

used to water his horse at this spring. An old man named Pat Morrissey, one of his tenants, lived on his estate. One day the Governor saw Pat in town and he told him to come to Government House where he would give him a cask to put into the spring, in order to keep the water clean. So Pat dutifully went and got the cask. Upon arriving home he decided it would do for holding grain, and he did not put it in the spring. The next time the Governor went down and found no cask, he was furious. Up he went to Pat's place and said "Morrissey, where is that cask,—why did you not put it where I told you, you good-for-nothing scoundrel." Pat scratched at his head for a while and replied: "Shure, your Honour, I did as you tould me, and the very nixt day one av me best cows fell in head first and got drowned." "Oh, poor man," says the Governor, "I'm sorry for your loss," and he actually gave Pat five pounds to buy another cow.

This same Morrissey was a good-natured, easy-going Irishman, who lived happily with his wife Bidy, and an only child, a daughter named Joan. One day he asked the writer's grandfather, then a boy about sixteen years of age to go and help him get some wood home. First thing after breakfast the axes were ground. As there was no need to hurry, they took their time. When the axes were sharpened to his satisfaction Pat looked up at the sun, and said: "Me bhoy, it's not worth while goin' to the woods till we get our dinner." So they all leisurely ate their dinner, of potatoes, boiled round, and seasoned with salt; with oaten scones and butter, washed down with milk to finish off with. When they were leaving the house he said to his daughter: "Joan, me dear, come in by-and-by wid the ox and the slide car to haul out the dhrags." Well, they managed to get three drags home before sundown, notwithstanding Pat's delays. Supper consisted of potatoes, mashed this time. A large plate heaped up like a stack was placed in the middle of the table. Each person was supplied with a spoon and a bowl of milk and so they fell to work, each