

Turned into a Rat.

(Chicago Herald.)
"I heard a story of an Irishman the other day which I think is new," said a friend at the club. "This Irishman was in the habit of going home drunk every night of his life and beating his poor wife, Biddy, in the good old fashion. He didn't lick her because he disliked her or wanted to punish her, but just because he thought it a proper thing to do. Finally, however, the patient woman could stand it no longer and appealed to the priest. The reverend father went to her home that evening and waited for Pat. He came, drunk as usual, and the good priest took him in hand.
"Pat," says he, "you're drunk."
"Yes, your reverence," says Pat. "I'm feelin' purty good."
"Well, how long is this goin' to continue, I'd like to know?"
"As long as I can get a drop of the cratur," says Pat. "I can't stop drinkin'!"
"Now, see here, Pat," said the good father, "I'll tell you what. You'll stop this right here, to-night. If you ever get drunk again, I'll turn you into a rat—do you mind that? If I don't see you, I'll know about it just the same, whether you get drunk or not, and if you do get drunk, into a rat you go. Now, remember that—there's a good man."
The priest went away, and Pat was doleful that night. But the next night when he came and kicked open the door, one glance showed Biddy that he was loaded to the hat. She gauged his 'jug' at once, and saw that he was in fighting trim, so she dodged behind the table, in an attitude of defence.
"Don't be afraid, darlin'," said Pat, in a subdued key, as he steadied himself before dropping into a chair. "I'm not goin' to lay the weight of my finger on ye. I want ye to be kind to me to-night, darlin', and to remember if ye kin, the days when we was swatehearts, when I was always kind to ye and ye loved me. Ye know his reverence was here last night, and he said if I got drunk again he'd turn me into a rat. I'm drunk this mornin', darlin', the prastie didn't see me, but he knows I'm drunk, and this night into a rat I go. I want ye to be kind to me, darlin', as much as an 'when ye see me gittin' little, and the hair growin' out on me, an' me whiskers gittin' long, for God's sake darlin', kape yer eye on the cat!"

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All the Right, Title, Interest, Property,
Claim and Demand of ROW AND LARLEY, his
necessary right and right of entry, both at
law and in equity, of, in and to certain Lands
and Premises situate in the Parish of Shel-
burne, in the County of Westmorland, and
bounded as follows: On the North by Lands
of Frank Gangon, on the West by Lands of
Joshua Wood, M. P., on the South by Lands
of the said Joshua Wood, and on the East by
Lands of Hazen Lowther, and containing
one hundred and fifty acres, more or less,
being the same Lot of Land conveyed by
Deed by one Eli Lett and Fenwick, his
wife, to the said Joshua Wood, bearing date
the thirtieth day of March, A. D. 1889, and
registered in the Westmorland County
Records on the third day of April, A. D. 1889,
by Number 51,512, Folio 661, Libro
M 5, as reference to the said Records will
more fully appear.
Also all other Real Estate of the said Eli
Lett and Fenwick, wherever situate or how-
ever described within my bailiwick—the
County of Westmorland—the same having
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Armstrong's Revenge.

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One bright June morning not many years ago, a big ungainly farm servant, holding by a halter a big and uncouth plough-horse stood before the shut door of a battered wooden building, the surroundings of which at once proclaimed it to be a smithy. Although through the chinks in its weather beaten walls no forge fire gleamed or cheery hammer rang. The ploughman, astonished to see the place shut at an hour long after that at which the blacksmith usually started work, retired a pace or two and gazed up at the chimney; and not seeing even the faintest trace of smoke issuing thence, he turned and looked about him with a puzzled expression on his face. A man breaking stones on the other side of the road, noticing the farm-servant's behaviour, approached him, and after the usual morning salutation, proceeded to explain what had become of the blacksmith. We will give that explanation in our own words.

Hamilton Armstrong was the name of the blacksmith in question. His workshop was situated close to a wayside station, on the main line on one of the great Scotch railways, but at a considerable distance from any town or village. Being, however, kept pretty busy at work for the neighboring farmers, and being consequently well to do, and having, moreover, at his nearest female neighbor, a very pretty girl, the daughter of the porter at the station, it was the most natural thing in the world that he should wish to make her his wife. Unfortunately this was more easily determined on than done, for he had a rival. This rival was the driver of a goods train which was almost daily shunted into the siding near Sarah's house, to allow of a passenger express passing, and who took advantage of the momentary respite to chat with the porter's daughter. Whether because he was a far-away bird that his feathers seemed fairer than Armstrong's, or because he was a man of more worth, the gossip in those solitudes were not agreed. Rightly or wrongly, however, Sarah gave him the preference.

Having made up his mind to ask Sarah to be his wife, Armstrong was not long in finding an opportunity for doing so. The next morning, he had a momentary respite to chat with the porter's daughter. Whether because he was a far-away bird that his feathers seemed fairer than Armstrong's, or because he was a man of more worth, the gossip in those solitudes were not agreed. Rightly or wrongly, however, Sarah gave him the preference.

For the next week or two, the blacksmith moped about doing scarcely any work. On the day on which Sarah's marriage was to take place he left the smithy in the evening, and went wandering into the country, returning late at night. Next morning he went away again, now walking with uneasy step along the quiet country lanes, and now sitting dejectedly by the roadside, muttering to himself. The neighbors soon came to hear of his strange behavior, and a rumor was spread that he had gone out of his senses, as an uncle of his had done on a similar affliction.

"That was yesterday," the stone breaker wound up, and he's away along the road by the railway this morning. The stone breaker should have been right. Armstrong was not long in finding an opportunity for doing so. The next morning, he had a momentary respite to chat with the porter's daughter. Whether because he was a far-away bird that his feathers seemed fairer than Armstrong's, or because he was a man of