

won't do it a second time." An' I says, says I, "The curse o' Cromwell on ye." An' the Irishman he runs away to the wars, which we shant see him again until he returns very drunk and covered wi' glory, and wanting some ould woman to lend him the loan o' her gridiron.

Irishmen when they is in the North o' Ireland—the bloomin' black north—they works and does well, and makes linen, and builds ships and things. But when they is in the West o' Ireland they sits at home, starving o' hunger an' cold, on the top av a sack o' pertaters and in front o' a great peat fire made o' coals—with nothing to cheer their droopin' spirits but a couple o' cows, a few pigs, some score or two o' fowls, and a keg o' whisky. Then they curses their landlords, and expects corn to grow without a-sowin' o' any seed.

Irish servants is very perlite. A Irish master he says, "Pat, ye know, this won't do; Phil McCarthy he tells me as you was drunk yesterday." "He is a liar, sor." "But, Pat, I saw ye meself with me own eyes." "An' you're a liar, too, sor." Which the master, he bein' also perlite, he says, "Hurroo!" and knocks Pat down as flat as a flounder.

Irishmen likes Griffiths's valuation. So do I; but then, ye see, I can't get it. Griffiths he were a nice man, and he valued things fifty years ago, when there was no railways, when eggs was three d. a dozen, when pertaters was two d. a stone, and when good peat could be got for the stealin' of. Now that railways has trebled the price o' food an' fire, Griffiths's valuation comes in handy; and the only way to get it is to shoot your landlord. P. S.—First catch your landlord. Which it won't be very long when there will be no Irish landlords to catch.

Irishmen is downthrodde—by themselves. They has many wrongs—o' their own making. They is ill-used—by nobody. They has grievances—which they can't name. They kicks up rows—without any reason. They is very brave—when their opponents is unarmed. They is very generous—but beware. Mr. Judas Iscariot he were an Irishman—and generous.

Our Master he says one day "Thank goodness I have known one good Irishman in my time." And we all, with one voice, shouted, "Where is he, Master?" seein' as how we wanted to see this *rarey arvis*. Which Master he answered and said, while a tear bedimmed his half-drunk eye, "He are dead, my good men; he are dead. Go you and do likewise."

And we didn't go, seein' as how we are good boys and disobeys our Master. Which, in conclusion, one o' our boys are a Irish boy, an' he disobeyed his father, an' ran away from him; and now that Irish boy he are the Parody o' the Probable Son. That boy can come to no good. He wastes o' his means by riotously eatin' o' plum-duff, and polonies, and hags-o'-mystery, which some folks calls them sassingers. Out o' gratitude to his parents and love for his country, that boy he swears—and don't he swear orful!—that he means to return to Ireland and hamstring his father's fatted calf.

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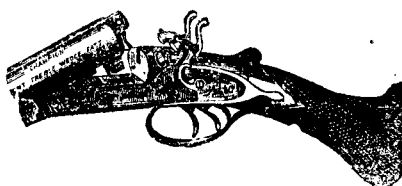
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