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****** LOVERS' LUCK

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On a bright May morning as Barry O'Gill was crossing the fields by a well worn footpath, balancing a bag of meal on his back, he caught sight of Moira Nolan washing linen in the little river that brawled its way through the village of Ballymoran. The brook gushed and sang over its pebbles, and Moira's young voice sang with it as her white arms flashed in the clear water. She was on her knees, straight and supple as a willow, her bare feet tucked under her with only the rosy heels showing. The wind caught a strand of her hair and whipped it out till it shone like beaten gold in the sun. Barry paused, dazzled, and gazed at her, his mouth agape, his sack of meal forgotten on his back. Presently the girl was aware of his presence and that he

was watching her. "What are ye gaping at at all?" she questioned.

"At the loveliest girl in all Ireland." said Barry, never taking his eyes from

"Sorrow be to ye if your mother knew it," laughed Moira, bending to her work again. "And angry she'd be to find ye here. Ye'd best go back to

Barry flushed till his cheeks were redder than his hair. "It's here that I'll sthop," he said decidedly, dumping down his sack and seating himself on

the grass. Moira's thrust had been a keen one. for all the village knew that he lived in fear of his mother's tongue. "Shure, it's the sting of a wasp she has entoirely," was the verdict of her neighbors, from whom the Widow O'Gill held somewhat aloof, though now and again she condescended to call on Mrs. Terhune for "a bit of gossip and a

Barry was Mrs. O'Gill's only child and the idol of her heart. Did he so much as look at a girl, Mrs. O'Gill was filled with alarm. So while the other lads lingered about the church steps after mass that they might see their sweethearts. Barry was hurried off homeward by his mother. Therefore it was with a sense of recklessness and novelty that he gave himself up to a talk with Moira. She bade him help her wring the clothes and then laughed at his awkwardness and lashed him with glittering drops, The time went quickly. It was noon before they knew it, and Barry sped home to his dinner and a scolding. Yet he hardly heard the words his mother heaped on him, so engrossed was he with the memory of Moira's gray eyes and the exquisite curve of her lips. Love comes swiftly when one is young in Ballymoran.

He and Moira met often after that, sometimes at the edge of the little river and sometimes on the roads by which the hawthorn hedges bloomed, a mass of pink and green. The more Barry thought of Moira the more he realized that his mother would never consent to his marriage. Moira's beauty was the only dowry the girl had. Of all the poor folk in Ballymoran she was by far the poorest.

Nor was Barry much richer. It was his mother who held the purse strings. Once, in desperation, he thought of giving up Moira, and for three whole days he did not see her. Then quite by accident he met her coming across a field. She was about to pass him with averted face.

"Moira!" he cried brokenly. At that she turned. She was pale and there were deep shadows under her eyes. All that Barry had kept pent in his heart rushed to his lips, and Moira listened, looking down and plucking at a bit of hawthorn she held in her hand, A lark rose from the long meadow grass near by, and soaring into the air poured out a song that seemed but an echo of the ecstasy that was in their hearts. It was Moira who made the first return to earth.

"Does your mother know of it?" she questioned.

"Divvle a bit," said Barry cheerfully

"and where would be the good o' telling her? She'd niver consent to it in the wide woruld. 'Tis a runaway match we'll have to make, mayourneen. We'll be afther taking a thrip to the next parish and back some foine day."

"But where will we live at all Barry, darlint?" cried Moira, still troubled. "Rest alsy," said Barry; "I can make somewhat working in the bogs, and that will give us a bite and a sup. And there's owld McShane's cabin that's been desarted ever since he went to America. Troth, it's a ramshackle place, and there's no denying it! The roof lakes, but I can mend it with fresh turf. And though the room is as small as a nut, what a foine view we'll have from the doorway. And if the chimbley is owld and shmokey, after all, 'twill be our own. Arrah, trust to luck, Moira, achree! And lovers' luck, shure,

it's the best of all!" "True for ye, Barry," agreed Moira and, happy and improvident, they drifted back into their lovers' paradise and one morning before the first birds were astir and Ballymoran lay in the cool grayness of the dawn they slipped away to the next parish. By the middle of the afternoon they were back again, and all the village knew of their

Mrs. Terhune hastened to bring the news to Mrs. O'Gill, but the latter, pushing forward a chair, did not wait

for her to speak. "Have ye seen aught of my boy Barry?" she demanded. "The lazy gossoon! Gone since morning, and not a bit of work has he done the day, bad

cess to him!" It was a fine opening for Mrs. Terhune, and, sitting on the opposite side of the hearth, she told her story, Mrs. O'Gill interrupting from time to time with passionate ejaculations. "The curse of all the crows upon him! And sorrow to me for having a bowld, decaitful son murthering my heart with his cruel actions! May he niver cross my threshold again! 'Tis a serpint's tooth he is, a serpint's tooth!" Mrs. Terhune wagged her head wise-

"He is so," she agreed, with relish, 'he is so! The most good for nothing lad in the parish, and he marrying the poorest gurl of it! There's not a boy for miles around but what would have more sense! My children, now, they're foine, clever lads, and, och, woman, dear, it's often I've said to myself I pitied ye having such a great, awk-

ward, shtupid galloot for a son!" But Mrs. Terhune had ventured too far. While she was speaking Mrs. O'Gill's face had flushed and then paled again. After all, Barry was her own son, blood of her blood and flesh of her flesh, and the mother in her rose, armed. Eyes and voice ablaze, she turned

on Mrs. Terhune. "Spare your pity," she cried breathlessly, "spare your pity! My boy has married where his heart led him, and if the gurl is poor, so much the better. He is not like some I know, who spend their days hanging after the rich. Aye, ye may wince, Bridget Terhune, for ye know what I mean. Clever children, indaid! 'Tis myself that's thankful to heaven that my Barry is not like your jabbering, knockkneed omathons! 'Twas like ye to come here with your spiteful words, and now, if ye've had your say, ye may take yourself off!"

But Mrs. Terhune had already gathered herself together and was stumbling down the road, muttering as she went. On the way she passed Barry and his bride, walking hand in hand toward the forlorn, tumbledown cabin they meant to make their home. She went by them flapping like a wet hen. and they failed to recognize in her their saving angel. Instead, they looked fearfully ahead to where Barry saw a familiar figure approaching over the crest of the hill, a spare, keen eyed woman with a red shawl about her shoulders.

Mrs. O'Gill faced the culprits grimly. "'Tis a foine hour for ye to be coming home," she cried sharply. "The supper's been set for the both of ye this long time, and 'twill be ruined en-

She gave Moira a piercing glance. The last light of the afterglow touched the girl's face with a pale glory. "'Tis a slim creature ye are," said Mrs. O'Gill, her voice softening. "When I was a gurl I had bright eyes, too, and the same color o' hair. Ah, heaven be with thim owld times! 'Tis long since I was young!" She turned from them abruptly and went on ahead, leading

the way home. The lovers followed in a happy daze, too overwhelmed to question how such fortune came about. "Did I not tell ye," said the rapturous Barry, "that lovers' luck is the greatest in the

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The number of child laborers under 16 years old in the state, according to the estimates made by the officials of the bureau of statistics from the data at hand, is considerably over 10,000. Over 5700 certificates entitling the children to work have been issued and nearly 600 children have been refused the right to work because of physical or mental deficiencies. These figures show that about 10 per cent. of the child workers of the state are either

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New York, Sept. 11.-Herman Oelrichs, who died at sea on September 1, left the bulk of his estate to his brother, Charles May Oelrichs, and to his sister, Mrs. Lucy Jay. His wife, from whom he has been estranged for some time, is cut off from any bequest and the statement made that she "has an ample fortune of her own." To the son, Herman Oelrichs, Jr., nothing is left but pieces of jewelry, guns and some personal effects. Other relatives, his secretary and his valet are remembered in his will. It is believed here Mrs. Oelrichs and her son will contest the will and a long legal battle is expected.

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