Four-Leaf Clover.

BY JENN'E E. T. DOWE.

Down among the orchard-grass, A happy, careless rover, Pretty little Margery Goes hunting four-leaf clover.

Timid little Margery
Gives her searching over,
Startled by a shadow
Darkening the clover.

Kneeling down beside her, Blossoms aching over, Martin in the orchard-grass Goes hunting four-leaf clover.

Gazing in each other's eyes, Searching is all over: There's no longer any need For hunting four-leaf clover. Scribner for September,

NEWS FROM IRELAND. DUBLIN.

At the meeting of the Dublin Corpora-tion, on Aug. 11th, a letter was read from the tenants on the Corporation estate at Baldoyle, asking for a reduction of their rents. Mr. Lane Joynt, who had signed the memorial as a tenant, cordially endorsed it. It appeared, however, that the Cor-poration held the estate money as trustees, and had no power to reduce the rent. In the year 1865 the rent was reduced, but this operation had to be performed by an Act of Parliament which costs the city £2,000. The letter was referred to a Committee, who will consult with the law agent of the Corporation.

WICKLOW.

The potato blight has made its appearance in the county Wicklow, the leaves are withered, and the disease has reached the tubers, which, owing to the backward spring and wet summer, are not half

CARLOW.

As Joseph Fox, of Knocklow, was driving a mowing machine at Rathglass, near Tullow, lately, the horses stopped suddenly. He gave them a stroke of the whip, when they started with a leap, throwing Fox upon the knives. His leg was completely torn, and mortification set in and it is feared that amountation will in, and it is feared that amputation will have to take place.

WEXFORD.

The Very Rev. John Canon Dunn, P.P., of Horsewood, departed this life on Aug. 14th. The deceased clergyman was one of the oldest in the diocese of Ferns, and at the time of his death was in the 76th year of his age and the forty-fifth of his sacred ministry.

Sir John Power, Bart., Edermine, Enniscorthy, will, it is said, be called upon to stand for Wexford, his native county, at

KING'S COUNTY.

On Aug. 12th, a fire broke out in Messrs. Perry's flour mills, Belmount, Banagher. The conflagration was first observed in the basement floor, and as there was practically no means of extinguishing the flames, the entire range of buildings was in a short time on fire. In a few hours the whole concern was a smouldering ruin. Only about 100 bags of flour were sayed. The damage is estimated at \$12.000. The yearning years. stimated at £12,000. The premises fully insured.

The Freeman's correspondent, writing on Aug. 11th, says of the King's County crops:—"The favorable change in the weather since Monday last has had a most beneficial effect on every description of cereal and green crops in this county.

The oat and barley crops which were luxuriant, but backward, owing to the severe weather, are now ripening rapidly, and the harvest promises to be earlier than was anticipated. All the hay in the county is now cut down, and the greater portion of it is saved. Turnips and mannelly have the saved and treasured the saved and treasured the saved and treasured the saved treasured to the saved treasured treasu portion of it is saved. Turnips and man-golds have also made good progress dur-ing the week. The potato crop will be an average one, the tubers being still soapy in appearance, but benefitting im-mensely by the present weather. They mensely by the present weather. They were sold in the markets on Saturday at 8d. per stone. The season has been, so far, an exceptionally bad one for fruit and vegetables of every sort, and all will be dearer than usual."

MEATH.

On Sunday, August 11th, the remains of Owen Farrel, the owner of the celebrated Irish jaunting-car at Trim, were removed from Trim for interment at Durnadaly. The funeral was very large.

After the almost unprecedentedly wet season in Meath a very favorable change set in with the first harvest month-The first day of the month was remarkably fine, and consequently farmers and others having hay to make set about work, and with the aid of machinery good work was effected. The hay crop is fully up to former occasions, the most of it being saved.

The extent to which the Government will aid the construction of the new fish-ery pier at Kinsale has been communicated to the Kinsale Harbor Commisioners. The maximum grant of public money in aid the project is fixed at £7,500, and the minimum contribution of the Kinsale Harbor Commissioners at £2,000; while the balance of the expenditure, which is stituted at £2.500. the balance of the expenditure, which is estimated at £5,500, is to be provided by a loan repayable in 25 years. A bill will be introduced by the Board of Works at Mayo and the neighboring counties of Galway and Roscommon is growing apace. The monster Tenant-right meeting, to be held under the auspices of the Mallow Farmers' Club, is to come off on Sunday, the 14th September next. It is expected to be the largest gathering held in Mallow since the time of O'Connell.

No fewer than a dozen meetings in the above-named three counties, having for their object a reduction of present rents commensurate with a fall in the value of all agricultural produce, are being organized, and will be held in the immediate future.

KERRY. A serious riot took place in Tralee on Sunday, August 10th, between the members of two local bands—viz., "The National Band" and a band known as the "Enmet Band." The riot lasted about

"Emmet Band." The riot lasted about an hour, but, fortunately, there was no one seriously hurt. The more respectable portion of the citizens assisted the police in quelling the disturbance and in arresting some of the participators in the riot. On August 10th, whilst a little boy named Griffin, aged about 11 years, was standing near the River Flesk, at a place called Tulloho, about four miles from Killarney, a very heavy flow of water came down the passages from the mountains, and, having consideration and that the stated that Messrs. Patrick and Thomas Walsh, of Glen Castle, Erris, County Mayo, have given an abatement of 25 per cent. on its property is stated that Messrs. Patrick and Thomas Walsh, of Glen Castle, Erris, County Mayo, have given an abatement of 25 per cent. on its property county Mayo, have given an abatement of 25 per cent. On the state that Messrs. Patrick and Thomas Walsh, of Glen Castle, Erris, County Mayo, have given an abatement of 25 per cent. On the state that Messrs, Patrick and Thomas Walsh, of Glen Castle, Erris, County Mayo, have given an abatement of 25 per cent. On the state that Messrs, Patrick and Thomas Walsh, of Glen Castle, Erris, County Mayo, have given an abatement of 25 per cent. On the state of the state of

the previously swollen state of the river, swept the little fellow away, and he was drowned.

LIMERICK.

On Sunday, August 10th, a very large and respectable meeting of the inhabitants of the parishes of Ballingarry and Granah and of their near surroundings, took place in the town of Ballingarry, to make arrangements to give a public welcome home to the Rev. Denis Shanahan, on his return from America, and present him with a testimonial of affection and gratitude for his untiring zeal and labor for them. A few years ago this good priest embraced his brother—the esteemed and yenerated parish priest of these parishes embraced his brother—the esteemed and venerated parish priest of these parishes—gave £200 of his own money as a handsome beginning, and went with the prayers of his parishioners to America to solicit aid to make the church of St. Mary's, Ballingarry, worthy of its object; and since then he remitted nearly three thousand pounds to his brother for that most laudable purpose—a clear proof of the feeling of those so long parted, which still lives beyond the ocean, which neither distance nor time can destroy. It is but distance nor time can destroy. It is but just to add, while one brother was away, the other—the worthy pastor—was indefatigably working in the same good cause, and nobly he has succeeded in finishing the churce and beautiful spire, and crowned it with the Cross.

WATERFORD.

There is considerable emigration at present from Waterford for New Zealand. A Mrs. Smith, wife of a painter, died suddenly on Aug. 11th, in Lady-lane, Waterford, although in good Itealth, apparently, when retiring to rest the night before.

ANTRIM.

The Fifteenth of August passed over quietly in Belfast. Not a single band paraded the streets, and the day was one of the most peaceable that has been for some time in Belfast. Instead of, as in former years, bands parading the streets, followed by tumultuous crowds, composed of the lowest class of people, the 15th all was quiet and harmony. Localities that were wont to be the scene of many a row presented a most peaceful appearance.

ARMAGH.

On Aug. 14th, at Annalost, near Lurgan, Thomas Burrell, son of Lord Lurgan's game-keeper, laid down a loaded gun in a hedge, and when lifting it again be caught it by the muzzle; it accidently went off. A portion of his right hand was blown away. He was brought to Lurgan Hospital, where the hand was amputated. He now lies in

a dangerous state.

The anniversary of the relief of Derry The anniversary of the relief of Derry was celebrated in Lurgan and the neighborhood, on August 12th. In the evening large numbers of people, with drums and other music, proceeded to Dollingstown,— a large village a mile from Lurgan—where every possible demonstration took place. There were several thousands present from all parts of the surrounding country. In the centre of the village there was an Orange arch, from which was suspended a transparency, with the words, pended a transparency, with the words, "Derry, 1688, No Surrender," on the one side, and "Welcome, Brethren," on the other. Two effigies of Lundy and the O'Connor Don were hawked about the place, and, after being hanged, were consigned to the flames of a huge bonfire that had been lighted in the middle of the village. During the evening there was a display of fireworks. All was over about 10 o'clock.

TYRONE.

The tenants of John Y. Burgess, Esq., Parkmore, Dungannon, who live in Annaloist, a townland on the shore of Lough Neagh, have petitioned their landlord requesting him to make them a liberal re-duction of rent owing to the bad crops of this season, caused by the almost continuous rain.

FERMANAGH.

August 15th, "Lady Day," as is usual with all holidays in Enniskillen, passed off quietly. The Confraternity Brass Band, with some country bands, paraded the town, which was filled with country folks taking a holiday.

GALWAY.

An extraordinary piece of horseman-ship took place at Galway, on Aug. 9th, on a wager between two gentlemen, mem-bers of the Galway Hunt Club, more popularly known as the "Galway Blazers." Mr. Bodkin bet £50 that within one hour from starting his horse "Droleen" would jump an obstacle at which Mr. O'Neill Power's horse "Ruction" would fail. The Power's horse "Ruction" would fail. The challenge was taken up, and the former horse being ridden by the first whip, and the latter by Mr. F. Joyce, a most exciting competition began. The first jump was over a railway embankment, with a descent of fifteen feet. Then they went over the opposite bank. Next the rider of "Droleen" proposed to leap a boundary wall 4½ feet high, with a perpendicular descent of 25 feet, or thereabouts, at the other side, but Mr. Persse, Master of the Hunt, who had been appointed judge of the match, protested against this, and less terrible jumps were resorted to Finally, "Ruction" won, and nobody was killed.

MAYO.

The reduction of rent movement in Mayo and the neighboring counties of Galway and Roscommon is growing apace. No fewer than a dozen meetings in the alove nemed these certains in the shortest notice. Give the new Yard a 41-1y

Mr John Keough, Leevagh, lately inquired into the condition of his tenantry, and taking into consideration the great falling off in the prices of agricultural produce and bad harvests, has granted an abatement of 20 per cent. on his property. It is stated that Messrs, Patrick and Thomas Walsh, of Glen Castle, Erris,

tains, and, having considerably added to l cultivate the grain.

GENERAL LEE ON TRISH SOLDIERS.

The Cincinnati Commercial prints an account by the ex-chaplain of an Ohio regiment, of an interview with General Robert E. Lee, while General Sherman's army was marching through Richmond. army was marching through Richmond.

"One topic of our conversation," says the writer, "was the foreign element in both armies." Speaking of the Irish, he declared with considerable feeling that the South could not reconcile with their notions of consistency and honor how Northern Irishmen, who were so desperately and violently opposed to the thraldom of Britain—how liberty-loving Irishmen could fight against the Southerners contending for indenpendence and equality of rights. I suggested that the soldiers of Irish origin in our armies were equally bewildered to know how Irishmen who for centuries have gallantly contended for the freedom of the Celts could be so inconsistent and recreant to every principle inconsistent and recreant to every principle of right as to be engaged in a war for a Government whose corner-stone was slavery. Besides that, though Irishmen were revolutionists at home, they were conservatives in the United States, and that there was an infinite difference between a war in the interests of oppression, and one in favor of the oppressed. Adverting to the character of the Irish, as soldiers, the General was very enthusiastic, saying that they played a prominent part in all the wars of the world for the last three centuries, now on one side, now on the other. The Irish soldier fights not so much for lucre as through the reckless love of adventure, and, moreover, with a chivalrous devotion to the cause he espouses for the time being. Cleburne, on our side, inherited the intrepidity of his race. On a field of battle he shone like a meteor on a clouded sky. As a dashing military man he was all virtue; a single vice does not stain him as a warrior. His generosity and benevolence had no limits. The care which he took of the fortunes of his officers and soldiers, from greatest to the least, was incessant. the greatest to the least, was incessant. His integrity was proverbial, and his modesty was an equally conspicuous trait in his character. Meagher, on our side, though not Cleburne's equal in military genius, rivalled him in bravery and in the affections of his soldiers. The gallant stand which his hold brigade made on the heights which his bold brigade made on the heights which his bold brigade made on the heights of Fredericksburg is well known. Never were men so brave. They ennobled their race by their splendid gallantry on that desparate occasion. Though totally routed, they reaped harvests of glory. Their brilliant, though hopeless assaults on our lines excited the hearty applause of my officers and soldiers, and Gen. Hill exclaimed "There are those green flags again."

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