

THURSDAY EVEN'G. MAY 21, 1888.

### Larry Geoghegan;

A DRIVE with a DUBLIN CARMAN.

But 'twas all a delusion, and the vision was indeed a 'fatal vision' to poor Dinny. He reached out after the delirious bottle, and overbalanced the boat, and down he went to the bottom like a dead attorney, that the Father of Evil dreams to keep him from being hanged. One of the boatmen that saw him go down swore that when he rose to the surface, instead of making an effort to strike out from him had seen, 'twas poor Father put up his forefinger before him, as if he was calling to the bottle to come to him, and died with a wink on his eye, as much as to say: 'You darling, I love you well! And they say that if one goes by the shore of the lake alone after sunset, or crosses to the island, the Father is still there, winking with his eye, and beckoning with his hand, and saying: 'A cushion, come 'ether, come—' you darling cruisiken laus.' That was the end of my friend and colleague Dinny Fox, or, as he called himself when he got a full parish priest, the Reverend Dionysius O'Fox. It was the first and last time the harp was meddled with whiskey with water, for he preferred it most times neat; and he was fond of proving that alcohol and water had no natural or chemical affinity. Sonar and himon acted as solvents as difficultly; they were like the ring in marriage, which made different qualities combine and coalesce; but he held that the union was never a perfect and lasting one. When most perfect, he maintained that the water drew out the spirit, which was a thousand pities. He always wished the drowning to be the other way—that the spirit should drown the water. But here we are at the College gates, your honour, which I know so well, and my story's done, and a good one it is, Larry; I wouldn't have missed hearing anything so entertaining and so full of warning for much. Wait here till I return; and first of all, ring the porters' bell.

When I issued from the church porch I found Larry waiting for me, but his flushed face and imperfect enunciation led me to believe that he had been 'trying the carman' during my absence. I challenged him thereon.

'I am afraid, Larry, you have been indulging in Father Fox's weakness while I was going over the College gates.'

'Och, your honour, sure I've been doing no harrum—only worshipping the top of my rod here, the very rod that Dinny used for his devotion many a long year.'

And he plucked his hand in the well of the car, and brought out a walking staff to me, which had neatly inserted inside its stem a tin tube, about the calibre of a rifle barrel, and from which he drew a cork, closing a-top with a tin jammed cover, like the lid of a snuff-box. It smelled like a whiskey cask—a blending of two odours, an old ingrained and musty one, like the smell of an old smoking pipe, and a quite fresh perfume from Larry's new libation.

'Is this the very tube that Father Dinny sucked perdition out of?' asked we; 'surely his fate should be a warning.'

'The very one, your honour. When he died, as they knew we were heart friends, buzzon brothers, they told me I might choose what I liked of the poor fellow's personal goods for a keepsake; so I chose the staff that had so often proved a comfort and a support to us both. The wand of the magician and the rod of Moses never wrought such wonders as this; for, fair, it's a handkercher that wipes the wet eye, and a plaster that makes the broken heart whole.'

'I hope your use of it will never cause you sorrow, and bring it, I said, 'like fire, whiskey may be a good servant, but it's a bad master.'

'Och, your honour, sure it'll never master me. I seldom take as much as a thimbleful; and when I do it always does me good. I'm as sober as a judge this blessed mornin' (hiccup); and you'll see in what style I'll drive your honor into Dublin.'

'What place is that opposite?' asked we—an obelisk of respectable dimensions, standing on a series of double arches resembling a triumphal arch, and forming a conspicuous object in the scene.

'That's Grange William (hiccup)—built by the good Lady Conolly in the hard summer.'

'When was that, and how was that summer hard?'

'Fair, 'tis meself doesn't know whether it was wet or dry; but I suppose it was before I was born;'

After this the conversation with our spoilt priest of a Jehu became painful from his inebriation. Mr. Larry began to drive at random, now lashing away at a great rate, and then suddenly pulling up the horse, almost to upset the car. A sample of the disconnected talk must close our communication, already extended beyond due limits.

'He's a fine horse, your honour. I've often driv him sixty miles a day (hiccup), and he nivr said a word agin it. But he's not what he was (hiccup), for ye see, your honour, we were look in a wayin him (hiccup), for he trotted home like a gentleman and a Christian (hiccup); but when he was put in the stable he tux to roaring like the—' (hiccup). Well, your honour, they poulticed his jaws and they doctored him (hiccup) and they physicked him (hiccup), and they gev him everything in the wide world except the only thing that would a done him good (hiccup)—I mane whiskey; and so he thickened in the wind because poultices didn't work (hiccup), and so he roars ever since. But 'tisn't the poor cray to e's fault anyhow (hiccup)—for he'd like to hould his tongue like good Christian—but the brute bastes of doctors (hiccup) they didn't manage his poulticing we'd. Bad manners to them! I wish I had the ducking of them in the Liffey. Gee up—get along (hiccup). There's sixty miles an hour yet, your honour (hiccup). I driv him six miles yesterday and he never said a word agin it (hiccup), and I'll drive him sixty miles to-morrow (hiccup), and he'll never say a word agin it. Ya—ho—get along Patrick.'

This is as literal a transcript as we could possibly make from memory of the incoherent utterances of our driver, which were mixed with no few imprecations on his eldest son, who was the chief doctor of the unhappy horse, and had failed in his attempts to cure him. We pledge our word for its unvarnished truth, and that we can lay our hand upon a Larry any day of our life.

But painful as this exhibition was, Larry had his good qualities as well as his faults—a faithful and loving husband, had brought up a large family without being beholden to foreign help, and was able to live in easy circumstances by his industry. We say this not to justify the faults of the man, but to show that he had meritorious as well as a weak side.

But here we are once more in Dublin, and Larry is sober. He seemed ashamed of himself, and refused the usual honorarium for the driver on so long an excursion as ours, and wished only to take his fare. He hoped his 'honour would forgive his indiscretion.'

'With all my heart,' said I. 'And this half-crown I must insist upon your taking, if it was only to get a Sunday ribbon for one of the girls, and a new cap or Nora's. And so we parted mutually content. I liked the man somewhat for his frankness; and did not altogether regret having encountered a specimen of a Spoilt Priest.'

THE END.

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