

THE BOTTOM DRAWER.

In the best chamber of the house, there stood an antique chest of drawers, of foreign wood, with brasses bright. One more a woman frail and gray stepped tentatively across the floor— "Let us," said she, "the light of day—"

CARROLL O'DONOGHUE.

A Tale of the Irish Struggles of 1866 and of recent times. (By Christine Faber.)

CHAPTER II.

In one of the loveliest spots of Ireland, where lofty mountains looked protectively down on a green valley that wound about them, and, in the distance, the white line of a broken and rock-girded coast glistened in the sun, stood one of the better class of country cottages.

"What!" was the almost affrighted exclamation; and the young lady addressed as Nora dropped her work and stared almost aghast. "He mistook me for the servant, and he wanted to be directed somewhere, and to learn something of this beautiful spot; and he was so elegant-looking, and so courtly, and that's the thought just popped into my head to put him at the spinning-wheel, for a bit of revenge, you know; so I told him I'd bring my mistress to him, and she would answer all his questions. He gave me his name, Captain Dennier, of her Majesty's—Regiment. Oh, Nora! he makes the drollest sight at the wheel!"

entering your homes to force you to believe in the righteousness of our work." A form darkened the doorway—a tall, spare form in clerical dress, and with the old-fashioned face which speaks of long self-denial and mortification; but there was a kindness and sweetness in the pale, thin countenance, and a look of Heaven in the soft, deep brown eyes, that won high and low alike to gentle, saintly Father O'Connor. Nora flew to him.

ing efforts to say something were so fleeting that the perspiration rolled from his forehead. "I understand that you wished to see me here," said Nora coldly; "pray sit down, my dear child." Exasperated by her hauteur, Mr. Carter recovered somewhat from his confusion. Wiping his face carefully, and drawing repeated long breaths, while his little ferret-like eyes winked furiously, he responded: "Yes, my dear Miss McCarthy, I do wish to see you on most important business, and I'll be as brief as I can. The last time I mentioned something to you you indignantly scouted it, you scorned myself and my offer. This time—"

Chamberlain's Advice to Gladstonians. LONDON, May 8.—Mr. Chamberlain, in an address to the Oxford University Unionist league last evening, urged the Gladstonians as a reasonable alternative for the admitted risks attending home rule to assist the Unionists to pass the Land Purchase bill and relegate to the future the local government question, which could then be discussed upon its merits unobscured by land difficulties, otherwise it would be impossible to pass the Land bill this session except by abandoning valuable clauses or by such use of closure as had never before been attempted.

A LABOR BILL. Introduced in House of Commons. OTTAWA, May 6.—Hon. Mr. Chapleau introduced an important measure yesterday regarding the collection and publishing of labor statistics. He explained that this step was urged by the various trade unions. The bill provides that there shall be a branch of the Department of Agriculture, known as the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. The appropriation, therefore, will be \$10,000 per annum. The Minister of Agriculture will be the Commissioner, and he will have a deputy. Annual reports will be issued. The investigations will deal with the following classes of subjects: Agriculture, mining, mechanical and manufacturing industries, transportation, clerical and all other skilled and unskilled labor; the amount of capital invested in lands, buildings and machinery, respectively, and the means of production and distribution generally; the number, age, sex and condition of persons employed; the nature of their employment; the extent to which the apprenticeship system prevails on the various industries requiring skilled labor; the number of hours of labor per day; the average time of employment per annum; and the net wages received in each of the industries and employments in Canada; the number and condition of the unemployed and their age, sex and nationality, together with the cause of their idleness; the sanitary condition of lands, workshops and dwellings; the number and size of rooms occupied by workers; the cost of fuel, rent, food, clothing and water in each locality in Canada; also the extent to which labor-saving processes are employed, and the extent to which they displace hand labor, the number and condition of the Chinese in Canada, their social habits, and to what extent their labor comes into competition with the other industrial classes of the Dominion; the number, condition and nature of the employment of the inmates of prisons, county gaols and reformatory institutions in Canada, and to what extent their employment comes into competition with the labor of mechanics, artisans and laborers outside of these institutions; a description of the different kinds of labor organizations in existence in Canada, and what they accomplish in favor of the classes for whose benefit they are organized.

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CHAPTER III. CARTER'S PROPOSAL.

Clare O'Donoghue acted strangely after the departure of the visitors: she avoided Nora and continued to wear such an unusually thoughtful and preoccupied air, that had not Nora herself been deeply absorbed in curious thoughts about those same visitors, she would have wondered at Clare's manner. Poor Clare! she was strangely unhappy and remorseful—unhappy that the very memory of the admitting and deferential notice of the handsome officer should still linger in her mind, and remorseful that she had suffered him to leave without according him a more generous pardon. Her cheeks burned with fever against herself, and she went about the little household duties, which she voluntarily performed, with a fierce energy born for her own disturbed mind.

Another knock sounded at the cottage door; this time it was no timid rap, but a bold, peremptory signal that proclaimed the right to demand an entrance. Clare opened to the new-comer, but started back with an expression of alarm in her countenance. "Good day, my dear," said a coarse, thick, blustering voice. "Maybe I am not as welcome here as I ought to be, seeing the state you gave when you saw me; but I'll forgive you in consideration that things'll be better in the future."

Stanley A British Agent. LONDON, May 8.—It is stated upon semi-official authority that on his journey to the coast with Emile, Stanley made treaties in the interest of England with all the tribes along the coast from Lake Albert Nyanza to Bogamoya. These treaties, it is asserted, are now in the Foreign Office, where they will be held until necessary for their publicity shall arise.