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GEO. J. LaBAR. UNDERTAKING.

The Greatest Miracle of St. Patrick

It's given up by every one that Patrick of the bells was the most wonderful saint that ever lived for working miracles, and the one I am going to tell you about now was the greatest miracle of them all.

Long ago, and a very long time ago entirely it was when Finn MacCumhull and the warriors of the Flanna ruled from their king's dun at Almhula over the pleasant province of Leinster. Three score captains there were of the Flanna and five score champions followed every captain when he went to the wars. And the like of these men for heroes the world has never seen before or since. Seven feet tall was Minne, the smallest of them all, and the handle of his spear was just a young ash



On the White Horse of Magic

tree. By that you may know what the others were like. Many's the fine song has been made up about them by the ancient bards of Ireland.

On a day at the court of Teamhair in the presence of the four kings and the four queens of Ireland the three caskets of honor were given without lessening to Oislin by Cormac, the high king. The first casket held the five silver lilies of courtesy, which meant kindness to the conquered, hospitality to the stranger, charity for the poor and distressed, gentleness to old men and children, and white homage to women. The second casket contained the five bronze nuts of learning, which signified: Skill in fighting, sleight in wrestling, swiftness in hunting, caution in chess playing, and sweet cunning in the making of melodious songs. And the third casket held three golden apples which signified courage in danger, faith in friendship, and truth in speaking. And no other man before or since ever got those three caskets at one time without lessening.

So no wonder at all it was that Niahm of the golden hair, who was the daughter of the king of the Country of the Young, fell into conceit with the great fame of Oislin and journeyed all the way to Ireland for love of him. And no sooner did Oislin set eyes on Niahm of the golden hair than he loved her with every vein of his body, and it's what he said to her: "From this day out I will have neither ease of mind nor peace of heart until your life is the same as my life; and for me there's no other woman in the world but you, O woman of the deep shining eyes!"

For answer Niahm bent down from the white horse on which she rode and kissed him on the forehead and on the eyes, and this is what she said: "There is many a king's son who has paid court to me, O Oislin of the comely brows, but it's to you I give my heart, and to no other. And it's to take you back with me to my father's country I have come, bringing the white horse of magic for our journey. And if you love me, as you say, you will come up now and sit behind me here."

So he did that, and the great white horse turned his face to the western sea and the people of the Flanna saw them no more. And they went their way together on the white horse of magic over the high, tossing sea and under the dark, running waves and in the Country of the Young and were given an hundred thousand welcomes in the palace of the king itself.

But one day as Oislin and his young men were coming home from the hunt on the side of the hill before them, and out of the middle of the cloud a sweet sounding harp began playing, and the heart of Oislin stood still, for he knew it to be Suanach, son of Senshenn, who was in it playing, and the song that Suanach sang was the lament for the death of Oscar.

And straightway a sudden famishing for a sight of the wide, green hills of Ireland and a hungry yearning for a sound of the long forgotten voices took the strength from Oislin's limbs, and the enchantment fell from his eyes.

Oislin never looked back, but went as swift as the wind over the high, tossing sea and under the dark running waves till he came to his own fair country of Ireland.

Now it chanced at that hour that Patrick of the bells, son of Calphrun, with two of his clerics, was on his

way to Ath Cliath to preach the new faith to the people. After Oislin told his wonderful story to the clerics Patrick took him by the hand and led him the ways to Ath Cliath, where for three days Oislin listened to Patrick of the bells preaching to the princes and to the people.

On the fourth day of the preaching, when Patrick was getting ready to baptize the people it's what he said to Oislin:

"Come out now with the others, son of Finn, till I baptize you and save you from the torments of hell, for if you are not baptized you can never enter heaven."

"But tell me first, Patrick of the white book, where are the Flanna—my son, Oscar of the strokes. Art Garrlada, the victorious, Caoilte, son of Roman, and Finn, my father—are they in your heaven?"

"No," answered Patrick, "their likes would not be let into heaven, they died unbaptized. They are prisoners in deep hell, suffering the torments of fire."

A spot of red anger burned on either cheek of Oislin, and it's what he answered:

"Then keep your heaven for yourself, O Patrick of the crooked staff, and for the likes of these ill singing clerics; as for myself, I want none of it. I will go to this hell you speak about to be with Finn, my father, and my son, Oscar, and the friends of my youth."

And Oislin could not understand at all the tears in Patrick's eyes nor the trouble in his voice as the saint answered him:

"The mercy of God is more wonderful than all his works. Oislin, this night you will be christened with Finn, your father, and with your loved comrades of the Flanna—your high loyalty to them has conquered heaven. Come with me now to the ford."

At that he led the old pagan's faltering steps into the shallow stream and baptized him there. When that was done he bade Oislin return to the water's edge and wait for him there. But Patrick remained in the water praying. Three times he raised his arms toward heaven, then bowed his head again and waited.

When he did that a heavy, luminous mist settled on either bank of the stream. Presently the figure of a giant warrior with shield, and sword, and spears of ancient make, stood at the river's edge outlined against the mist. And Patrick knew by the king's crown that was upon the warrior's forehead that it was no other than the great Finn, son of Cumhull himself, that was in it. And the warrior came into the stream and bent his knee before Patrick, and Patrick baptized him there. Then followed Oscar of the strokes, and Cairrioll of the white skin, and Faolan the liberal, and Conan of the sharp tongue, and Caoilte of the flaming hair, and his seven sons. And as each passed he bent his knee in the flood and Patrick sprinkled the water on his forehead and spoke the words that changed him into a child of God.

When the last figure melted away into the haze Patrick knew that his task was ended. But as he turned to regain the bank a resplendent figure stepped forth to meet him. Of all the men Patrick had ever seen in the world, this one was the stateliest



Patrick Baptized Him There.

and comeliest. It's more than seven feet tall he was, and the hair of his proud head fell like burnished gold to his shoulders. Upon his brow was a golden fillet, and a collar of red gold encircled his neck. Patrick knew well that it was Oislin and no other that stood before him. As the saint gazed the apparition raised its right hand high above its head with the open palm toward Patrick. And it's how it stood there smiling a little minute and then disappeared through the cloud the way the others had gone.

As it did that the mists lifted, and Patrick went out to where the figure of the old man was lying, and it's how he lay with his lips to the ground and he cold and dead.

Now that was the greatest miracle of St. Patrick bringing back the Flanna of Ireland from the grave the way they would be baptized and saved for heaven.

Wages in Germany Advanced.
Wages in the machine factories of Germany advanced last year 10 to 15 per cent.

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Emigration from Norway.
The number of persons who emigrated from Norway in the calendar year 1906 was 28,274, of whom 11,290 sailed from Christiania. In Daily Consular Reports for February 1 the numbers were erroneously placed at 31,158 and 14,174 respectively.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. LUCAS COUNTY.
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WEAK, PALE, THIN

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restored Mrs. Robbins To Health and Also Cured Her Daughter of Anaemia.

Mrs. Joie Robbins, of 1121 Clar St., Decatur, Ill., says: "I was weak, thin and troubled with headaches. My appetite failed so that I did not relish my food. I was unable to do my work because my limbs pained me so and my feet were swollen. I got numb and dizzy, my tongue seemed at times to be paralyzed so that I couldn't speak distinctly. My extremities, when in this numb state, felt as if some one was sticking needles into me all over their surface. Through my shoulders at times I had such pain that I couldn't sleep. Many times I awoke with a smothering sensation.

"When the physician's remedies failed to benefit me I began to look for something that would. My sister, Mrs. McDaniel, of Decatur, recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to me and I at once purchased some. I was greatly encouraged when I saw how they acted on my nervous condition and continued using them until cured. I am now able to attend to my duties and have not consulted a physician since.

"I also gave them to my daughter who had always been weak and who at this time seemed to lack vitality. Her cheeks were colorless and she was thin and spiritless. She had anaemia and we feared consumption, because every time she went out doors if it was at all cold or damp she would take cold and cough. But Dr. Williams' Pink Pills brought color back to her cheeks and strength to her body."

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