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IN THE BYE-WAYS OF RURAL IRELAND.

By MICHAEL MACDONAGH, in the "NINETEENTH CENTURY."

It is sometimes said that the Irish character has been profoundly altered during the past half century. There is a dismal side as the past half century. There is a dismal side as the past half century. There is a dismal side as the past half century. There is a dismal side as the past half century. There is a dismal side as the past half century. There is a dismal side as the past half century. There is a dismal side as the past half century. There is a dismal side as the past half century. There is a dismal side as the past half century. There is a dismal side as the past half century. There is a dismal side as the past half century that the past half century that move and past half century that the past half century that move and the past half century that move and the past half century that the past half century that me past half century that the past half century that me past half century that the past half century that me past half century that the past that the past half century that the past that the

things in Ireland has undoubtedly altered—in some respects for the better, in other relations for the worse—yet, despite these changes, which the spread of education, the almost tuniversal reading of newspapers and periodicals, the penny post, the cheapness and facility of travelling, inevitably bring in their train; and despite, also, the increase in the influence of English opinions and English habits in Ireland, the Irish pleasant of to-day is in nature and itemperament, in thoughts, feelings, and aspirations—in every racial characteristic in fact.—fashioned in the same mould as his grandfather.

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TOADS AND BATS.—As a result of experiments with toads and bats, it has been demonstrated that a house, or even a community, can be rid of various troublesome insects, including flies and mosquitoes. These experiments were made by Professor Clinton F. Hodbe of Clark University, Worcester, Mass. Professor Hodge's first experiment was with the toad. "I constructed a small pen in my garden," he said, "and in it, in a pan of water, installed a male and female toad. To attract food for them I placed within the enclosure bits of meat and bone. The results were as satisfactory as they were unexpected. The toads spent most of the time sitting within reaching distance.

HORSES IN SOUTH AFRICA. —
There is one scourge in South Africa, and especially prevalent in the Transvaal, that seems so far to have evaded the skill of all the farmers and veterinary surgeons, says the English paper, "The Road." That is the South African horse sickness. In some of its symptoms, but most pronouncedly in the difficulty there seems to be in classifying and curing it, it is a complaint that is like the influenza fiend that periodically ravages this country and Europe. It begins with dreadful suddenness,
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During evening service at one of the largest places of worship at Edgbaston, Birmingham, a mouse was observed running down the aisle. The mouse finally turned into one of the seats, and the lady occupants sent up a shrill cry which drowned the voice of the clergyman, and caused the rest of the women-folk to mount the seats. The commotion ruffled the, temper of the clergyman, who had his exhortation thus abruptly stopped, and he made no attempt to conceal the indignation, but the lady worshippers were so completely upset that he was compelled to announce that the service was at an end.

"I want to be very careful," said Mr. Blykins; "very careful, indeed. I am now at a critical moment in my career." (What are you talking about?" asked his wife. "My hopes for the future. I have just been mentioned as a possible candidate for a prominent office." "Isn't that nice?" "No, it's not at all nice. It means long gloomy suspense. When a man is mentioned for office he's got to be careful. He may start right there and soar to fame. And then again he may get so busy with politics that don't pay that he forgets all about business, and the first thing you know they even neglect to put his name in the directory."

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"A kennel for dogs," exclaimed the Englishmen, thinking to have a joke with Paddy.

"I thought so," said the Irishwan. "as I saw so many puppies around it,"

Society Directory.

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