Guelph Evening Mercury

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 22.

NORAH CUSHALEEN

HAUNTED CASTLE

CHAPTER L.-NIGHT.

'Quick, quick,' said his master. 'i can not bear to think of what we'are about to

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'Stop a little, masther,' whispered Dennis, going to a recess, and returning with a bottle and a cup. 'Take this drop o' potheen. It's not much I've got, but take it, it will do your heart good.'

The contents of the bottle almost filled the cupand the excited youth took it with out a wor and drained it at a draught.

'Now, the key of the room.'

Bedad, and I forgot that entirely,' uttered Dennis, taking a lugge rusty key from his bosom, and banding it to Malvrin, who instantly turned on his heel and left the apartment, taking his way along a passage which led to a stone stair at the base of the tower.

Dennis silently watched him till he dis appeared at the first winding, then returning he walked rapidly to and fro in the kitchen, wringing his hands and groaning deeply.

'And this is the beginning o' murder,' he murmured. 'Little and luth does the poor innocent colleen draine that it's to her death she's going, and not to a bright home to like with masther. Oh, but it's well for her, after all, for will she, not sing this night in glory; and that's a better place than even Blantire Castle, which is as beautiful as any in Ireland. If we could only kill her quiet and peace'al, and if she wouldn't scream for fear o' the death'that will never harm her, she'd be wid the Virgin, her and the babe in her arms, afore their purty bodies has time to settle on the green fleur of the say. Ochone'! I wish it would tall the same to ould Dennis: but 'I haven' the conscience to look for it; for its' murther I'll be aither, and sure the punish ment for that is more nor the prays being self-can tell. But hould Dennis, hould, and don't-think any more about what you were born for. It's for the good uv Mas ther Malvin and the honour o' the naine' o' Blantire, and for that sure it's my duty to do this night black work. Oh
musia, how the which rears round the

mother's pride and tenderness on the uppured face of her sleeping babe, she presented a picture which the greatest artist would have been eager to copy. Her's was a soft, fairy like beauty—not the bold queen like gracefulness of a lattered belle, but a sweet, captivating lovaliness of a pure, guileless being that would give all the powers of her nature up to love.

She heard the door open, but did not turn her gaze from the sleeping cherabon her kneet, thinking that the visitor must be her considerate attendant, Dennis Morgan.

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must be fer considerate attendant, Dennis Morgan.

What! no word of greeting, Norah? was spoken in a voice which mad ber bound from her seat, santching the child in her arms as she did so, and turn round with a countenance of eager, happy joy, 'Oh, Malvrin' you have come at last, she crief, running towards him and throwing her unoccupied arm round his neck, 'You have been so long,' she mirrantred, and I have wearied so much. Why have you been so long absent, dear Malvrin'. 'Business detained me,' he hastily replied. 'I have come as your as I was able.

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free conting, said the youth in a cree with agitation, 'I have o rand she is happy at the though-home with me. Of little do

when she comes, not a word will we dare speak at all, at all."

A last farewell, 'repeated Malvrin.—
What mean you?

'Unst finat I would like yer honour to say 'Good bye, Dennis, 'You have been a faithful servant to our house,' And maybe yer honour will think kindly on me sometimes when there's dancing in the hall o' Blantire Castle, and the family is in its pride again in the country."

'I don't understand you at all, Dennis, I hope you'll be there to share in the restored prosperity."

The old man shook his head. 'Arrah, then yer honour, you are too kind to think so; for this night ould Dennis-Morgan will find his last pillow at the bottom of the say!"

'You' 'exclaimed Malyrin, in amazement.

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ment.

'Whist,' whispered Dennis. 'Tm ould now, masther, and sure you can do without me. I've said more than once or twice that I would die for ye; and sure I will, for I might get into dotage, masther, and spake something about Norah Cushaleen and that might get you into trouble.'

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