SEA DREAMINGS

HY PATHER RYAN

To-day, a bird, on wings as white as foam That crests the blue gray wave, With the vesser light upon its breast, flew i Seaward. The God who gave To the birds the virgin-wings of snow Somehow telleth them the way they go

Unto the evening went the white-winged bird-Grey clouds hung round the west— And far away the tempest's tramp was heard, The bird flew for a rest Away from the grove, out to the seais it only a bird's mystery

Nay! nay! lone bird! I watched thy wings of whit That cleft thy wayward way—
Past the evening and swift into the night,
Out of the calm, bright day—

Only men's hearts-tho' God shows each its wa Unlike the wild sea birds somehow go astray Seeking in the far foam

More than one human heart's history

Of this strange world's tempest-trampled Only the bird can rest upon the deep And sleep upon the wave.

And dream its peaceful dreams where wild winds And sweet the God who gave The bird a resting place on the restless sea

But this, my heart, is not His way with they Over the world, ah! passion's tempests roll

That never shall reach home

! the tranquil shore of God's sweet, calm grace heart! is the only resting place.

ONLY AN IRISH BOY:

THE FORTUNES OF ANDY BURKE.

CHAPTER XXII.-[CONTINUED.] Was ever any woman more disgustingly I do

selfish! he exclaimed, 'Her husband might have died, so far as she was con-

Colonel Preston. The latter read it with grave face, and the

doctor thought he heard a sigh. ' My wife is very prudent,' he said, with a touch of bitterness in his voice.

. She will be here next week,' said the doctor, having nothing else to answer. 'I think she will run no risk then,' said

the sick man, cynically. But Mrs. Preston did not return in a week. It was a full week and a half before like then

The doctor was just coming out of the said Mrs. Preston, but he seems possessed front door. How is my husband?' she asked

'And you are sure,' she said, anxiously, that there is no danger of infection · Not the slightest, madam, said Doctor Townley, coldly.

I am so glad I can see him once more You cannot imagine,' she exclaimed, clasp ing her hands, 'how much I have suffered

The doctor remained cool and unmoved He didn't feel that he could respond fittingly, being absolutely incredulous.

Mrs. Preston saw it, and was nettled. She knew that she was a hyprocite, but did not like to have the doctor, by his silence imply his own conviction of it.

Mine has been a hard position,' she con tinued. Your husband has not had an easy time

said the doctor, significantly. · But he has had good care; Mrs. Burke was a good nurse?

· Admirable

She must be paid well. 'I offered her ten dollars a week.'

'Humph?' said Mrs. Preston doubtfully. in whose eyes five dollars would have been liberal compensation. 'It has been a good 'I co chance for her.

'It is far from adequate,' said the doctor, disgusted. 'Money cannot pay for such service as hers, not to speak of the risk she ran, for cases have been known of persons being twice attacked by the disease.' You don't think my husband will have

one whose faithful care has saved his life ' she should be well paid.' Mrs. Preston went up stairs, and entered

her husband's chamber

and without the elightest affectation of sentimental joy. 'I have passed through a to Mrs. Burke.' good deal since you left me.'

while duty kept me from your side.' 'Is Godfrey well?' asked her husband, taking no notice of her last speech.
'Yes, poor boy! He sends his love, and is

so anxious to see you,'

'Let him come next Friday afternoon,' said the sick man, who doubted this statement, yet wanted to believe it true. 'He shall. I will write to him at once.'

So Mrs. Preston resumed her place in the thing in his will, but of that anon. There

CHAPTER XXIII

MRS. BURKE HAS GOOD FORTUNE Mrs. Burke remained a week longer to nurse Colonel Preston. At the end of this time Mr. Preston thought he was well nough to dispense with a nurse, and accordingly she prepared to take leave.

'I shall always remember your kind serice, Mrs. Burke,' said the Colonel, warmly. 'It was only my duty, sir, said the widow, he continued, addressing the servant. 'Not all would have done their duty so

faithfully. 'I am glad to see you well again,' said

the widow. · Not more than I am to get well, I assure you,' said he. 'Whenever you are in any

With these words, he placed in her hands an envelope, which, as she understood, contained the compensation for her services She thanked him, and took her departure. Mrs. Preston was curious to know how

the question. A hundred dollars, he replied.

'A hundred dollars,' she repeated, in a quarter.' tone which implied disapproval. 'I thought she agreed to come for ten dollars a week. · So she did.

That is true, but she has richly earned pected liberality. Ten dollars a week I consider very hand- not well say anything.

some remuneration to one in her position in life,' said Mrs. Preston, pointedly. Angeline, but for her attention I probably

hould no, have lived through this sickness. Do you think a hundred dollars so much to ay for your husband's life.'

You exaggerate the value of her services, said his wife. Dr. Townley says the same thing that 'You are both infatuated with that

oman,' said Mrs. Preston, impatiently. 'We only do her justice.' O well, have it all your own way. But I

should have only paid her what I agreed to It is a great windfall for her.' 'She deserves it.' Mrs. Preston said no more at this time,

for she found her husband too 'infatuated, as she termed it, to agree with her. She when he came home, and he adopted her view of the case.

She and her low son are trying to get all

they can out of father,' he said. 'It's just 'I wish I could make your father see it

in her favor." 'If he can give a hundred dollars to her, Not far from well. He is still weak, of he can give me a little extra money; I'm This occasioned a little derangement of going to ask him.'

· For what? 'O, for various things. I need it.' 'I give you an allowance of three dollars

'I have a good many expenses. 'That will meet all your reasonable ex-

penses. I was far from having as much noney as that when I was of your age.' 'I don't see why you won't give me the

ney,' said Godfrey, discontentedly. 'I don't think you need it.' You are generous enough to others.

To whom do you refer?

You give plenty of money to that Irish boy and his mother.

'They have both rendered me great se vices. The boy saved me from being robbed. member how he saved Colonel Preston from The mother, in all probability, saved me the robber. from failing a victim to small-pox. But that has nothing to do with your affairs. It is scarcely proper for a boy like you to criticise his father's way of disposing of his

mmenting upon your extraordinary liberality to the Burkes,' observed Mrs. Preston.

'Angeline,' said her husband, gravely, when my own wife deserted my sick bed So after supper, as Andy was going out leaving me to wrestle alone with a terrible into the woodshed for an armful of wood, and dangerous disease, I was fortunate Miss Priscilla stopped him. You don't think my husband will have enough to find in Mrs. Burke a devoted a relapse? asked Mrs. Preston, with fresh nurse. The money I have paid her is no she. arm.

'Not if he has the same care for a short to do for her.'

There was a part of this speech that 'He shall have it. She must stay. Of startled Mrs. Preston. Never before had course her duties are lighter now, and six her husband complained of her desertion dollars a week for the remainder of the of him in his sickness, and she hoped that time will be enough—don't you think so?' he had been imposed upon by the excuse 'No, I don't,' said the doctor, bluntly, which she gave of saving herself for Godand moreover I am quite sure your husband frey. Now she saw that in this she had will not consent to reducing the wages of not been altogether successful, and she rethere, and round the city?" gretted having referred to Mrs. Burke, and Oh, well! you know best, said Mrs. so brought this reproach upon herself. She confidently. Preston, slowly. 'I am quite willing that felt it necessary to say something in exten-

uation. 'It was because I wanted to live for God- leave her.' frey,' she said, with a flushed face, 'Noth-'Oh, my dear husband?' she exclaimed, ing but that would have taken me away from approving any plan that opened the way for the affected emotion. 'I am so glad to find you me,' she continued, putting up her handker. 'We own bank

chief to eyes that were perfectly dry. 'We will say no more about it,' said s said Colonel Preston; but he spoke coldly, to it, unless you undervalue my obligations

Mrs. Preston thought it best not to reply, but on one thing that her husband must start next Monday."

'Oh, how my heart has been rent with anxiety as I thought of you lying sick, Your father speaks of giving more money to Mrs. Burke. I suppose we shall not know anything about it if he does.'

'Perhaps he will leave her some mone 'Very likely. If he does, there is such a

thing as contesting a will, that is, if he on the platform of the modest village depot with a small carpet bag in his hand, lent Mrs. Preston was right, Her husband him by the Misses Grant,

did intend to give his devoted nurse some ouse; but from that time there was a was one thing which he did at once, and nething she could not understand in her that was to buy the cottage which Mrs. turn to his boarding school, had just purchased manner. He was graver than Burke occupied from the heir, a non-residence, and sometimes she saw him dent. Mrs. Burke didn't learn this until didn't much care to speak to Andy, but his my her intently, and after a little, she went to pay her rent to the store-keeper, who had acted as agent for the owner.

Mrs. Burke, therefore, called at the house

of the Colonel. Mr. and Mrs. Preston were sitting to

she wished to speak to him. 'You seem to have a good deal of bu ness with Mrs. Burke,' said his wife, in an unpleasant tone.

None that I care to conceal,' he saidsmiling. 'Show Mrs. Burke in here, Jane, 'Good-morning, Mrs. Burke,' he said, pleasantly

Good-morning, said Mrs. Preston, coldly

'Good-morning, sir, I'm glad to see you looking so much better.' Oh yes, I am feeling pretty well now. I didn't find out till just now, Colone

Preston, that you were my landlord.' Here Mrs. Preston pricked up her cars for it was news to her also, as her husband had not mentioned his recent purchase, Yes, I thought I would buy the house

much her husband paid the nurse, and asked as it was in the market. I have come to pay my rent. I have been in the habit of paying fifteen dollars a

'I won't be a hard landlord,' said Col

house, if it suits you, free of all rent.' 'This is too much kindness,' said Mrs Burke, quite overwhelmed by the unex-

Mrs. Preston thought so too, but could

There's been kindness on both side Mrs. Burke. Put up your money, I don't want it, but I have no doubt you will find Mrs. Burke. Put up your money, I don't

use for it. Buy yourself a new dress.' Thank you, Col. Preston. You are very generous, and I am very grateful,' said the widow. · I have something to be grateful for also

Mrs. Burke. If you want any repairs, just let me know, and they shall be attended to. comfortable. She soon took her leave.

Preston?' asked his wife, A month since. 'You didn't say anything about it to me Nor to anyone else, except those with

When did you buy that house, Colone

Mrs. Preston would like to have said and the termed it, to agree with her. She did, however, open the subject to Godfrey more, but she did not think it expedient, remembering what has had brought upon

> CHAPTER XXIV ANDY'S JOURNEY

Toward the first of April of the succeeding year, Miss Sophia Grant took a severe cold; not serious indeed, but such as t make it prudent for her to remain indoors her sister's plans; for both sisters were in the habit, about the first of April and of Will you give me ten dollars, father? he October, to take a journey to Boston—partly for a change, and partly because at these times certain banks in which they owned stock declared dividends, which they took the opportunity to collect. But this spring it seemed doubtful if they could go. Ye

> 'Send Andrew,' suggested Miss Sophis after her sister had stated the difficulty. In general Priscilla did not approve Sophia's suggestions but this struck he more favorably.

'I don't know but we might,' she said slowly. 'He is a boy to be trusted.'

· And I think he is a smart boy

'lle can take care of himself. You re-Just so.

'Then, on the other hand, he has neve een to Boston.

'I don't suppose there would be any par-I confess I think Godfrey is right in ticular difficulty. I could give him all the ecessary directions. 'Just so.'

'I'll propose it to him.

'I wish you had been Why, ma'am?

'Because I should like to send you then some business." I'll go, ma'am, said Andy, eagerly, Like most boys of his age, no proposition ould have been more agreeable

Do you think you could find your way 'No fear of that, ma'am.

· We generally go ourselves, as you know, but my sister is sick and I don't like to

'Of coorse not, ma'am,' said Andy, quite · We own bank stock, and on the first of

April they pay us dividends. Now, if we Colonel Preston, gravely. 'I shall not refer Bank, get the money and bring it back safe.' 'I'll do it for you, ma'am,' said Andy. Well, I'll think of it between now and

next week. If we send you at all, you 'I'll go any day, ma'am,' said Andy, any day you name.'

Miss Priscilla finally decided to send Andrew, but cautioned him against saying anything about it, except to his own family On Monday morning, just before the morning train was to start, Andrew appeared

'Give me a ticket to Boston,' the station master. Godfrey Preston, who was about to re-

Me had found her out in all her intense lifehness and want of feeling, and he ald never again regard her us formerly.

Then, who shall I pay rent to? said bund had a legal settlement in a certain town, said: "He was born and married town, said: "He was born and town and recently there, and they buried him there, and if the isn't settling there, what is it?"

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