### CARROLL O'DONOGHUE

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Authoress of "A Mother's Sacrifice," etc. CHAPTER XLIV.—CONTINUED

"Miss McCarthy—pardon me, Miss Sullivan—do not fear me; I intend you no harm. "Listen"—as she still cowered from him, retreating to the farthest corner of the apartment,—"I have come to save you, to rescue you from poverty, from shame. Be my wife—fly with me, Nora, and you shall have all that money can furnish! I have already riches, and I expect still

He paused for want of breath to continue. Sudden and almost supernatural courage seemed to animate the girl; ceasing to cower, she confronted him with an indignation before which it was his turn to

quail for a moment. "Cease, Mr. Carter, and no longer disgrace your manhood; if you are so lost to honor and feeling as to insult an unprotected woman, I have courage at least to defy you!" She had the poise of a queen, the courage of a lioness. "Become your wife!" she continued; "twice before you have made that insulting proffer, and twice you have received your answer. To save me! from what would you save me—my pov-erty?—it is honorable, and were it ten times as great, it would be far preferable to the fate of being your wife: shame?—I have none, sir, save the shame of being forced to endure your presence. Leave me!

She pointed to the door.
"Nora, hear me!" He approached her, attempting to seize her hand. She receded from him, maintaining

her fearless air.
"Stop!" she cried, in a tone that he was forced to obey. "Dare but to lay a finger upon me, and Heaven itself will interpose to check you!"

At that instant the door was flung

suddenly open, and Rick of the Hills entered. One rapid glance conveyed to him the meaning of the scene "Back!" he cried to Carter. scene "Back!" he cried to Carter, and his threatening brow and outstretched hand gave a fierce and determined meaning to his words.

'Faith, it's a pretty touchy pair ye are!" said Carter, endeavoring to hide his discomfiture under a with the best of intentions, and this is the way I'm received—turned out before I have time to state the object of my visit. Ugh!" and he wiped his face with a handkerchief whose crimson color was scarcely deeper than the countenance it

pressed.
"Why have you come?" demanded Rick, with no diminution of his stern and angry manner; "we were getting on well without you, and

we do not need you."

There was a hidden significance in his words which Carter too well understood.

"Oh, come, Mr. Sullivan," he said, in a conciliatory tone; it was the first time he had ever used so respectful a term to Rick, but it was evidently lost, upon the latter, for his lip curled, and his whole haggard face expressed his disdain of the speaker. "Let me explain myself," continued Carter, assuming his blandest air; "I have come with the honorable purpose of a gentleman to offer you both a life of independence and continued to the second of independence and comfort—it requires but one condition: that

Nora here will become my wife."

Nora sprung to Rick's side; for the first time since he had so sternly forbade her to touch him, her hands were upon him, clasping his arm. pierced the heart of the poor wretch—"do not let him longer insult me—send him hence, for I cannot bear this-indeed I cannot!

Her appearance attested the truth of her words; her suddenly acquired strength and courage had as suddenly gone, and her pallid face and trembling form told of the painful

reaction which had followed.

"You hear your answer," said Rick, "and I, too, bid you begone!"

But Carter made no motion to obey. He evidently did not believe in Rick's determination—he could not realize that New is fluence. not realize that Nora's influence, won through her nobler devotion, had superseded his own old, evil power over the unhappy creature,

and he waited with a brazen confidence of being still able to accomplish the object of his visit.

"Go to your own room," whispered Rick to Nora, "and leave me to deal with this man."

Too glad to obey, the excited girl flew to her little apartment, shutting and locking the door upon herself.

The two men confronted each other; Rick hissed, but in too low a tone to reach her who had just left

keep my word with you when Nora consents to become my wife."

"She will," was the angry, but ill cautiously-spoken reply, "if still cautiously-spoken reply, "if you will leave me to pursue my suit without your interference—in a word, if you will help me,"—and the little ferret-like eyes looked significantly into the wild flashing

shall not stain it. In everything else I have done your bidding, but in that I never shall!"

"And what of Cathleen?" said

bidding with regard to Nora! Carter's rage seemed beyond his control—his large form trembled, beautifully out of the difficulty." and his hands, according to their wonted habit, clutched convulsively. "What if I open up your secrets to the world?" he hissed; "what if I tear off the mask which you now

"I could not be more wretched than I am," was the reply; "I have tasted so much bitterness under my present mask that it will be a relief to tear it off. I grant you free license to pull it away, Morty Carter—to publish all that you know; but remember—for an know; but remember—for an instant Rick also forgetfully raised his voice,—"that I too hold secrets which the world shall have; you also wear a mask which it is in my power to tear off!"
Carter, in his baffled rage, bit his

lip till the blood came. "Rick," said he at last, when he had apparently conquered himself, "I have been, as I always am, too hasty with you; surely you will not play me false—you do not intend to desert me?"

do both.

Again Carter bit his lip. "You will not help me to press my suit?" he said bitterly. Rick shook his head.

"What has changed you, Rick? you worked in accord with all my plans until this—this one last stroke, which would bring me the

fulfillment of all my wishes, and you the possession of Cathleen."
"Would you know what has changed me, Carter?—Nora's goodness. I have looked at her some times wooden'ng if she were not times, wondering if she were not more an angel than a woman, and I have loathed myself for suffering her so near me!" He folded his arms, and with his old habit let his

head fall sadly upon his breast.
"Well, Rick, bear with it all till
Carroll O'Donoghue's trial is over; I shall not intrude my presence upon your home again; and heretake this money; I am in better condition to afford it than I was when you last asked me for it." He had taken his porte-monnaie out, and was proceeding to open it. "Put your purse back," said Rick, "we want none of your money; when I asked you for it, you drove us to poverty and now

you drove us to poverty, and now Nora earns for us."

Without a word, Carter put up his port-monnaie, gave one look toward the room into which Nora had retired, a sharper look at Rick, and strode toward the door; on the threshold he turned to say? "When you think better of this, Rick, you know where to find me." He hurried out, disappointment and rage choking him, and he loosened his crayat and flung his coat back, as if cravat and flung his coat back, as if

ravat and flung his coat back, as if he would thus give vent to his bitter and stifling emotions. "At least I can crush them," he muttiered, "and nothing shall stop me this time—I shall crush them!" He ground his teeth together and quickened his pace.

CHAPTER XLV.

A CRIMINATING PAPER

Carroll O'Donoghue had returned to his cell, weary and dispirited, on the first day of his trial; he was not buoyed up by the hope which to there entertained regarding him—he was scarcely even animated by it, for his mind was racked by wild conjectures about Nora; that she was ill was his first fear, and he tried to comfort himself by thinking that if it was very serious Clare would not have left her. But a strange misgiving tormented him—the he could not account for it, he could not account for it, he could not explain it—he only knew that a mysterious fear of some ill having he could not account for it, he could not explain it—he only knew that a mysterious fear of some ill having happened pressed upon him, and he passed the heavy hours in a dispiriting mood which he could neither banish nor lessen. In the evening of that day his cell door opened, and Morty Carter was admitted. The visit was like a ray from Heaven to the poor prisoner—the sight of one whom he deemed so true to his interests—and he sprung afforded scarcely sufficient light for his mate answered uneasily, "or light of one whom he deemed so true to his interests—and he sprung afforded scarcely sufficient light for his mate answered uneasily," or light of one whom he deemed so true to his interests—and he sprung afforded scarcely sufficient light for his mate answered uneasily, "or light of the little lamp afforded scarcely sufficient light for his mate answered uneasily," or light of the little lamp afforded scarcely sufficient light for his mate answered uneasily, "or light of the little lamp afforded scarcely sufficient light for his mate answered uneasily," or light of the could not for his interests—and he sprung afforded scarcely sufficient light for his mate answered uneasily, "or light of the could not for his interests—and he sprung afforded scarcely sufficient light for his mate answered uneasily," or light of the could not for his interests—and he provided?" tone to reach her who had just left them: "Do you believe me now, Morty Carter? I told you before you would never win her, but you scouted my words."

"You have thwarted me!" answered Carter, in as low a tone.
"Never! I have been your tool up to the present moment, sending my soul down to hell for your promised reward; but your purpose is to prove as treacherous to me as you have done to those it was your sworn duty to defend."

Carter replied doggedly: "I shall keep my word with you when Nora "I have been now, more dissipated to carroll, the prisoner's greeting apparently "I have them," said Carter, and he pulled pen, ink and paper from one of his breast pockets; "know ing what I skould gask of you, how could you think I would come unprovided?"

The feeble rays of the little lamp afforded scarcely sufficient light for Carroll to pen the burning words which sprung from his heart, but after sealed to Carroll, the latter's welcome at once dissipated them to his visitor.

The latter read them, pretending, when he had finished the perusal, to be too deeply affected to speak; the prisoner's greeting apparently with all the warmth of a sincere

"Never!" hissed Rick; "and what is more, I shall protect her from you; there is many a crime upon my soul, Morty Carter, but the sin of delivering into your hands so pure and noble a being as Nora shall not stain it. In everything else I have done your bidding, but in that I never shaft!"

"And what of Cathleen?" said Carter, in his anger slightly raising his voice.

"Not even for her shall I do your bidding with regard to Nora!"

"Never!" hissed Rick; "and sion there was a threat of one of the spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her spasms of pain which Carroll had before witnessed; "that faithened her what I have whole a direct lie, it entered into the deficit had before witnessed; "and, in order to give the whole a direct lie, it entered into acquire weight with others like had before witnessed; "and, in order to give the whole a direct lie, it entered into acquire weight with others like had before witnessed; "and in order to give the whole a direct lie, it entered into acquire weight with others like and you, my dear boy, were saved,

"And the brave fellows who were waiting without for me what of them?" asked Carroll. "They have been sentenced to

imprisonment and hard labor, but it is hoped that they will be par-

doned before the expiration of their time. Carroll's face fell. "Could I suffer entirely alone." he said sadly, "my pain would lose much of its sting; but when through me punishment is inflicted upon others, it is a double stab to my own heart, Morty!" His tone became sudden-ly eager: "You were in the courtroom today—tell me where was Nora? she did not accompany

Father Meagher and my sister. "I know not; my dear boy; you forget that I am banned by all save you—that my presence is shunned as an evil thing. I marked her absence, but I did not dare to

Carroll sadly; then, as if influenced by some sudden thought, he con-tinued: "But you can learn from desert me?"

"If playing you false, and deserting you, means saving her from your insulting presence"—he pointed to the room within which Nora had locked herself,—"then I intend to do both"

Carroll sadly; then, as if influenced by some sudden thought, he continued: "But you can learn from Tighe—you will do so, and you will let me know tomorrow—will you, Morty?" speaking with renewed

animation. "Certainly, my dear boy; but how if I am not admitted to your cell tomorrow-my visit tonight has cost me labor, and time, and inven-Father Meagher and your sister. by the anxiety which had made her You know, my poor fellow, that nights sleepless.

"Do you know, my dear boy,"
continued Carter, "that the strangest hopes are entertained of your had come forth at dawn to search case? it appears you have attracted the restless, glimmering waters of the sympathy and interest of some the Atlantic for a glimpse of adthe sympathy and interest of some of the highest officials. The fact of your having remained quiety in your cell, as it has appeared on your trial that you did, when every avenue to release was opened before you, has told wonderfully in your favor; and it is a current belief that your sentence will be comparatively light. In view of that "—he drew nearer to the pris-Carter's eyes opened to a wider stare than from their shrunken size they seemed able to do.

"It is true," continued Rick, "It stare than from their shrunken size they seemed able to do.

"It is true," continued Rick, replying to that look of angry surprise; "and were it in your power to offer me the wealth of Ireland's bank, Morty Carter, I would not touch a ha'penny of it."

Without a word, Carter put up his port-monnaie, gave one look

oner, and dropped his voice to sain more of a whisper,—"the boys are hopeful of your speedy ultimate escape—your escape in time to take an active part in the organization which is going rapidly forward in America. When that was proposed," Carter continued, "proposed as a plan which would insure your safety, and allow scope for along with they," Mrs. Trevean had insisted on returning to her own

be too deeply affected to speak; and he folded the paper and put it

get you some word of Nora tomorrow; so keep up your courage, and all will be well." He wrung the prisoner's hand, signaled for egress, and departed.

and departed.

Another day of the trial passed, having, however, no very marked result. A number of witnesses were questioned and cross-ques-tioned, and an amount of evidence tioned, and an amount of evidence elicited, but nothing to prove decisively, as the counsel for the crown labored hard to do, the identification of the prisoner with fresh treason since his escape from Australia. Again there was an adjournment of the case, and the people poured forth, Rick and Nors, as an approximation purpose. as on a previous occasion, hurrying to escape notice, and Father Meagand Clare hastening to take the car back to Dhrommacohol.

TO BE CONTINUED

## A REVERSION TO TYPE

"In numny dumny," muttered old Mrs. Trevean in exhausted endurance, as, almost with the break of dawn, she opened her cottage inquire the cause."

door and beheld the waves still raging in wildest fury not many

yards from her feet.
She did not know in the least why she used that special piece of gib-berish as an incantation to calm the now tomorrow—will you, sea, but it burst from her in speaking with renewed anguish fervor as, with her worn hands clasped, she strained her eyes to the horizon. There were other phrases also that came naturally to her in moments of stress like the present, available as charms, though tion—and if it was suspected by the actual syllables conveyed no authorities that I was friendly to meaning to her mind. But after meaning to her mind. your interests, your prison door would be closed to me as it is to this morning, gnawed agonizingly

You know, my poor fellow, that they are even more particular since the unfortunate failure of that attempt to escape—so particular, that even I, with all the influence I thought I could command, was unable to gain access to you from that time until tonight!"

Carroll bowed his head in bitter resignation.

Inghts sleepless.

The wind buffeted her and tossed wisps of gray hair across her wrinkled face and into her deep-set eyes, but she heeded it no more than did the granite built cottage in which she dwelt with her only son, a fisherman, whose boat was one of those "missing" from the little feet which had struggled in the feet which had struggled in the

cravat and flung his coat back, as if he would thus give vent to his bitter and stifling emotions. "At Carter continued, "I hurled the bitter and stifling emotions. "At infamous slander in his teeth; for I to wrestle with the wind anew, and

descending the steep slope, the men exchanged foreboding remarks be-tween themselves before Mrs. Tre-

ask if us have sighted the craft,' his mate answered uneasily, "o

Joe grimly. "The best huer what ever watched won't never sight Don Trevean nor his mates no more."

"Then what'll us say to her?"

Joe asked beneath his breath, for

tightly and passed on without more words, and the men, in somewhat sheepish fashion, trod in her wake. She be half mazed, wisht, I take it," Joe muttered, "and it bain't of much use fetching passion. She never set much store by him, I

"No; her was allus a strange 'un," his comrade agreed; "fair bound up in Don. Passon won't be no good, 'cept for the funeral. But I dunno 'bout the bodies,' and he appeared to ruminate on the possi-bility of the rite minus the usual ment of corpse.

But his fears proved groundless, for, though Mrs. Trevean and the other womenfolk who had lost their men in the wreck had some hours wait, the ocean graciously at length gave up its prey—battered and mauled somewhat it is true, as mouse or bird by cat, still easily recognizable by the eyes of mother or wife. Yet Mrs. Trevean had her treasure but for a few hours, since in such cases of drowning it was customary for the burial to take place almost immediately after the

recovery of the bodies. It was not till the sad procession of fisherfolk, to the rear of which even old men and women had even old men and women had hobbled broke up, lea ing its core of mourners in the churchyard, that Mrs. Trevean saw her chance of attaining that for which her desolated soul longed. Solitude was her consuming desire, and, avoiding the groups which had formed to discuss the disaster in subdued among those lingering among the slate tombstones, unable to leave their dead. A few kind-hearted neighbors tried to persuade her to stay in the cove, but she repulsed them almost roughly and escaped, speeding on her way as if hunted as indeed she was-by "that keen

archer, Sorrow."
"Passon be annoyed as Dame Trevean be gone," one woman confided to another, later. "He be by way speakin' separate to all the mourners, and he were axing for she.

"Her didn't care naught for church no more'n for chapel," her companion answered. "Meself, I allus goes to chapel in the mornin' an' church in the evenin', not to hurt

Passon's feelin's."
But Mrs. Trevean was past considering the Parson's feelings, and, hurrying through the misty Cornish rain, looked to those who traced her as long as might be for the growing darkness, like a lost spirit set amid the scenery of Dante's 'Inferno.

'She come of a hardy race," Joe remarked to a fellow fishermen, but she be foundered as deep in her sorrow as they lost boats," and the two men nodded in unavailing sympathy for the widow who had lost her only son.

It was not till the cove was hidden in the distance and Mrs. Trevean knew herself alone that she way to her grief, and that the deso late cliff became a place of lamenta tion. Here there was no witness of knew that the sinister swirlings of the sea far below called her more than once to make an end. But saved by a deep if hidden spirituality in her nature, she rose when well-nigh exhausted, and fought her way wearily against the raging

wind to the cottage.

It was dark and cheerless, and she had no intention of kindling light on fire. She would spend the night in her Don's bedroom, amid his belongings. She would not be troubled with visitors, and, even if they came, preferring to agonize alone, she would not unbolt her door.

Now, it was precisely on this mos tragic of evenings that I, John Newnham, priest, blundered clums-ily wet and hungry, into Mrs. Trevean's cottage. Electing to

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his mate answered uneasily, "or maybe to beg a peep through Pete Bryher's telescope."

"It 'ud need a telescope a pretty piece longer than Pete's to see aught of they boats again," said Joe grimly. "The best huer what Joe grimly. "The ver sight Don" the delicate lining of the stomach. To stop or prevent this souring of the food contents of the stomach and to neutralize the acid, and make it bland and harmless, a teaspoontul of Bisurated Magnesia, a good and effective corrector of acid stomach, should be taken in a quarter of a glass of hot or cold water after eating quarter of a glass of hot or cold water af or whenever gas, sourness or acidity is felt. This sweetens the stomach and neutralizes the acidity in a few moments and is a perfectly harmless and

with all the warmth of a sincere affection.

"I felt you would come, Morty," said the young man, "and I looked for you every day since the night of of my unfortunate attempt to escape."

"Yes," answered Carter; and he pretended to gasp, as if in the very thought of his failure on that occa-

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