







THE UNION AS GOTTEN PROPHESIED.

The Union as Gotten prophesied, did all that! said Mr. Moy. The trade of Ireland toward the end of the last century expressed that of England.

MOY O'BRIEN.

A TALE OF IRISH LIFE.

By MISS SKERTON (M. MELROSE).

CHAPTER XLIII.—(CONTINUED).

"Carina's mild question, 'Uncle, what is fossil?' added to the amusement. 'That agent of yours is a nice sort of a fellow, isn't he?'

"This description, so entirely at variance with Mr. Cormac's idea of an agent, seemed to silence him for a time, for after the two words 'I say' had escaped his lips he spoke no more, but he listened with an expression of piercing interest to the conversation that went on round the table.

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The next was one of those almost tropical days which in July and August sometimes visit even Ireland. From out the cloudless sky heat came in pouring down such heat as made it easy to understand how those early emigrants from the Mediterranean to the Emerald Isle, arriving, perhaps, on such a day as this, found no difficulty in planting their new home that worship of the sun, traces of which to this hour can be found in various parts of Ireland.

"I guess you'd call this a lively day for the grasshoppers," said Mr. McDonnell, looking pale as death, and his hair by contrast more jet black than ever, he came into the O'Briens' house soon after breakfast. "My daughter is gone with her mother when she was ill. So she told Maurice they must wait till Lady Arthur was in better health.

The session was a trying one to Mr. Davoren. The Home Rule members were in a satisfactory state, but Maurice never despaired of the cause. That was a different thing altogether—he knew it would triumph at last. In the meantime he did his duty. He never was absent from an important division, and in many a debate on his brilliant little speeches did immense good for Ireland. He was becoming one of the pets of London society. His table was always covered with invitations, and knowing that with many Englishmen there was merely ignorance of Ireland's condition and real wants which made these poor poor one measure after another brought forward by Home Rule members, he went out, not to have his own convictions weakened by arguments of well-meaning and well-to-do Britons, but with the one purpose of his burning like a disc in his breast, with a firm and steadfast glow, he modestly and fearlessly, wherever opportunity offered, put the true state of the case forward; and often a humorous story, pointed long ago at his father's table, became an argument, or drew conviction from the minds of his English hearers. And when he had led them, and all were agreeing in the way and high spirits of the young Irishmen, Maurice in a humorous mood, through the busy London streets, would be saying in himself, 'Yes, my country! It will come!—it will come! But one hour to wait, one day to wait, in half an hour, in the next, in the hope of the future.'

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"I'm afraid not," said Mr. McDonnell. "For instance, I don't know the meaning of 'Moneydonn' and he appealed to Moy.

"I think our great authority, Mr. Joyce, says that 'money' means shrubbery, or 'thick shrubbery,' said Moy.

"You must not be so severe," said Moy, smiling. "Of course the gate ought to be made of stone, but the man who rents this farm has been really very ill from nothing but worry and anxiety about Mr. Hackney's future intentions regarding his property."

"A merry heart goes all the day," said Mr. McDonnell. "Your mother is in a state of mind that is not to be envied."

"When the party were about half a mile from 'Moneydonn' the whole aspect of the place became changed, and the trees were scattered far and near, and the well-tilled fields and luxuriant hedges were pleasant to look upon."

"Well, I'm blest if ever I saw such things as these! What do you call them? Oh, hedges, best stone and stick crossed up—the two ends of a saw-horse. You don't know what this is either, I guess? Well, like two X's, then. Some way apart, and cord-wood had across so—some pieces of wood, and I could fix it up in no time, but I can't explain it well."

"I think I understand what you mean," said Moy, to whom his whole conversation turned, and he pointed to the fence as they went on. "His enthusiasm was quite catching. Moy did not laugh. She just exchanged one brilliant, wistful glance with Mr. Gilmarin (who sat beside Mr. Cormac), and then said, 'I don't know what you mean, but I'd just like to take you up into my mill—its mine still, you know—and see if you wouldn't stare to see first the trees whole, and then what I made of them.'

"Then I tell you what, governor," said Mr. McDonnell, "you come along with us, and hold an umbrella over the young lady's head."

Mr. Gilmarin smiled. He had already made up his mind to accompany the party if he found Moy was going.

Mr. McDonnell asked if they would pass the house where the little loemaker lived. Moy told him, but he did not tell them that 'Glenroy' and were on their way back to Ballymore. She looked surprised that the people who rented the small farms near the town had also retained a good deal of waste land.

"It's curious," said Mr. McDonnell, as they passed rapidly along the low, level road between the two hills, "that the people who rent the small farms near the town had also retained a good deal of waste land."

know that's where we started from—but that if I remember any digging farther up country."

"Do you mean," said Moy, "that you have no trace of what part of Ireland you came from?"

"Not a trace, Miss; but we were not so badly off, after all, for some didn't even know their own names. They were too small when they were left alone in the world; and 'now there's many a man in the States and Canada that's called by an English or Scotch name that is Irish out-and-out. You see, all the grown-up folks of our party (except a count) hatched the brackers, and Cis and I were adopted by strangers; and sometimes it's pretty hard scratching in the backwoods, I can tell you; so for many years we'd no time to think or inquire. I did at last, when I had made some money of my own. I went out to the Cape of Good Hope to look for a mission. I'll try to hear it; but I guess we drop anchor here."

"The carriage had drawn up beside a gate, inside which trees and a garden were visible; an old stone house in the left, with a comfortable, substantial appearance, and a little farther off large farm-buildings."

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