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ag'in whin he can rist his back ag'inst something for a bit.' "Did ye iver hear the like of

"Did ye iver hear the like of that from wan that was a frind! It made me so blunderin' mad that niver a word could I say ixcipt to take off me hat polite, prayin' the saints they was no orange paint on the back of me arm, and not darin' to move from where I sat!

"'Sure,' says Mr. O'Grady,' 'and that's a pity. What can we be doin' for ye?' he says, gittin' down from his cart.

"There was me chanct and I took it. 'Mr. O'Grady,' I says, 'sure, it's troublin' ye too much I am, sor, but if ye could just be settin' down and talkin' to me soothin' a few minutes I'd be right ag'in in no time. It ain't wanct a year I git these spells, and thin only from eatin' pickled beets with horseradish on thim,' says I, knowin' they ain't no chanct for invalids on the polayce.

"'Och, it's mesilf will do that same,' says Mr. O'Grady, 'and little enough.'

"'Just a minute, sor, and axin' your pardon,' puts in Dennis. 'Patsy, Patsy,' says he, tinder as a woman, he divil snatch him!---'don't ye mind how Dr. Ryan says the wan thing ye're not to do whin ye're this way is to talk with annybody whativer?'

"'Ye lie, ye dirty blackguard!" I says, losin' hold of mesilf, but keepin' pasted to the tree. 'I niver went to Dr. Ryan in me life, and they ain't any such man annyways! Don't I know what——-' "''Patsy dear,' says Dinnis, like

"'Patsy dear,' says Dinnis, like it was hurtin' him, 'quiet yoursilf down! Och, come away, Mr. O'Grady, sor! It's killin' him we'll be after doin'. If ye'll be takin' me into your cart I'll be acceptin' your kind bid to go and legs. 'And if iver---' " 'Don't be ragin' at thim as is doin' their best for ye, Patsy dear,' he says, still lookin' sorrowful, 'for if it's much worse ye're gittin', I'll have to ask Mr. O'Grady to 'hilp me roll you on your stummick and pound your back like Dr. Ryan said!'

"'It's a wise man that knows



So hilp me Hiven, they wasu't a mark on me !'

home with ye where I can be settlin' the business the two of us come out for, with no trouble to me frind. It's what the doctor says is best for him—to be left quiet by himsilf.'

"'Now the black curse of Shielygh on ye, Dinnis O'Toole!' I yells at him, bein' beyond mesilf, though not movin' me back whin a fool has the best of him. I give up; besides, the two of thim was already movin' toward the cart. I comminced callin' Dinnis all the evil names that come to me—which was all they was—but I seen him touchin' his head with his finger and whin I shut me mouth to listen, he was sayin' to Mr. O'Grady, says he: 'Oh, no, sor, he don't mean nothin' by all that. 'Tis only the fit that's on him and they's no offinse to be took. Other times he's a davcent man, though----'

"And with that they climbed in and away they went, leavin' me blind and chokin' with me anger.

"I was so busy cursin' to mesilf that it was some minutes afore it come to me to look at thim blamed letters on me back. And thin, so help me, I was afraid to look! Sure I was that it was Dinnis himsilf put thim on me-it stood to reason no one would be wanderin' round the country with a can of orange paint waitin' for some Irishman to come along and go to sleep on his stummick so he could paint nefarious writin's on the innocent back of him! At the thought of thim I fell to swearin' ag'in prodigious, and was just goin' to draw up wan leg and read it whin I heard some wan singin'. A woman's voice, and a sweet wan, it was-and I begun pressin' me headlines to the ground closer than iver.

"Thin I seen her through the trees comin' down a bit of a lane into the road, and faith, few is the women I've laid me eyes on afore or since could equal that wan! Her hair was blacker than annything ilse ixcipt her eyes, and the red cheeks and lips of her would 'a' made the berries in hew pail look like they was snowballs.