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Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

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Guelph Evening Mercury OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET. TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10.

NORAH CUSHALEEN OR THE HAUNTED CASTLE.

Who may describe the horror which seized on Jacob O'Brady when in the youthful owner of Dundarra he beheld the man whom he had known under the name of Hargreave, whom he had insulted and injured in every manner, whom he had relentlessly pursued with vindictive vengeance, and assailed with every epithet of contempt and obloquy.

There were other two who crept into a similar concealment, from quite different feelings. These were Michael Cushaleen and his son Terry. Overwhelmed by consternation at finding that their friend Hargreave was no longer an artist, but their young landlord, they could not appear before him, but ran to hide their rushing emotions behind the pillars.

The last to descend from the carriage was the man in the rumber. No one seemed to recognize him, and he sat composed but interested spectator of the strange exciting scene. Left entirely to himself, he was free to look calmly about him and notice the various sensational features of it as they were developed. Then, when Fergus and Mary were ascending the steps, he thought it time to alight, and did so, quite leisurely, just as they disappeared within the great door.

The moment their figures became invisible Henry Asplin advanced to the front of the portico, and pointing to a large open window above, which was furnished with a balcony, told the people that, in a little time, Mr. Ormond would appear there and address them. This information received with much interest and delight, and the crowd gathered into small knots to converse about the strange things that had turned out.

The stranger who had descended from the rumber summoned to the front of the portico, and came upon Michael and Terry. 'Well, hoo's a' w'ye?' he exclaimed. 'Hae ye nae word o' welcome for an auld friend?'

'Och, Mither Donaldson?' gasped Michael. 'The events ur this blessed day have almost turned me brain.' 'Shake me, father, darlin' exclaimed Terry. 'Just be after givin' me a good thunderrin' shake, that I may find out if it's not a dhrame?'

'Deil a dream is't ava,' cried Andrew with a loud laugh. 'Didn't I aye tell ye that Maister Hargreave wad gie ye a surprise some day. Dod, but this day's sight bates a'.' 'I never saw the like o't a' my life. It's worth the adventures we went through, Terry, up by at Captain Jack's cave.'

Terry gave a leap as if some one had shot him. His eyes and mouth opened to their fullest extent, and striking his thigh with his open palm, exclaimed, 'That's the mystery I couldn't make out—I was sure I should have known him.' Then bending forward till his mouth was close to Andrew's ear, he whispered—'By the powers, Mither Asplin is Captain Jack himself.'

'Ay, but you mustn't tell every body that,' said a voice at his elbow, and looking round, Asplin stood laughing before him. 'Och, murdher,' added Terry, 'didn't I puzzle my brain about yez; but it was the decent Christian dress and the want o' the hair on yer face that bothered me.'

'I saw yer mystification, and enjoyed it exceedingly,' returned Asplin; 'but as I said just now, you must forget what you know of me in the past. One word spoken regarding my identity with the outlaw of Skerryvoe would ruin me; but I know I can trust you.'

'I would die ten thousand times before I'd betray you,' said Terry, in an earnest tone. 'I have no fear of the secret getting out of your keeping,' returned the other. 'But come, you and your father must accompany me into the mansion. Mr. Ormond is waiting for you.'

'Och, murdher, murdher, I can't go,' cried Terry, in great distress. 'I would sink into the flure.' 'Nonsense,' said Asplin. 'Though he has changed his name, he is as frank, lively, and generous as ever.'

Bless his honour's honour, from the hair on his head to the sole of his foot, said Michael fervently. 'Bedad, Terry, but I shouldn't wonder if he lets us back to Mountjoy, and seeks no more than the old rint. Och, misha! if it please God that I should end my days there won't I die happy and content, ather, I see you married, Terry, and the father of a lock o' purty children.'

'Get along wid ye, father,' said Terry, blushing like a girl. Preceded by Asplin, they went up the steps of the portico, and in the presence of the on-looking crowd, went in by the great door, to be taken to the presence of Fergus Ormond, whom hitherto they had known under the name of Hargreave.

CHAPTER XL.—O'BRADY MEETS A DAY OF RECKONING—MICHAEL AND TERRY RECEIVE THEIR REWARD. Fergus, Mary and Squire Kendal entered the library alone, Henry refraining from accompanying them, as he knew that the first moments of such a meeting must be sacred to affection alone.

yourselves. I know I was rude and unjust, but it was your own blames. If you say puss had told you your lover was, do you think I would have made any objection? 'I did not know who he was till the moment of our flight,' she answered.

'No,' cried Fergus. 'I am proud to say that I was her love when she thought me a poor wandering artist. But, on the very night I was seized and carried to the mountains I meant to tell her my true name and station. Likewise, as you sir, must remember, I tried again and again to reveal myself in the chapel, but you would not hear me.'

'Yes, yes, I remember; but why did you come in a false character at all? Why did you deceive anybody? Didn't you know that every true man in the valley would be proud and happy to welcome the son of the noble Col. Ormond?'

'I did not doubt it,' returned Fergus; 'but I wanted to see things as they really were, and judge if I would like to reside at Dundarra. Chiefly did I want to find out if O'Brady did justly and fairly by the tenants, and I knew I could but learn these things by appearing incognito. I am very glad I did so, for I have discovered that O'Brady is an unprincipled scoundrel.'

'Ha! so he is,' cried the Squire, 'and I have no doubt it was from a bad motive he got me to make a will. But I'll burn it this very day. Come, Mary, my darling, give me another kiss. Oh what a happy old man this day has made me!'

Fergus went softly to the adjoining room, where Henry was, and desired him to go out and bring Michael and Terry, which he did, as we related at the close of the last chapter. They were conducted to the library, at the end of which stood the youthful owner of Dundarra, with the smiling, happy Mary by his side, and Squire Kendal, perhaps the happiest of the three, seated near them in a great leather covered chair.

Terry and his father stood on the threshold in bashful confusion, from which they were a little relieved by Dash, who left his master's side and came towards them with every demonstration of joy and affection. 'Ha! Michael—Terry,' exclaimed Fergus advancing to where they stood. 'My true and faithful friends, where is your hands?—Why don't you welcome me?'

'Maybe yer honour would be after givin' us yer pardon,' stammered Michael. 'Pardon—for what?' asked Fergus in surprise. 'For threatening ye just like one of ourselves,' answered Michael.

'Bedad, yer honour mustn't be over hard wid us. We didn't dhrame it was yer honour's honour, at all, at all,' said Terry. 'Of course you didn't,' laughed Fergus, 'and thereby I had the stronger proof of your devotion. Like another not far away, you loved me for myself alone. Come give me your hand. As Fergus Ormond I now thank you for all the kindness and service you rendered to the unknown Hargreave.'

'He took both their hands and shook them with warmth, then led them forward to Mary, who sweetly thanked them for their invaluable service to her. TO BE CONTINUED.

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