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O'CONNELL V. THE WIDOW MORIARTY.—
SOUND AND FERV.—In Madden's "Revela-
tion of Ireland," we find a whimsical account
of a scolding match between the late Daniel
O'Connell, then a young man just called to
the bar, and one Biddy Moriarty, an ancient
widow, who kept a huxter's stall in one of
the quays nearly opposite the Four Courts,
and whose powers of abuse were notorious
then from one end of Dublin to the other.
The *lingual duel* was the result of a wager:
O'Connell was very confident of success. He
had laid an ingenious plan for overcoming
her, and, with all the anxiety of an ardent ex-
perimentalist, waited to put it into practice.
He resolved to open the attack. At this time
O'Connell's own party, and the loungers about
the place, formed an audience quite sufficient
to rouse Mrs. Moriarty, on public provocation,
to an exhibition of her powers. O'Connell
commenced the attack—

"What's the price of this walking stick,
Mrs. Moriarty?"
"What's your name?"
"Moriarty, sir, is my name, and a good one
it is; and what have you to say again it?"
"One-and-sixpence is the price of the stick."
"Truth, it's cheap as dirt, so it is."

"One-and-sixpence for a walking stick?
What's! Why you are no better than an im-
postor to ask eighteen-pence for what cost you
twopenny."

"Twopenny, your grandmother," replied
Mrs. Biddy; "do you mean to say that it's
cheating the people I am? Impostor, indeed!"
"Ay, impostor; and it's that I called you
to your teeth," rejoined O'Connell.

"Come, cut your stick, you cantankerous
jackanapes."

"Keep a civil tongue in your head, you
old dog!" cried O'Connell, calmly.

"Stop your jaw, you pug-nosed badger, or
by this and that," cried Mrs. Moriarty, "I'll
make you go quicker nor you came."

"Don't be to a passion, my old *radius*; an-
ger will only wrinkle your beauty."

"Be the holly, if you say another word of
impudence, I'll tan your dirty hide for you;
lastly common scrub, and sorry I'd be to
soil my fists upon your carcass."

"Whew! boys; what a passion old Biddy's
in; I protest as I am a gentleman!"

"Gentleman! jintleman! he likes o' you a
gentleman! Wisha, that bangs Banagher.
Why, you potato-faced pig-pin-sneeger, when
did a Madagascarian monkey like you pick
enough of common Christian decency to hide
your Kerry brougue?"

"Easy, now easy," cried O'Connell, with
impermeable good humor, "don't choke your-
self with fine language, you old whisky-drink-
ing paralogram."

"What's that you call me, you murdering
villain?" roared Mrs. Moriarty, stung into
fury.

"I call you, answered O'Connell, "a pa-
rallogram; and a Dublin judge and jury will
say it's no libel to call you so?"

"Och, tare-anons! Och, holy Biddy! that
an honest woman like me should be called a
parrybellygram to her face! I am none of
your parrybellygrams, you rascally gallow-
bird, you cowardly, sneaking, platelicking
bigard!"

"Och, not you indeed!" retorted O'Connell:
"why, I suppose you'll deny that you keep a
hyp thenuse in your house?"

"It's a lie for you, you robber. I never had
such a thing in my house, you swindling
thafe!"

"Why, sure, all the neighbours know very
well that you keep not only a *hypthenuse*,
but that you have two *diameters* locked up in
your garret, and that you go out to walk with
them every Sunday, you heartless old *hepta-*
gon."

"Och, hear that ye saints o' glory! Och,
sure, there's bad language from a fellow that
wants to pass for a jintleman. May the d—
fly away with you, you micher from Munster,
and make celery sauce of your rotten limbs,
and make a mealy-mouthed tub of g—s."

"Ah, you can't deny the charge, you mis-
erable submultiple of a duplicate ratio."

"Go, you filthy mouth in the Liffey, you
nasty little pitcher; after all the bad words
you speak, it ought to be filthier than your
face, you dirty chicken of Berzelius!"

"Rince your own mouth, you wicked-minded
old *polygon*—in the dence I pitch you, you
blustering *intersection* of a stinking *super-*
ficies!"

"You sneaky tinker's apprentice, if you
don't cease your jaw, I'll—"
"But here she
gasped for breath, unable to take any more
words, for the last volley of O'Connell had
nearly knocked the wind out of her."

"While I have a tongue, I'll abuse you, you
most immutable *periphery*. Look at her boys!
there she stands, a convicted *perpendicular*
in petticoats! There's a cantanquor in her
circumference, and she trembles with guilt
to the extremities of her *cavalieries*. All
you're found out, you *retinular antecedent*,
and *equangular* old tag, the gith yourself
the digh will be away your power-expiring
similitude of the *bisecton* of a *radius*."

Overwhelmed with this torrent of lan-
guage, Mrs. Moriarty was silenced. Catching
up a saucepan, she was aiming at O'Connell's
head, when he very prudently made a timely
retreat. "You have won the wager, O'Con-
nell, here's your bet," cried the gentleman,
who proposed the contest. O'Connell knew
well the use of sound *retrogradation*; and,
having to deal with an ignorant scold, deter-
mined to awe her in volubility by using
all the *seignification* *varba* which occur in
Euclid. With these, and a few significant
epithets, and a scuffling, impudent demeanor,
he for once imposed silence on Biddy Mori-
arty.—*Liverpool Mail*

We have been obligingly favored by the Author,
Mr. PIER, (one of the Harmonicos,) with the
words of his favorite song "I hab leff Alabama,"
which we publish here for the benefit of those who
were desirous to obtain them. We are happy to
learn that the Harmonicos are reaping golden har-
vests, in their progress "Westward."

I HAB LEFF ALABAMA.

I hab leff Alabama a long way behind me,
I hab leff my ole massa and wooly-head Ben;

And dey boff's gone crazy because dey can't find me,
So I's gwine to go back to Alabama agen.

Chorus—Alabama agen, Alabama agen,
And I eber I hab all de sun rise tomorrow.

I's a gwine to go back to Alabama agen.

Oh! Ben was my true lub, but de galls all woud
Kiss him

And so I got jealous and leff him soon den;

But eber since dat my affections did miss him,
So I must go back to Alabama agen.

Den I'll tell Ben I lub him and he will lub me,
Case he knows dat I lub he's de gemblam ob

And Massa will smile and be glad to receive me
When I's home, safe back to Alabama agen.

Fanny.

SELF-MADE MEN.

"If you are to be an exception," said Mr.
Crable to his young friend, "you will be the
first in all my observation and experience.
You may take the *hypothese* of May-
land, and select from it the *polygons* who op-
most distinguished for talent, and every de-
scription of public usefulness, and I will answer
for it, they are all exceptions to the rule. Look
into the public countenances of the nation, and
who are they that have made a name? They
are men who made the *hypothese* of May-
land men, who have made a name. The
rule is universal. It pertains our Courts,
State and Federal, from the highest to the
lowest. It is true of all the professions. It
is so now; it has been so at any time since
I have known the public men of this State.
The nation are it will be so while our
present institutions continue. You must
throw a man upon his own resources to bring
him out. The strength of a nation is in its
men."

...is too arduous, and must be contin-
ed too long, to be encountered and maintain-
ed voluntarily, or unless as a matter of life and
death. He who has fortune to fall back upon
will soon slacken from his efforts, and finally
retire from the competition. With me it is a
question whether it is desirable that a parent
should leave his son any property at all. You
will have a large fortune, and I am sorry for
it as it will be the spoiling of a good lawyer.
These are my deliberate sentiments, and I
shall be rejoiced to find, in your instance, I
shall be mistaken."

APPEARANCES.—I became poor, and my ap-
parel soon evinced it—I was universally avoid-
ed—I passed through the streets as through
a desert. I had three old hats—I gave them
all for one new one, put it on, and went out.
I was immediately accosted by dozens. My
wife contrived to get up one tolerable coat
out of two old ones—I put it on also, and
went out—every one now recognised me, and
I was shaken hands with at every corner.
Those that have unfortunately more brains
than bank notes, can apply the moral.

CLEAN HANDS.—Dr. Wall, once, at a din-
ner table, very unwisely persisted in playing
with a cork in such a manner as displayed
a hand long divorced from the lavatory. One
guest happened to express his surprise to an-
other and in too loud a whisper, exclaimed,
"Heavens, what a dirty hand!" The doctor
overheard, and turning sharply round, said,
"Sir, I'll bet you a guinea there is a dirtier
hand in the company!" "Done," replied the
first, sure of winning,—the guineas were
stake and the doctor showed his other hand.
He was judged to have won without a dis-
senting voice.

THE FEMALE EYE.—A modest writer
gives the following enumeration of the various
expressions of the female eye—"The glare,
the stare, the leer, the invitation, the de-
fiance, the demand, the consent, the glance
of love, the flash of rage, the sparkling of
hope, the languishment of softness, the squint
of suspicion, the fire of jealousy, and the
lustre of pleasure."

Whitewashing Extraordinary.—The Rev
Mr. Williams, in one of his narratives, gives
a long and full account of the effect produced on
the natives of one of the South Sea Islands,
by a successful attempt which he made to
convert the coral of their shores into lime.
After having laughed at the process of burn-
ing, which they believed to be cook the coral
for food, what was their astonishment when,
in the morning, they found the missionary's
cottage glittering in the rising sun, white as
snow! They danced, they sang, they shout-
ed, they screamed for joy. The whole Is-
land was soon in commotion, given up to
wonder and curiosity. The *box ton* immedi-
ately voted the white-wash cosmetic and a Ka-
lydor, and superlatively happy did many a
swarthy coquette consider herself could she
but enhance her charms by a daub of the
whiting brush. And now party spirit ran
high, as it will do in more civilised coun-
tries, as to who was or who was not entitled
to preference. One party urged their supe-
rior rank and riches; a second had the brush,
and were determined at all events to keep it;
and a third tried to overturn the whole, that
they might obtain some of the sweepings.
They even did not scruple to rob each other
of the little share that some had been so hap-
py as to procure. But soon new lime was
prepared, and in a week not a hut, a domes-
tic utensil, a war club, or a garment, but was
white as snow; not an inhabitant but what
had his skin painted with the most grotesque
figures; not a pig but what was similarly
whitened; and even mothers might be seen
in every direction capering with extravagant
gestures, and yelling with delight at the su-
perior beauty of their white-washed infants.
How like more civilized nations, quarrel-
ling about uniforms!