garfield cannot enter another horse he and his friends will lose their money,

Tighe had heard sufficient. It would give him abundant thought for his next interval of leisure, and he had a dim idea that he should be able to turn it all to some important advantage. He moved to the bar, determining to hazard an inquiry which should elicit some informa-tion of his friends. His garb, pro-claiming him to be the servant of a military officer, was rather a pass-port, procuring at least not uncivil attention from those with whom he came in contact. But the buxom girl at the bar, though she answered blandly enough sll Tighe's apparently calless questions, imparted no satisfactory information, and Tighe departed, to venture on the same enterprise in the other hotels of the town. His efforts were as little successful, and puzzled and provoked with himself, attributing his failure to his own "want of gumption," a phrase by which he gumption," a phrase by which he expressed his deficiency in understanding, he was obliged at last to turn his steps to his master's

able to sustain at the present moment—and he will be laughed at

chafes him the most.

'Just in time," said Captain Dennier, stumbling upon Tighe in front of the barracks, and speaking with a kindlier tone than the latter felt he had any right to expect, having overstayed his limited leave of absence. "I have been in search of some one to take this note for me," drawing an embossed, nearly-directed envelope from his pocket; "run down with it now to Blenner's and give it to the Reverend Mr.

Meagher, and wait for an answer. Tighe's whole face underwent so sudden and marked a change. intense pleasure showing in every lineament, that if he had not pretended to be very busy placing the note safely away, the officer must have remarked him. He knew the Reverend Mr. Meagher meant none other than Father Meagher, and Blenner's was one of the very hotels which had figured in his own fruit-less search. It required but little time to reach again the bar, Shaun accompanying him, at which he had so recently stood, and it was with a very important air, arising from the conscioueness of the legit-imacy of his errand, that he de-livered himself this time of no covert question, but an open inquiry for the worthy priest. His question being accompanied by the remark that he bore a note from Captain Dennier, of her Majesty's --- Regiment, won for him immediate and respectful attention. He was shown to the parlor to wait for the reverend gentleman, while Shaun to his own disappointment and that of his master, was

Father Meagher was not prepared to meet Tighe a Vohr, and still less prepared to see him in his present dress, His start of aston-ishment, and then his look of comical bewilderment as his eyes wandered from Tighe's curly brown head down to his topped boots, and slowly back again, made Tighe smile, though he affected to hang his head in some confusion.

contained only the priest and him-self—to be sure that there were no eavesdroppers, placing his hand over his mouth to shut in the sound of his voice, and rolling his eyes about, to be certain that no one could enter unperceived. Then he whispered to the clergyman a brief account of the events which had brought him to his present posi-

rayson—the ordher kem from should be shown at once to a room yersel'." And Tighe looked down in a retired part of the barracks,

ported. He was pleased, however, with her obedience, and disposed on that account, as well as on account of Tighe's own faithful efforts in a loss which I believe his purse is ill

by Jack Moore and all that royster-ing set; and I fancy that it is the anticipation of the latter which us shall forget it for you; and now the young ladies must see you, and

hear this; it will gladden thear thear the thear thear the the the thear thear the dolars and they came in arm in arm, both paler than they had ever looked to Tighe before, and both showing in every lineament of their fair faces such painful evidence of a wearing grief that it almost broke the faithful fellow's heart to broke the faithful fellow's heart to the thear the thear the thear thear the prisint moment? you'd betther ask himsel' for information."

Captain Dennier met his visitors reacceful and courtered the thearth the thear the t like the priest they were surprised at his garb, their greeting was none the less warm and delighted. Again and again they wrung his hands, asking eagerly a dozen questions, and looking as if they could cry for every joy when they heard of his success in obtaining the paper. How long the scene, with its pleasant and painful circumstances might have continued. cumstances, might have continued not one of the little party could tell, but it was interrupted by the entrance of some of the guests of

The clergyman said in a low tone : "I was advised by a friend to see Captain Dennier when we came up here, and told that the captain was a perfect gentleman and, moreover, was the intimate friend of the governor of the jail; as such, should he be disposed, he could aid us to an interview with Carroll. Accordingly, I sought the officer on our arrival this morning, but he was not in the barracks at the time, and I left a note for him, stating that I had called on important business and would like to see him; he answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting answers like the gentleman that he is reported to be, in a very courting the formation that carroll is to be was leading a good, holy life in other the dutter. "I would die happy," the old dust which the yould set the guidance from the barracks.

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I can repeat my visit."

Tighe shook his head ominously:
"I'm afeerd it'll be very hard to see the young masther; from all I see the young masther; and the see the young masther see the young masther; from all I can larn on ivery side he's under wonderful sthrict guard, an' not one at all that's suspected o' frindly intintions'll be allowed nixt or near him; they say that order kem from the highest quarters. But'—and Tighe lowered his voice still more and directed an expect

The priest's face brightened. 'Well," he replied, "I shall answer Captain Dennier's note immediately, and perhaps something hopeful

will come of my seeing him."

He turned to leave the parlor;
Tighe and Nora began a low, earnest conversation, but Clare followed him. "Father,"—stopping him in the corridor—"state in your answer that you will be accompanied by Nora and myself."

panied by Nora and myself."
The clergyman stared aghast.
"I mean it, father; my heart
misgives me since Tighe spoke of
Carroll's strict guard, and should it
be in Captain Dennier's power to
procure for us an interview with my
brother his fire some of heaver." brother, his fine sense of honor"— there was a dash of sarcasm in her

answer, and having called for Shaun, whose frequent bark had attested his impatience for his master's return, he was hastening back to the soldiers quarters.

CHAPTER XVIII

CARTER S INSINUATIONS "And you have in your possession now the paper containing information that Mortimer Carter gave to Captain Dennier?" said the astonished and delighted priest.

"I have, yer riverince, an' gleat enough I am to the captain Dennier flushed until the scarlet was visible on his forehead when he read the reply brought by his valet, and yet, despite the repugnance which he strove to feel toward the proposed interview. e enough I am to surrinder it into yer kapin, "—drawing forth the document. "Sure I got lave o' absence, as the soldiers say, an' I wint all the way to Dhrommacohol to give it to you, an' to tell the result o' all me thrials to see the masther. You wor from home, an' Moira wouldn't spake to me."

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ladies to his quarters would provoke unpleasant comment, he felt a throb of pleasure. Clare O'Donoghue's bright face rose before him, as it often did since his first look at her winsome features; the remembrance of her candor, her enthusiant still and the strength of the done on the occasion of their first meeting: and he felt tempted to curse the fate which had not made "Wouldn't spake to me."

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uttered in a tone of hearty surprise.

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The visit to the barracks of the that account, as well as on account of Tighe's own faithful efforts in behalf of the prisoner, to treat him with more than usual favor.

He shook Tighe a Vohr's hand:
"You have done an inestimable service to our poor boy, as well as to the other poor fellows; none of us shell forget if for you have done and the control of wondering comment among the of wondering comment among the soldiers. Some of them waylaid Tighe to know the import of the

> teous of greetings; just a trifle of embarrassment appeared in his heightened color, as Clare O'Donoghue threw aside her veil, and bent upon him one of her bright piercing looks.

Father Meagher came at once to the object of the visit—would Captain Dennier kindly aid them to an interview with the prisoner? The officer started; in all that he had surmised no suspicion of such a favor, heing, craved crossed his the friendly screen which concealed to the friendly screen which concealed favor being craved crossed his mind. Being the friend and confidant as he was of the governor of the jail, a scratch of his pen to that

looking at her.

Then may I beg,"-before he could realize or prevent what she was about to do, she had thrown herself on her knees before him, and burst into so passionate and piteous an appeal to be afforded one sight of her brother that the officer was of her brother that the officer was maddened by the conflict when the conflict was an appeal of the prother that the officer was any minute."

"What is it, Tighe; what have you planned?" asked the ladies in a herself on her knees before him, and well-nigh maddened by the conflict which compassion for her touching breath. with parted line and hated hearth with narted line and hated hearth.

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"Don't ask me to tell, fer I haven't it quite sthraight in me own moind yet, an' mebbe-1 won't be succissful."

"You are plotting nothing wrong."

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The priest's feet billion payers and the blestings of two orphan girls will follow you!" she continued, with her clasped hands raised toward him and her lovely said the priest a little anxiously, well knowing that Tighe a Vohr's action had been so sudden and so unexpected that neither Father action had been so sudden and so unexpected that neither Father Meagher nor Nora had been prepared for it, and now both stood as if paralyzed by the shock of her proceeding. "Help me, Nora," she still continued. "plead with me to this man, whose heart is so hard to touch."

"Rise, I beg you, Miss O'Donoghue," the officer at last found voice to say, and he bent to assist her; by this time also, Father clasp.
"Say that you will help us to

one brief interview with him.

"Ah! he will see me, and he desires me to appoint the hour of my coming. He is truly the gentleman."

He turned to Tighe: "Pray tell me how you have come to be Captain Dennier's messenger."

Tighe made sundry maneuvers before he answered; walking the sefer he answered; walking the sefer he answered; walking the sefer he answered; walking the seem to appoint the hour of my coming. He is truly the gentleman."

The tender-hearted priest, surprised and pained at her proposition, and embarrassed also at the thought of bringing ladies within my principles forbid it. I will give my life to be able to answer as you desire me to do, but my duty, my honor, giving evidence of unpleasant profile fections, and his thick-set underly out what information of your reflections, and his thick-set underly out what information of your brother it is in my power to give,—the probable time and whereabouts of his trial—but to assist you to an interview with him is impossible—I to be able to answer as you desire to be able to answer as you d

Clare would have made another effort, but Father Meagher detained her. "Control yourself, my dear child," he whispered; "we cannot move him; and nothing remains but to obtain the information of which he speaks."

he speaks."

He left her and sought the captain, who stood at a little distance from the party, his head bowed, and his eyes moodily seeking

"I thank you, sir," the priest began gently, "for your evident commiseration of that poor girl, and I regret that we have put your devotion to such a painful test; but perchance the information of which you speak may be some balm to our suffering and anxious hearts.

The young man, in gratitude for words which seemed to say that at least one understood him, and had divined the unhappy conflict wag-ing within him. extended his hand the clergyman, and with an admirable air of candor answered

"I thank you from my soul, reverend sir, for what you have yersel'." And Tighe looked down in well-affected shyness.

The priest seemed puzzled for an instant; then it flashed upon him—the injunction he had given his niece regarding Tighe a Vohr; but he had not intended to impose such an absolute silence as Tighe reported. He was pleased, however, be marked by a harrowing scene.

In a retired part of the barracks, the only one whose appearance indicated less military precision than the other apartments. He obtain from him information of the peaceful time I may be better understood and better judged by one who now regards me as the most stern hearted of my sex. With regard to the information you make I can say this much; it is more ask, I can say this much; it is more than probable that Mr. O'Donoghue will be detained here a month, at the end of which time, if he is not sent on to Dublin, his trial will take

Father Meagher bowed and thanked him, and returned to his Dennier accompanied them to the limits of the officers' quarters. With a wild wish for some sign which might tell him that Clare's feelings toward him were not entirely those of aversion, he ventured to walk beside her as they meared the arched passage in which he would make his adieus; but she did not give him the slightest mark of notice. Disappointed and saddened, he still found opportunity to whisper when he had aken leave of Father Meagher and Nora: "The day may come—and I shall pray for its dawn—in which I shall be able to show you how bitterly, how cruelly you wrong me." Could he did not give him the slightest mark cruelly you wrong me." Could he have penetrated the thickness of her veil, nay, more, could he for one instant have read the depths of

fail, a scratch of his pen to that official requesting permission for a visit of friends to the Fenian prisoner would have been sufficient to seave an instant consent with the sum of the seave are instant or seave an instant consent with the seave are instant consent. The ladies were greatly touched by the simple faith of the good old Irish peasant, and, as they then resigned his visitors for further selves were fervent Catholics they

"be the powers!—axin' yer riverince's pardon for swearin'—but mebbe I could fix the matther. Howld awhile, an' let me conjecther—faith! I think I have it. Go back to Dhrommacohol, but kape yersel's in readiness to return any minte."

commission for the master's benefit. "Now, Father Meagher, can't you

thrust me sometoime, an' not always be thinkin' I'm a rascal?" He spoke with so ludicrous an air of injured innocence that, despite their heavy hearts, they were forced

Having accompanied the little party as far as his instructions warranted, Tighe took a respectful her; by this time also, Father leave, and with a very thoughtful, important air turned his steps to the part of the barracks where he hoped to meet Garfield. He had rather avoided the quartermaster since the latter's refusal to allow one brief interview with him."

The captain was desperate; how and it was with no little anxiety he wished that he had resigned his that he determined on a meeting commission as he had intended to do now. He knew not how far his his head in some confusion.

"What is the meaning of this?" voice—"might make him refuse: said the clergyman at last, recovering from his surprise, and advancing to his visitor.

"Jist this, yer riverince,"—and Tighe, bowing, handed him Captain Dennier's note.

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THE MISSION OF A ROSE

The last week was reserved for Killarney, which, apart from its native loveliness, was endeared to the elder lady as being the early home of her parents, though she herself was born in America. The younger lady, her daughter Margaret a lively creature of about nineteen, shared her mother's love for Ireland and all concerned with it.

very taking.
"Oh, mother," cried Margaret, don't you think it would be nice if we could take a slip from that bush home with us as a remem-

Just then the owner of the cot-

tage appeared in the doorway, and having overheard the conversation, very kindly offered them a strong root which would have a good chance of succeeding. He also infair charges, both of whom were once more heavily veiled. Captain concerns and the cottage, told his wife about the

With kindly good nature she soon appeared with a tray containing two glasses of milk and some biscuits, which she placed on a small table before the guests. Whilst partaking of her hospitality, the informed them that the rustic she informed them that the rustic seat was a favorite place for her in the summer evenings.

she. "The bush was planted and tended by my elder son, who also constructed the seat for my comfort. You must know," added she, that my second son died some years since, and I am now very sad and lonely, as my elder son left for the States many years ago, and has not written to me for a very long time. Often I sit on the seat beneath his favorite bush, and pour forth my petitions to the Sacred Heart and His Blessed Mother for news of his welfare. I also send bunches of those roses to deck the Sacred Heart altar for that inten-

their ardress, so that he would have the little bush packed safely for its long journey, and forwarded to them before they left Killarney.

Soon the ladies were again safe at home, receiving the gushing wel-come of Mr. F. and the younger members of the family, who when the first excitement of home-coming was over, were filled with curiosity as to the contents of the various boxes containing souvenirs from Ireland Soon Margaret opened her box containing the bush, which was showing signs of being wilted, so they decided on planting it in a large tub in the most sunry corner

of the porch.

It took a good deal of care and attention to coax it to accommodate itself to its new surroundings, but at last the family were delighted to see it showing evident signs of progress. It was very carefully tended through its first winter, and in the spring as the weather was favorable it was transplanted to the warmest part of their little front garden. Margaret and the younger children were more than rewarded for their trouble when they discov-

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brance of our visit?"

"Yes." replied the mother. "I should like it much, but I am afraid it would not flourish in our change-

It is very dear to me " said

After a few words of thanks and farewell the visitors left the place. Next day the box arrived at the hotel, and in a few days the ladies were once more on board the steamer facing for home. They kept the box in their cabin, and Margaret peeped from time to time to make sure the bush was still alive.

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