

us. But maybe he'd give in some day, after all, an' then it 'id be 'hey for America,' — an' I'd have my share o' the gold, or I'd know for what — bedad I would."

As the family were to start before daylight the following morning, their beds were all packed up; and though they had been solicited with genuine Irish warmth to bestow themselves for the night on various of the neighbors, yet they declined, thinking it useless to seek repose which must have been so very short. It was, however, arranged that the younger children should sleep in the next house, and accordingly they were sent early to bed, — not, however, before the priest had given his blessing to the whole family. About nine o'clock, Father Maloney took an affectionate leave of those whom, as he said, he was in all probability to meet no more on this side the grave, and it was observed, as he raised his hand over the head of each individual, and breathed an inward prayer, only perceptible by the motion of his lips, that his aged eyes, when he raised them to heaven, were dim with tears. When he turned to go away, he found that all present were kneeling in expectation of his blessing; and as he passed along he made the sign of the cross, invoking the divine benediction on these humble, faithful Christians — so sublime in the trusting earnestness of their devotion. He had almost reached the door when Andy Burke's second son, a boy of