

Catching a Colonel. This rally was too much for Old Pat. He plunged at once into the fray, and a heated discussion ensued. At least, it was heated on his side, for Macleod retained an appearance of judicial calm which would have put Job himself in a bad temper. Young Fanshawe, it may be added, at once seized the opportunity presented on the fore-front of the battle, and took up the safe position of an interested spectator. In a comparatively short time a great deal of unpalatable information was elicited from the colonel. He was told that not only was Scotch whiskey far more pleasing to the taste than Irish, but it was less injurious to the health, and there was less of illicit distillation in Scotland than in Ireland. Warming apparently to his subject, and totally regardless of Old Pat's passionate defence, Macleod went on to enunciate the view that all that was really good and great in the Irish nation was English or Scotch in origin, and that there was something in the climate or the soil of Ireland which deteriorated the character of the inhabitants. He said this with the calm utterance of a lecturer who demonstrates facts. There was even a softer undertone perceptible now and then, as if he pitied the advocate of so miserable a cause. The colonel became almost incoherent with rage. His face assumed a deep purple hue. He manifested an inclination to foam at the mouth. "For proof of this," continued Macleod, "it is quite enough to refer to a well-known and incontrovertible fact. Whether it is due to the potatoes which they drink, or the bog-water which they drink, I don't know; but it is quite enough for my purpose that every Irishman of anything like ancient descent has a black roo in his mouth. You will hear me out in that, colonel, I am sure. "It's a lie!" roared the colonel, whose eyes were nearly started out of his head. "An infernal lie!" How 'A lie, colonel! Do you mean to deny what I have actually said to you? I mean," shrieked Old Pat, "that the Powers, of Ballycoran, are one of the oldest families in Ireland; that they were on intimate terms with the Papal Curia, and that when St. Patrick came to this country, 'twas me own ancestor that gave him the lead miller flannel to Ballycoran; and if you can find a single black roo in the mouths of the entire family, may the devil fly off with the soul of the varmin'!" And with these words the colonel struck the table a blow which made the glasses ring. "This is very interesting, indeed," replied Macleod, gazing at the colonel as if that dignitary were the missing link, or a new form of butterfly. "I had no idea that you were an Irishman—would dispute it now. I fancy that you have never thought of examining your own mouth?" The colonel's reply was of a nature that would have been an expensive one if he had made it in the presence of a magistrate, for he piqued himself on enforcing the penalties against swearing. "Strange, very strange," said Macleod, who was still quite calm. "Now I think I have the devil in me in ten-penny notes that I am right. A wolfish light shone in the colonel's eyes, but he held back with the most praiseworthy self-control. It would be indignified to bet with a mere sub-and especially on such a subject. "I will make it five to one in twenty-penny notes," continued Macleod, with an air of confidence, "that you yourself will have a black roo to your mouth." "I will take that bet," spluttered the colonel, who was now in a white heat of rage. "By me soul, I will take that same, just to teach you not to bet on subjects of which you know nothing. It will be a useful lesson. And now how do you propose to decide this bet?" Sir James Macleod suggested that ocular inspection by both parties be the quickest and most satisfactory method—ocular inspection by the senior officers of the mess. Their words would probably be sufficient for both parties. The colonel demurred a little to this proposition. It seemed to him totally subversive of discipline. He was quite sure that the commander-in-chief would not approve of it. No other possible way of settling the question occurred to him, however, and now that he had gone so far, he was determined to win that hundred pounds at all hazards, and give the young Scotch jackanapes his much-needed lesson. Candles were accordingly sent for at once, and a dead silence ensued. Every man looked at the other as if enquiring what would be the next act in this singular drama. At last the lights came. Armed each with a candle-stick, the major, the captain and the senior subaltern, in turn, examined the gaping crevice which the colonel revealed to their gaze. The verdict of the judges was unanimous. They declared that the roo of the colonel's mouth was red, not black. "Decidedly red," said the senior captain, with a curious chuckle that seemed fraught with a world of meaning. "Not black!" cried Sir James Macleod in tones of amazement. "Are you sure?" "Quite sure," replied the major, judicially. "For honor!" remarked the others in chorus. "Well, gentlemen, you have surprised me," said Macleod, glancing from one to the other as if he could scarcely believe his ears. "Of course I believe you—but if the colonel will permit it—I should like to look myself just to convince my own eyes." "Look away, me boy," chuckled the colonel hoarsely. He was consoled with delight at his complete

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