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THE PRIEST-HUNTER.

AN IRISH TALE OF THE PENAL TIMES.

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At about half a league's distance from the point of Kilglass, the main road ceased and a rocky bareen succeeded, which, for some distance, was, in winter, the bed of a torrent.

mount here, said Sir John, addressing the cap-Dixon, can keep the saddle, till we meet more obstruction than those stone disches."

and, each leading his horse, advanced slowly along the borcen, according to orders.

" Now, sirrah,' exclaimed the baronet to the your petil, by the shortest direction to the for heing at mass." ្សាលាវេះ<sup>ទំ</sup>

" But, your honor, said the frightened peasnot, "I toute you afore I don't know those parts | shows on the shortest way !" well at all.

" We'll make you know them, rased, with a touch of the steel-Aviner, your glass for a nanter.

"No. Sir Join, replied Aylmer, reaching over me glass. The wind had usen considerably; and the clouds and vapor from the ocean had thickened and extended, and now hung, like a dense cartain, between earth and sky, shutting cant falls. But, what between having a way- tide is up to the horses' hoofs inreddy, and what out all objects to seaward, except that they were occasionally swayed to and fro' by the wind, like the waving of drapery, when a momentary glimpse him to search for gaps whenever he met a tence, of the sea beyond might be caught for a short

After looking intently for a moment or two, Sir John reached back the glass to the captain, exclaiming eagerly, " Yes, she's there still and we're all right. I see what I conceive to be ner | goons came up to the beach, " order your felmast above the hilly point. Now, rascal, can lows to mount. we reach Kilglass without doubling round that

cursed strand-ch? " Mysel knows nothing, at all at all, about the to kill me out and out, barrin to take the road | instant ...

afore our eyes round the nomt. The speaker, a tall young man, was standing clouds—they are growing as black as ink. But had been apparently ditching, and looking over Hallo, sirrali, (to the guide) lead the way andthe hedge at the party, though he had not been hark you. Ayimer, are your fellows arms in good water—and the fasther yer honor gets over that remounted in their drenched habiliments, to ride bud," and the prior inspirer of his muse. Ellen perceived before by Sir John or his comrades, in | condition?" their eagerness to observe the appearances about

the point. " Ha! then you I presume, know those inlets of the hedge over which the speaker's head ap-

As well as I know my right hand, yer ho-

"Then you're our man--can we reach the

point beyond without rounding this strand.

"The point o' Kilglass yer honor."

"The same."

" Why there is a place the strand can be crossonly in very dary weather, like this, it could be crossed at all.

without quitting our horses, surah-eh?

" Foix, yer henor, by takin' a few bould leps, an' twobling an odd wall, ye'll aisy enough get peoples' wives and sweethearts." to the sthrand, and the place I know, a whole religiment of horse could cross it together. But what am I to get, yer honor, for binigm' ye across an laving my work?"

"Your reward shall be a bullet through the ing questions. So out, and forward at once."

affected to be, terrified for an instant. The next, however, he jumped across the hedge, and, | leaders three atreast. calling on his comrade, a younger and slighter John and his three companions.

a willing and a fearless rascal, you shall have Heated by the previous exercise, and goaded by five guineas if you pilot us smoothly and quickly.'

horses still and clear away, as rapidly as possible, major, unprepared for the violent motion, though few yards, than where the dragoons had attemptany obstacle that might intervene between them a good horseman, was speedily pitched from the ed to cross. and the point of the strand towards which Sir saddle amid the jeers of the rear file of his com-John and the captain with their two companions, rades, who perceived his disaster. Fortunately, ing, and the water rising, he checked the geld-

should precede them.

to Shemus-" Aint he like the lad as was shot last Hautunin coming hout of the mass-place?' again closely regarded the person of the guide.

"Weel,' rejoined Frazer, whose eye had taken the same direction, "I winna say ye're a' thegither wrong. Certes the lad has an unco clous stripling; his pistols were borne away in before. hkeness to you chief, who met wi' the accident the bolster. But Tony did not look like one "Villain! I'll have you transported for this were overtaken by their comcade with natething the mass-place. But, gir it's the same, mon, who would be fool enough to wait quietly for a treachery, exclaimed the curate, in a tone shrilgence confirming the account given by the men. be maun ha? thruv weel sine, as you's a strappin? cummer noo.

"Ton my sowl,' said Ton Murphy, Frazer's comrade, "I don't doubt at all but yoursel' and less boy, " Aylmer, I think your fellows had better dis- Sandy's in the right box, serjeant, though ov it's humorli that's in it and no other, he must surely tain; "yourself and myself, with Borke and have the luck ov a thousand to get over his shattered leg so well. I helped to carry him, an' if it's binself a fine patient he was, without a dhrews and Harry Gorman, God rest his soul." The men demounted at the word of command, grint or a great, nor magon skin (that's no joke) on' maybe he's not grown a sthrappin' fellow since. I hope be won't give us the slip an' / Yony was already on his way towards the curace, lave us in the brea - i wondker does thir John who was just approaching the strand, somewhat weenching the whip from the slight hand that had turn, again saluted the ears of the case newforced guide, " lead as on and briskly, and, at or the captain know he was shot, wan Sunday, mearer its termination than where they had been

John or the captain care wer appeared him, if he stream into which the tide was flowing, and on make impelled by the blow, saids a plunge that the released boatmen, who were more communication

whether she was papisheal, prolatical or cover | ing it.

moment; have you perceived anything in the Sir John and Aylmer dashed guitantly over as the curate came up to man. "I was warming the obstructing wails and hedges. Charley, too, for you; and we can cross here, without going was truly on a firm bottom till be made, so discistous to the curate and his party, the with his will be cause. What bootsom smoother head in by the aid of a golding, that pushed numself as high as the throopers.' through the stone fences, or clambered, cathke, ! over the earthen ones, kept nearly parallel with them, with the trilling mishap of a few insignificatives harder; and yer reverence might see the ward animal that shied at every little obstacle, and it be, when we's be as far as them? and his own had horsemanship, which obliged and even to dismount when he found none, the aware that the tide must be driving in more racurate was considerably behind when his compamions reached the strand; even the dismounted west, and he could hear the turbulent and on-jextmented himself from the waves and shane,

dragoons were there some inmutes before him. "Now, Aylmer,' said Sw John, as the dra- screams of the sea fowl."

"The curate is not near as yet," observed Aylmer.

The glass was again handed to him; but after "The omadhawn is tellin the thruth to your applying it to his eye for a moment, the baronet honor; what ud the like or him know about the flung it back, exclaiming "there is no use in shore ? said a voice from behind a near hedge, trying to see anything through those cursed who was still in advance. with his arms resting on a spade with which he she can't have stirred since we saw her before.

> "They have been just examined, Sir John, and are in prime order.

"Then let a bullet be sent through that fel--eh,' said Sir John, dashing up to the point low, or let him be cloven to the chin, if you perceive the shadow of anything suspicious about his movements; you hear what I say; now on, sicrah.'

" My ears are wide awake, yer honor; and I suppose you wish me to bring you to that smug- | down !' roared the baronet. glin vessel behind the point.

" Never mind your suppositions, for fear your ears should be shortened, but lead on.2

" Why I only mictioned it, yer hanor, bekase, ed aisity, the' the bottom is only mud everywhere it that's what you wanted, after crossing the else; but it's not many knows that place, and it's sthrand. I could take ye a shorter cut than goin' round by the shore; and sure enough, it's glad "And can we reach the strand, and cross it, banish the impident vagabones, that there's no leaped from his horse and, with cloak, sword and the impress of truth in their information. living with since they kem to the point with their denking and impidence, and halling about poor

"No more words, but sush on."

Shemus now, advancing some gards seaward, strode boldly out on the strand, after having hearty curses on the treacherous guide, the word, takes to before we reach the town. Should be first floog a rapid but searching glance at the position of those who were to follow bim. He body, or to be shortened of your head by a was steady succeeded by Sir John and the capsword-out, if you waste any more time in ask- tain. The girth of Rorke's horse had been the men having been forced to dismount to light- true intelligence, they shall be set free with a burst in his previous unwonted exertious, and Shemus Fodha, for he it was, either was, or Tony was busily assisting him in arranging it, while the re-mounted dragoons followed their

man-in fact, no other than our acquaintance, after whispering a few words with the guager, rades returning. He escaped reprimand, how-Tony Grehan, to fling by his spade and follow across his horse's neck, which had an effect the ever, as Sir John and Captain Aylmer were the said the gauger, who sometimes could not rebim, he pushed boldly forward alongside Sir reverse of accelerating his arrangements, thrust last to return, having paused more than once, to press his jests, however ill-timed; "or may be barrin' the shipwrack and the storm, settle it a large bunch of furze, which he had picked up ; try to catch the reappearance of Shemus. "Now, then,' said Sir John, " as I see you're for the purpose, under the tail of the chesnut .the punctures of the furze, the animal lashed spot where, though remoter from the sea, he however, his fall was on the soft heath, and, re- ing and, upbraiding his guide, said he would re-

visides, addressing Donald Frazer, and pointing applying the farze, the horse took flight, gallop- tom as hard as the road; and he struggled on till ping along the sward by the edge of the strand, he reached the edge of the channel. as Tony stood between him and the other horses, continued the troop-serjeant-major, after having which he would otherwise, of course, have in- and you're over id all, said Tony. structively followed.

> cided whether he would not cut down the anda- the slime, plunged sideways, sinking deeper than their way, chilled and dispicited. They had native goodness of heart and manliness would found himself in this predicament. not permit him to cut at an marmed and defence- Tony looked to the horsemen and, perceiving "The Swallow" had sailed some hours previ-

> don't be ma harry ketchin han aither. That's as he suddenly cut the gaths, "Whew! yer resoluberty, with the grathety of a gamea to each, the best gallop for you he took this month; an' verence wouldn't be so wicked intirely to a poor and the party congressed then route at the facthe was med take it for the sake of Bessy An- boy for the value or a fittle dockin', that'll only lest pace the juded newses could exert.

Heavisides started on hearing the names, and ! was about to question the speaker further. But [ standing; and the serjeant-major went to pousait " My eyes, Tim, speak low. Wot does Sir of his horse, which had been stopped by a small lily on the flank. The effect was that the ant- had not proceeded for when they came up with the edge of which he now stood sustering a brought dagain to the water's edge, while, the cative to them than tory had been to Sir John, " Nac mair nor wad I win mixed the jointh, scenty mouthful of the thin herbage border-

"Yer reverence is jist in time," said Tony. Sir John and Aylmer dashed gallantly over as the curate come up to him. "I was waithen, ed to clear the channel, after which his path. On reaching the strand, too, which had been

"But is it safe "

" Safer in very dhry wanther like this, bekase

consequence of the dense mist curtain, was rently full of strength and endarance.

treacherous guide on the strand.

The strand, when Sir John and the party first | tered lamentations for his horse, entered on it, was perfectly hard; but, before sweep by them in longer reaching waves,

little sthrame in the cinther'-pointing to the its contents would reach the runaway. narrow mid-channel, in which there was always now the betther.

Shemus sprung forward bimself; the spurs the horses' breasts.

"Thin it's time for me to take lave o' yer honor,' said Shemus; and, with the words, he dived into the channel, with his head to the sea. him, or takes him alive, shouted the baronet.

A dozen shots passed behind, before, and around the driver, but without harming him; and boots, plunged into the channel. But, after swinging a few yards, he was fain to flourder of your fellows,' said Sir John, and let your

back to his horse. The water was now eising fast; and, after the leaders had given vent to their rage in some en and assist the struggling animals.

Heavisides was pulling in the rear when Tony, but a few yards when he met his builled com- still, if it cost me a thousand pounds.

But where was the curate? With him it fared the worst of all; for Tony led him to a

When Dixon first began to find his horse sinkwith Sir John and the captain, afore,' said Hea- put foot in stirrup once more when, Tony again after a few yards more, he would find the bot- one.

"Now, give a bould plunge, yer reverence,

sword cut; and to do the serjeant justice, his ler than that of the winds or sea birds, when he There was no vessel visible from the point, he

they had more than enough on their hands, for a Jousty. " Folly, yer horse, serieant,' said Tony, " and ) few minutes, in extricating the asselves, exclaiment, timper ver bittlar blood.

the deceifful faunter with the whip he carried, glosmy twitight was succeeding, when the efficiency But Yony, receiving the blow on his arm, and tering of the horses, sweeping by on then restimpted to strike, with one hand perked the pants; and after the delay of a few mesons beteles, and, with the other, struck the horse heav- ther, they set out featiessly for the poet. They saddle sweeving. Dixon was doog into the water, informing them that "The Swottow" tay in the Another well applied blow-serive and practised shelter of a precipitous island, not not a league hands to the reas, and the asset was constraint from Kilglass. with his agile leader, the opposite beach. What boatmen speedly obtained another boat, in because of bias after, though streamous exertions which, together with their own, the congrunts were made for in recovery, we have not been were stowed. able to ascertain, whether he became mixed up with the mountain pomes, or whether he was hanself seated in the boat, " this is a quare time draughted to the Continent, a., though inactive, of life for my ould hones to be gold on the sat. Dixon, though he could not see the water. in purhaps, from sufference, his frame was appa-

pidly than usual, as the gale was from the south | forth more than one cry for assistance, Dixon | sub-'" ceasing dash of the waters, mingling with the and managed to reach bis companions, who, amid claimed the pedlar; " take the world like my, all the annoyance they felt for their own mishap, "Then lead on,' he said, as he followed his could not forbear laughing at his bedraggled appearance and wee-begone countenance, as he ut-

Heavisides now rode down to the point of the "No matter. We can't lose time, and he the baronet and the front men had reached the beach, whence the curate had entered on the say or the strand here, yer honor, if you were can follow as. Aylmer your glass again for an middle, the horses were sinking at each step strand, and fired both his pistols at Tony, who half way to the knee, and the tide beginning to was, however, beyond their range, and fleeing followed, at a short interval, by Tony, for netwith the swiftness of some animal of chase, driv- ther had moved far from the strand. They "How is this, ruffian; I thought you said ing the horse before him at rall speed. The were, of course, speedily taken in, and the party, twas hard?' exclaimed Sir John to the guide, gauger, too, for appearance sake, discharged his after some tugging against wind and time, reachblunderbuss in the same direction, but with such cd the vessel, where they were welcomely re-"So it is, ver honor, after you wanst pass the a level, that there was little danger that any of ceived.

Sir John was directing the dragoons, who had round the point at full gallop, when the voice of Lynch. The latter he saluted in a Latin quo-Shemus Eadha was heard distinctly above the tation; the former with one from hunself, and a were dug into the horses' sides, and by powerful dashing of the waves and the shricking of the exertions, the animals in front plunged on to the sea-birds, from the opposite side of the inlet, edge of the current where, however, they were though his person could not be distinguished the vessel, despite Frank's advice, and Ellen's sunk almost to the fetlocks. The wind, too, through the mist, 'You're done every way, Sir was continuing to rise, and the waters reached John, he shouted, the vessel's sailed this three more either to his quarters or to Flolliot's hours, and ye may go home and dluy yersels at Grove; instead of which he penned a note to "Shoot the treacherous russian - cut him | yer leisure. Where is Shawn now?

The baronet was pausing, half incredulous and half fearing that the words might be true, when a boat reached the beach a few yards to seaward of the party. It contained two persants, who had "A hundred gumess to the man that shoots been drawn from their cabins, at the mouth of the inlet, by the shouts and other noises, and who, on being questioned, confirmed the state- fortable for some time past; to add to which he ment, that the vessel had solled from the point of was constrained to witness and hear of prowe'd be bereabouts if yer bonor was going to one of the troopers more eager than prodent, Kilglass some hours previously; and there was eccelings of his father's, from which his soul re-

"Aylance, give those men in charge to some best norseman role at his festert speed to the ry was still dear to the surrounding district, had, point. He shall have five gains as and full indensety, should be done no the torse, if he overwas given to turn the borses' heads, and, by find that those cascals have descived us, they great exertions, and with no little difficulty the | shall swing, by the bones of Black Dick, from party regained the beach they had left, some of the first tree we shall reach. If they have given well-earned curses of misery. largess, and a messenger must be despatched, at he found that Arthur did not enumerate her de-Charler Borke was sitting quictly on horse- life and death speech, to Galway, with orders parture for the Continent as among his reasons back at the edge of the strand; and Heavisides, that a vessel shall forthwith sail in pursuit of for quitting his native country. after having regained the saddle, had advanced i The Swallow.' I'll have the smuggling dogs

"Heavisides is your man for speed, Sir John," Mr. Dixon would like a ride; it would help to purty enough, too, by making yourself the Godcirculate his blood after the dip.'

"This is no time, nor am I in a mood for ribald jests, sir,' said the baron sternly; 'you

the strand.'

The horseman instantly set off for the point, at a pace that promised a speedy return; and, it being arranged that, on reaching the road, the curate was to be accommodated with the saddle-The curate applied the spurs, but the animal, seat on one of the horses, winter its owner was For an instant Heavisides stood, as if under shying at the water and dragging its limbs from to ride behind him, the party began to recease not made a league from the shore, when they said, and he learned from more than one that

The peasants were now, accordingly, set at

The wind was still high; the sun had gone The curate, utterty caraged, made a cut at down beyond the dark misses of a tond, and a

" Mindher,' exclaimed Ned, when he found that never felt a smell of the sail warfar netwer; an' maybe, to meet with storm and supwrack as With much difficulty, and after having sent the pious Encas dol. As the poet has it, Alare

"No Latin, and no grambling, New? ex-

Come heat, come cold, come sun, come suow, Let it be calm or breezes blow :

Be waters smooth, or let them obuster. Jack M Connainey ne er can flaster; For he's the boy prepared to meet

The rough or smooth, the sour or sweet There had been but a few strokes of the oar given, when Fergus came rushing to the bouch.

On board, Ned found, to his gratification, hesides his old pupil Frank, his "blooming rosedisparaging allusion to Dan Heragitty. Artimic Pfolliot was on board too, for, having reached entreaties, he refused point blank to return any his colonel containing his resignation, and forwarded it to his servant Denis Grehau, ordering that official to enclose in it forthwith the commission, which Heavisides would find for him in the private drawer of his dressing glass.

The evil reputation of his father and uncle in the country had, he stated, rendered him uncomcoiled; and he but a repugnance to make use of the (he feared) ill-gotten wealth at Froitist's Grace. His affectionate mother, whose memohowever, saved and left him two thousand pounds; and with the a-sistance of this he would, he said, carre out his fortune in another country, where he would be removed from witnessing the scowls of hatred, and hearing the

Frank flung an arch glance at his cousin, when

"Well, Ned, my friend," said Arthur, "I think we can found a colony ourselves like your old acquaintance the pious ZEneas.'

" Faix and so we could, masther Arthur, and, dess' son, and Miss Ellen, Queen Lavinia.'

Arthur laughed, and Ellen looked confused. The wind had shifted a little: the canvass was The troopers were directed to lead their and plunged furrously, so that the troop-serjeant- knew the channel was softer and deeper, for a have managed to keep your skin dry, at all again unfurted to it, and the gallant little vessel was preparing to start once more, like a racer "Yes, Sir John; good people are scarce, and on her course, when a boat approached with a sweet-voiced bird whispered me not to go on lusty strokes. In it, was Father Davy, who had learned, that morning, that the vessel was Had the baronet known to what bird Charley to sail in the course of the day, but had been de-"Well, I'm sure I saw that ere feller wot's covering himself speedily, he was preparing to turn at once. They, however, assured him that, alluded, his jest might have been made a serious tained so late by the distance of his place of asylum from the point, and the delay occasioned