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ahead of Mac' to speak to his gigantic

"Hello, Donnybrook! where did you come from?" said the genial contractor, as he quickly recognized that never-tobe-forgotten face.

"Shtraight from the police station, sir. They had me up for shtealin' a tin dollar bill. What d'ye th'nk of it?" and the little Tipperary terr er had no other expectation written on his face than that his big friend would rise at once to his own ingenuous appreciation of the absurdity of the idea. And he

Magillighan coming up at the moment gave what was certainly a less circuitous, if not quite so picturesque, an account of the incident as Micky would have given.

"Funny thing, Donnybrook, I was speaking about you the other day. I want you again, my boy, if you want a good job. What do you say?"

"Well, sorr, I was thinkin' o' doin' a bit o' homesteadin'---"

"Ah Chucks! You come with me, Doolin, and we'll find you something better than homesteading. Here! this man is waiting for me and I can't talk to you here. Come up to my office in that big new building there at 4 o'clock this afternoon and give that card to the first chap you see. Tell him you've got to see me."

In the end, Micky was appointed to one of the most responsible positions in the stores and equipment department of the great railway contractor, a post that might be filled by any man of "average" intelligence but in which absolute fidelity to the most trifling detail was of the first importance and was recognized accordingly in the matter of remuneration.

The physical proportions of Michael Doolin when be came out of that office were probably no greater than when he entered it, but mentally he was a king among men and held the wnole world at his mercy.

It was needful that on the following a wife.

evening, Michael should wait upon the 'grr-ate man" at his suburban home to receive final instructions before leaving the city to enter upon his new sphere in North West Alberta. At the moment he arrived at the address given, a rig drew up, and from it there was carefully deposited on the sidewalk a handsome trunk and a young woman, belonging to it, consigned to the same address as Michael sought.

As in the twilight he held the gate open to admit the young lady, what were his emotions when he found that she was no other than the blue eyed Scotch lassie who had so recently been

called upon to testify against him!

The "Divinity that shapes our ends" had brought them together again, and by common consent, yet without one spoken word, they read their fate in that strange meeting.

The lady of the "grr-ate man" wanted a handmaid at the same moment her lord required a henchman into whose hands he could trust his life. Mary had just arrived to take up her position in the household and Michael had come to receive his marching orders for the part he was about to take in the building of the great Transcontinental.

Fortune again was kind to them that

evening. It chanced that Micky had to wait a long time until his chief was at liberty to see him, and that interval of waiting was not lost by either party. At parting, Mary offered no objections to receiving a picture post card from Michael now and again, but the day came, and very quickly, when the hearts of this happy pair could no longer be held within the limits of picture post cards.

At the moment of writing, the "grr-ate man" had seen no reason to call in question the conduct of his Irish lieutenant, but long ago his lady had to find a new Abigail—much to her regret, for Mary Mackenzie had been "a gem of a servant"; no less, however, than Michael Doolin continues to find her a jewel of

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Like the Great Mississippi Bubble, it Ended by Bursting.

By Lloyd Osbourne.



it what he called ironclad. When it was typewritten it covered nine pages, and was so excessively ironelad that nobody could understand it but Harry. He said it undoubtedly covered the ground, however, and would be worth all the trouble it cost him in the friction it would save afterwards. You'd hardly know Harry as the same boy that played Yale full-back, he's grown so cynical and suspicious, and he's got that lawyer way of looking at you now as though vou were a liar and he was just about to pounce on you with the truth. I thought he might have brought Nelly and himself into the agreement under one head, considering he was engaged to her, and that they were only waiting to save a thousand dollars in order to get married; but he couldn't see it that way at all, and spoke about people changing their minds, and how in law you must be prepared for every contingency (especially if it were disagreeable and unexpected), and put supposititious

cases till Nelly broke down and cried. They had got five hundred toward the thousand when they were both taken with automobile fever-and taken bad. And then they decided that, though marriage was all right, they were still pretty young, and the bubble had the Harry had been secretly first call. taking the Horseless Age for three months, and as for Nelly-anybody with a four-cylinder tonneau could have torn her from her happy home.

SUPPOSE it was a fool | a bubble! It's an infatuation like any arrangement, but any- other, only worse, and I guess I was no way we did it; and better than Nelly myself, for I used to Harry Prentiss, who ride regularly with Lewis Wentz-and is learning how to be a corporation lawyer, he only had a wheezy old steam carriage and has specialized anyway, and sometimes blue flames on contracts, spent a would leap up all around you till you whole week making felt like a Christian martyr, and his boiler was always burning out when he'd try to hold my hand instead of watching the gauge! You paid in every kind of way for riding with Lewis Wentz, and people talked about you besides—but I always went just the same. Oh, I know I ought to be ashamed to admit it, and I said to myself every time should be the last, yet he only had to double-toot at the front door for me to drop everything and run. This naturally made him awfully forward and troublesome, not to speak of complicating me with Pa, who didn't approve of him the least bit, and who used to regale me with little talks beginning; "I would rather see you lying dead in your coffin," and winding up with, "Now, won't you promise your poor old dad," till I was all broken up. But, as I said before, Lewis Wentz had only to toot for me to forget my old dad and the coffin and everything.

With only five hundred dollars to go on, Harry and Nelly, of course, had to look about for more capital; and that was why they chose me to go in with them. I didn't have any capital except a rich father but I suppose they thought that was the same thing. People are so apt to, though I never found it the same thing at all. Then, too, Nelly and I were bosom friends, and they naturally wanted to give me the first chance. Their original plan had been to have the bubble held in four equal shares, Not taking in Morty Truslow as the fourth. that she didn't love Harry tremendously. I think there was a little scheme in that, She was crazy about him, but crazier for too, for Morty and I hadn't spoken for

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