MICHAEL AHEARNE. A TALE OF '98 BY S. E. The neatly thatched dwelling house, with its walls white as snow-the well laid-out farm yard, with its neatly arranged offices-the well cropped kitchen garden, enclosed by a thorn hedge, neatly and tastefully kept-proclaimed the owner to be a man possessed of a tolerable share of this world's goods, and even some of its luxuries. This comfortable homestead was situate on the slope of a gentle declivity, within a few hundred yards of the waters of the Barrow, and about midway between that beautiful river and the high road leading from the venerable ruins of Dunbrody Abbey to the villages of Kingsbay and Ballyhack, in the county of Wexford. Michael Ahearne the owner of this little spot, was at the time we write somewhat past the middle age of life, though apparently strong and healthy; he was a man of once powerful frame; and, although his step was firm and his face still bore the hue of health, a plentiful sprinkling of grey hairs on a head once covered with a rich dark brown, and a slight bend in the ample shoulders, evidenced the fact that much thought and industrious soil had a little worn the constitution. Ahearne had married young and happily, had prospered all his life; and the only drawback to his happiness had been that out of a large number of children, sons and daughters, none reached the age of maturity but one, and that one a daughter. But the loss of the others seemed to have been made up by the virtues of his remaining child -for Mary Ahearne was a matchless girl, for strict obedience and filial affection she could not be surpassed, and she was generally held up as a pattern in the parish for the strict performance of her religious duties. Mary had, however, like most clever people, a romantic turn of mind, and was full of nationality. It was a usual amusement with her to sit and sing by the river side the ballads of her native land, and on a summer's evening she might be seen seated on a little rock, over which a few creepers had been trained, at the lower end of her father's garden, whilst the purest melody issued from her lips in praise of the deeds of some bygone chieftain, or in lament for the ill requited love of some ancient maiden of her country. Such was the heroine of our tale in the memorable year of 1798, when the demon of misrule, aided by hands. Each man was armed with a gun or pike, they were bent upon some uncommon and fearful design. They were congregated in the room or parlor of the house, and were being addressed by a person wearing a sort of military cap with green band, in language of no common import if one might judge from the half-expressed threats—cries of brave, all right, Ireland for ever, &c., which in the course of his-harangue he drew from his hearers. After spending an hour in this way, and having partaken of some refreshment, the party prepared to depart, and, preceded by the master of the house and the individual already alluded to passed through the back door into the little yard, and a second time seemed to enter into close and serious consultation. Mary watched these proceedings with intense interest, and as the last of the party was clos-

this about?—Where are you going??"
"Musha, Mary honey, what's the use in tellin'
you."

ing into the circle she suddenly advanced, and giving him a slight tap on the shoulder, retreated to the little

room already spoken of, followed by the young man-Having shut the door she approached him timidly,

and laid one hand expressively on his arm, whilst

with the other she closely pressed her own heart, as if to check its throbbings, and in a voice of the deep-

est tenderness, mingled with alarm, asked, or rather

"Mick, dear, I am afraid you are bent on some bad design. My heart tells me that something terrible is about to happen."

"Nothing terrible at all; sure I am only going a

piece off, with the boys;"
"What boys? Oh! Mick, tell me—tell your poor Mary, or her heart will burst."

Here the young man, overcome by this tender appeal, lost all firmness; and brushing a tear from his make an assertion shows that you have read the law ye, and stamping with one foot on the groung, in a lattentively. Let's have a drink, and I will sign your fruitless effort to recover himself, exclaimed, & Oh! pertificate:

Mary; and strained her to his heart...
"Mick! Oh! Mick, tell me.??
"I am going to Corbit Hill."

and ours is a good one."

"I doubt it much collidoubt; the justice of spilling blood in any cause; besides, oh! Mick, stay at home, and not go with these men. Surely you will not be missed out of so many."

"Would you have me called a coward?"

"I detest the name; but if anything were to happen you, I would never survive it. I know our poor country is suffering—that she is not what she ought to be—but surely good ends should be brought about by good means. I dread this recourse to aims. Many,

protect my bleeding country. I hear my comrades going. I must teat myself away; but, please God, we shall meet again in a few days."

"Mick, I am selfish; but take care of yourself. Spill no blood if possible; act honorably; and, Mick, hear me—if you die, let it be as a brave man should. Your death I would not survive a month; should you fill a coward's grave I would not live an hour. God bless you. Now I am more calm. Farewell and remember.

At these words the young man tore himself away, and hurried after his comrades, who were on their way to join the Rebel army, as it was called, under General Harvey, at Corbit Hill. After her lover's departure, the noble girl unable any longer to resist the torrent of grief which was swelling at her heart, threw herself on a chair, and gave vent to her feelings in a flood of tears.

On the 5th of June a spirited attack was made upon the King's troops stationed at New Ross, in which many hundreds of the people fell; and many individuals of their body distinguished themselves by a total disregard of life, and the most during acts of personal valour, prompted by the enthusiasm which a belief in the holiness and nobleness of their cause inspired. Foremost amongst these was Mick O'Brien. He fell in the act of making an impetuous rush on the main-guard, at the market-house, being almost torn to pieces by a cannon shot; and the poor fellow lay that night upon the pavement of the street, with-in a few paces of the instrument of his destruction, a black and mangled corpse.

Early in the month of September following a funeral procession might be seen winding down the hally road at Grange, and approaching the little burial-ground at Dunbrody. The cosin had a white sheet for a covering, and was borne by four young maidens, dressed in white, who after carrying it round the graveyard, according to custom, deposited it in the narrow cell already made to receive it. Two stout young men soon replaced the earth in the grave; the green sod or scraw was smoothly laid over it; the people separated to their homes: and Michael Aherne was a bereaved and childless man.

How Port Wine is "Manufactured."-A London paper gives the following account of the manner in which port wine is manufactured :-

When port is required to be manufactured, two separate processes are deliberately and systematically gone through, first the wine itself is made, and then the bottles are prepared into which the liquor is to be transferred. When the mixture itself is deficient in the fragrancy peculiar to the grape, a bouquet is contributed by means of sweet scented herbs, by orris root, elder flowers, or laurel water. A vinious odor is sometimes imparted by small quanties of the liquor known as the "oil of wine." The pleasant juice of the sloe imparts a port-like roughness to the compound, and sawdust or oak bark the same purpose. A fruity taste is given by a tincture of raisons, and the rich, ruby color has probably once flowed in the vessles of the sandlewood tree.

But the bottles have to be crusted. This is done by tincture of catechu and sulphate of lime, the corks are steeped in a decoction of Brazil wood, and the very casks are prepared with a layer of cream of tartar, which is formed at the bottom in glittering crysthe conflicting interests of faction, plunged this country in civil war—reddened its fields with the blood of its own children, and spread death and desolation through the land. On the night of the 3rd of June, in and the following has been given as the chemical analysis of the afternoon. the above year, a party of men assembled at the house alysis of a bottle of cheap port wine, though for obof Michael Ahearne and seemed by their appearance vious reasons we suppress the quantities: Spirits of and manner to have some business of importance on hands. Each man was armed with a gun or pike, tion of logwood. In most instances, when the wine and the cautious whisperings and half-suppressed sen- is not manufactured in this country, the consumer is victimized adulterates, the importer adulterates, and finally the retail dealer adulterates!

> Examination of Attorneys.-The following examination of a certain candidate for admission to the bar, taken from a western law journal, is decidedly a good one. The examiner commences with-

" Do you smoke?".

" I do, sir,"

"Have you a spare cigar?"
"Yes, sir." (Extending a short six).

"Now, sir, what is the first duty of a lawyer?"

" To collect his fees." "What is the second ?"

"To increase the number of his clients."

"When does your position towards your client change ??? "When making a bill of costs."

"Explain?"

"When they occupy the antagonist's position, I assume the character of plaintiff, and they defendant." "A sait decided, how do you stand with the lawyer conducting the other side ?"

"Cheek by jowl."
"Enough, sir—you promise to become an ornament to your profession, and I wish you success. Now, you are aware of the duty you owe me?"

" I am, sir." " Describe it."

"It is to invite you to drink."
"But suppose I decline?"
(Candidate scratching his head.).

"There is no instance of this kind on record in the books! I can't answer the question."

"You are right, and the confidence with which you

TAPPHASE OF BOORYISM: - It is frequently the duty of the Editor of a newspaper to find fault with the "For what purpose, Mick?"

"I am going to Gorbit Hill."

"For what purpose, Mick?"

"I am going to fight for my religion and country."

"Oh! Mick, religion don't, teach fighting; nor would spilling-blood make your country better."

"We are told that to fight in a good cause is holy; and ours is a good one."

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is the irritable and snappish way in which persons that are scolded in newspapers take the castigation. Dumpkins holds some small office,—let us suppose him inspector of Pigsties;—Dumpkins neglects his duty, and the people neglect theirs. Pigsties are not cleaned, and the public nose is offended. The Editor of a newspaper, Mr. Growler, hears of Dumpkins' neglect, and next morning Dumpkins finds himself shown up. Dumpkins immediately imagines himself an ill-used man, and thinks that Growler has many lives will be lost, and—" a personal spite at him; and so the next time he meets
"Oh! Mary, I must go. I am sworn to defend and him he looks screw-drivers at him; on which Growler comes to the natural conclusion that Dumpkins is a big hooby, in addition to being a careless public officer-the fact being, that, in writing the article, the person of the wretched Dumpkins was not in Growler's mind's eye at all he only thought of Dumpkins, careessness, and the offence to the public nose.

Dumpkins is not satisfied with looking screwrivers at the editor; Dumpkins "stops his paper!" Magnificient Dumpkins! Whenever some miserable snob "stops his paper," from offence conceived at some editorial remark, which either touches snobs personally, or his interests, or conflicts with his opitions the story of Hohy, the Boot-maker and the Ensign in the Guards always occurs to us. Hoby and the Ensign had a dispute, which ended in the little officer getting into a towring passion and threatening to withdraw his custom; on which Mr. Hoby shouted out to his shopman, "Here Jenkins, run quick and put up the shutters! The business is tuined, for Ensign Fitzbobbery has withdrawn his custom!" Dumpkins, and all snobs of the Dumpkins variety of the animal man, may be assured that to "stop my paper," makes no other commotion in the office than to start Editor, publisher, and clerk into a convulsion of laughter. It is natural to laugh when we see a man making a tom-noddy of himself, particularly when the man is nothing but a little office-holder. Canadian Monarchist.

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