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Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

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SATURDAY EV'G, DECEMBER 7.

THE WORLD BEYOND.

How fair the earth, and life how sweet,
When pleasure leads our dancing feet;
When birds attune the rosy morn,
And sunshine crowns the golden corn;
When fragrant odors fill the sense,
And music charms the soul's suspense;
When friends are true, and love is fond;
But—there's a Better World beyond!

How dark the earth, and life how sore,
When pleasure leads the dance no more;
When sorrow saps and pain consumes,
And sunlight fades, and twilight glooms;
When o'er our joys the willow waves,
And gardens we forsake, for graves;
When love and friendship break the bond;
But—there's a Happier World beyond!

How sad the earth, when hate and guile
Like love allure, like honor smile,
When falsehood wears the mask of truth,
And roses wrap the serpent's tooth;
And jealous lightnings blight our trust,
And envy trails our ways in dust—
Till faith departs, and hope despond,
But—there's a Truer World beyond.

Blessed be God! No fading dross
Of earth I count as gain or loss;
No joy I prize, if joys I share—
My woe, when woe is mine, I bear;
But, looking up with patient glance,
I read, in starlight's pure expanse
The lesson sweet, that saints have coined;
There is a Better World beyond!

NORAH CUSHALEEN OR THE HAUNTED CASTLE.

CHAPTER XXXIX.—REJOICINGS AT DUNDARRA.—AN ASTOUNDING DISCOVERY.—WELCOME AND RECONCILIATION.

A noble yet desolate place was the mansion-house and grounds of Dundarra. The building, which was a handsome, upstart structure, was approached by a fine avenue, nearly a mile in length, straight almost as an arrow, and lined on either side by old beech trees, whose wide spread branches met above and formed a long leafy archway of dark green trellis-work. As it entered the park the avenue took a sweeping curve, and widened gracefully up to the portico of the mansion, the pillars of which were surrounded by rough planks to protect them from the cattle which roamed in the park. This seemed the only precaution taken to preserve the mansion. In all other respects it was left to desolation and neglect. The windows were many of them broken, and all thickly covered with dust and dirt. The garden was fearfully overgrown with weeds, and the trees had grown to a wild luxuriance. The wall was broken down in several places, and cattle strayed over patens and what had once been magnificent flower borders. The extensive park was dotted with fine trees of giant proportions—chestnuts, beeches, elms—which were wonderfully proportionate considering the neglect to which for many years they had been subjected.

This was the scene of desolation and despair which Henry Asplin had to operate upon and make somewhat comfortable and pleasant within a week. Being a man of immense energy, promptitude, and activity, he set to work at once, resolved on what was to be done, and the best way of doing it. When first he contemplated the magnitude of the desolation, he thought it would only be possible to get one or two rooms into a state proper for the reception of Mr. Ormond and his bride, but before the first day was expired he saw reason to extend the plan of his operations. Terry Cushaleen proved of immense service in the matter. His zeal and activity knew no bounds. He was here, there, everywhere, and infused wherever he went such cheerfulness and good humor that everybody wrought with enthusiastic diligence. The news that the landlord was coming to reside at Dundarra produced such joy among the people that with one consent they resolved to abandon the fields for a week, and labour to prepare the house and grounds for the reception of Mr. Ormond and his young wife. So they came down in hundreds, and put their service at Asplin's disposal.

The latter, seeing that he had enough of strength for the accomplishment of almost anything, resolved on a most comprehensive plan of operations, and all who came were at once set to some kind of work—Terry acted as first lieutenant and promoted the general enthusiasm by his mirth and boisterous good nature. Jacob O'Brady was nowhere in the bustle and excitement which prevailed. From being the autocrat of the region, he had become powerless and insignificant. No one took their orders from him, or paid any heed to what he said, unless to laugh their defiance in his face, and rejoice in their ability to disregard the tyrant to whom they had been for so long compelled to cringe. He went about bursting with rage and mortification, vowing that he would be revenged when he had again the power.

Henry Asplin, the director of the universal work that was going forward, was highly satisfied with the result. The place was changing as if by magic. The mansion and grounds were exhibiting quite a different aspect; neatness, order, beauty, and harmony, were growing hour by hour out of the desolation, so that as the week drew to a close and the day of Mr. Ormond's arrival drew near, everything within and without was not only passable but admirable.

At last the important day dawned. All was in readiness. By sunrise a band of the villagers came to throw festoons of flowers over the avenue at various parts, and erect triumphal arches at the gates and between two splendid trees which grew on the edge of the lawn. By an early hour in the morning these ornamental erections were affected, flags were hoisted on the top of the mansion, and the preparations were complete.

It was a bright, balmy, harvest day. All nature seemed joyous as if in sympathy with

the happy peasantry. Light fleecy clouds floated gracefully across the blue sky, and a gentle refreshing breeze was wafted over the corn fields, filling the air with waves of perfume.

Long before the hour at which the happy pair was expected to arrive, the people, dressed in their best, poured through the gate and formed into a crowd upon the lawn, where an immense quantity of good cheer was provided, ready for distribution. Then as it drew near 12 o'clock—the hour of arrival—the great door of the mansion was thrown open, and the people of rank and station who had come from various parts of the district to welcome home the young owner of Dundarra, took up a position under the portico. Conspicuous among these was old Squire Kendal, in whose countenance there rested a mournful shadow, caused by the recent elopement of his daughter. By his side stood Jacob O'Brady, inwardly restless and disturbed, yet anxious to meet his master and know how far his power at Dundarra was likely to be curtailed.

As the Squire gazed across the lawn, and saw the gay scene and the excitement and animation of the people, his heart swelled with gratification.

"He!" he said, addressing himself to the factor, "this is something like the days of old when Irish squires were loved and respected by a loyal peasantry. This is a sight which makes my heart beat with joy, and brings the tear into my eye. God bless young Ormond. May he prove worthy of this day's demonstration, and restore his house and name to its former honour and renown."

"If he be in all respects like the Colonel his father," observed the factor, "he will be worthy of the welcome which is this day accorded to him."

At the side of the portico, and on the lowest step, stood Michael Cushaleen and Terry, not the least gratified of those who were there assembled. Dash sat on his haunches between them, and Michael had his hand upon the dog's shaggy head, lest he should be tempted by the surrounding excitement into any demonstration of his own.

Terry was particularly delighted on this festive occasion, for it was greatly owing to him that such an immense improvement had been effected; and Mr. Asplin, while warmly praising his zeal and activity, had assured him that he would not fail to inform Mr. Ormond of the immense and important services he had rendered.

Terry and Mr. Asplin had wrought together in uncommon harmony. The former was full of admiration at the quick decisive habits of Asplin, his clear perception and energetic procedure and ever and anon, as he looked at him, the same ideas recurred that he ought to know him. He was like, and yet not like, some one with whom he must have had intercourse, but when or where he was unable to determine. His tone of voice, his bearing and gestures, were strangely familiar to him, and he was certain he had seen the quick glances of those dark eyes; but when he set himself to identify Asplin with any one whom he had known, his memory entirely failed him. Terry was puzzled and perplexed, and as the object of his mystification noticed him gazing at him with an expression of curious reflective inquiry, his dark eyes would twinkle, and an amused smile play round his mouth.

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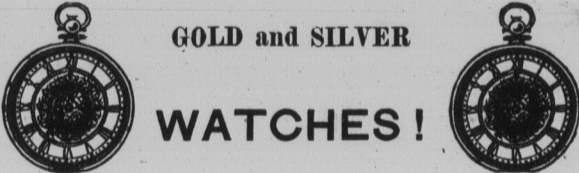
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