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A TALE OF THE BANSHEF, unmistakable. I should have known ing ground. von here?

for my letters." A packet was presented to me as I spoke.

lin. My friend Henry, or, to call man for his own. him by his more familiar name, Harry O'Neill, was the life of the party, handsome face and person. His unt good-breeding with which, becom- his heart and head were full. ing grave in a moment, he met and nswered complaints and smoothed all difficulties, quite won over two they fully expected to meet "Rory of sions only." the Hills" upon the staircase about ready to make a raid upon the lug- max

gage, and to see a "Head Center," with a pistol at full cock, looking in PLUSH, at every window. Henry O'Neill, Esq., of Randlestown Manor, was a gentleman of let us know she is there. I never er spoke of it to her. good family and tolerably good fortune in the county Antrim, a de my cousin Norah swear they did." Hand, and in appearance no unworthy scion of that princely house. He all. Should you be afraid of her by his own desire he went to Oxford, his voice as men have a trick of dowhere, I believe, he was not distin- ing when they are, or when they fanmished for anything but muscularsuppose it is wrong to say un-Chris-

tianity. And yet I do not think lie was more pagan in his ideas and conduct than were the majority of his cotemporaries. His father died beore he was of age, and left him to he guardianship of his mother, the at four-and-twenty, engaged to his cousin, Norah Fitzgerald, the daughter of his father's only sister. North was an orphan, and, for an Irish girl, on heiress. Heiresses in the Emerald Isle are not so plentiful as black-

upon the match, and she watched to the dim and distant background dy Mary's order. Remember, we are selling goods cheap, for cash.

his last Christmas as a bachelor at Her usually pretty color had faded prise and the suspicion which just said North's low voice from the so-Randlostown Manor.

I need not particularly describe all variably denotes fright or nervous almost giddy. He must have seen the members of the party; it con- agitation of some kind. She was of me quite as soon as I saw him, for sure," he answered, with another sisted of some young men and wo a singularly nervous and excitable I carried a light, and so did he. quick glance at Miss Lomax. men and the two timid downgers temperament, and her manner was before mentioned. One of these ladies awkward and constrained. I noticed "Where in the world have you been, the party dispersed. A portiere sep—
was a widow without encumbrance, that when Miss Lomax was intro Hugh?" he said, without a shade of arated the dining-room from the lidine at the Manor, but I called in the meant no harm; I swear to you—
"Hugh?" he said, without a shade of arated the dining-room from the lian old friend of Lady Mary's, Mrs. Lestrange by name; the other—and to her I noticed that young O Neill brows went up, and the faintest post the matter? You look quite pale!" went with a book to a distant window; my back was to Norah's sofa, The evening passed, and another her happiness you have long since Lomax, and she was encumbered by over her beautiful face. Did she dered, and wondering in my own and I faced the portiere. Harry went beautiful, soft moonlight night came destaoyed. Surely there were men a handsome girl, her daughter Adehandsome a woman. I did not like her, even from the first moment of our introduction, but her claims to beauty could not be denied by her greatest enemy. She was dark-skinned and dark-haired, and she had know, and that was that if Harry shoulder. "Take care how you men-lark brown eyes with long black went in any way against his mother's tion a lady's name in that manner. "Well, dark brown eyes with long black she had power to leave Randlestown

lashes; eyes which were often luminous and languishing, sometimes mournfully pathetic; but never tender. I have heard women declare that she had no heart; but they were that she had no heart; but they were his mother lived. Knowing these wrong. That useful organ was not facts, I was doubly anxious for Nowanting; but although it might be stirred by a wild storm of passion, love-gentle, tender, self-sacrificing love-I could not give it credit for either feeling or inspiring. O'Neill told me that he had Mrs. Lomax and her daughter at

having known the young man's mother; Lady Mary was reminded of her old acquaintance by letter: the intimacy prospered, and resulted daughter to spend their Christinas in

the mother's wishes were clear to me, so were the daughter's.

Miss Lomax had strong opinions I was in the act of asking that upon most subjects, but especially the long avenue, our gay voices and question, so important to myself, strong were her opinions upon all laughter were checked by the unex-Are there any letters for the Rev. subjects which concerned herself, pected sound of a long, low, and Tugh D'Alton?" at what I may call and I have no doubt whatever that melancholy cry; it arose upon a wild, ing Cross Hotel, and at the same the invitation; neither have I any then died out again time preparing myself to wait padoubt that she had determined upon Norah dropped my arm, and she looked through, when I heard behind Harry O'Neill, and I saw that the quick enough to catch her. and most musical tone in the world facinations and, to do him justice, she mouned. "Oh, do you not hear accent, not an Irish broque: when tance-the more obstinately did she happen now?" will our English friends learn the set herself to conquer him, and day

who the speaker was even if he had Oh how could be be unfaithful to Miss Fitzgerald say?" not descended upon me, of course that sweet promised wife of his, who clapped me on the back, and called watched him wistfully as every hour ery like that at night coming suddenout, "Hugh, old fellow, what brings after the arrival of the party at Ran- lydiestown he became more and more "Hunger," I said, "and a desire visibly entangled in the snares of the again. It seemed quite close to us

dark-eyed Adelaide? Men have certainly strangely clas- This time Norahedid not speak; she "Why do you let bores write to the hearts and fancies, and no one had fainted. I carried her tenderly you when you're out for a lark? I capable of judgment on such matters to the house, and just on the steps wouldn't do it. Breakfast, did you could have mistaken O'Neill's state we met two of the skating party say? All right-breakfast with me; of mind the morning we all break- O'Neill and Miss Lomax, returning have such a jolly party here, and fasted together in Dublin. He placed alone from their pleasure. we're all going over to Ireland, to himself beside the beautiful English "What has happened?" cried Har Randlestown, my boy, to-morrow girl; he lost no opportunity of whis- ry on seeing imperfectly by the faint pering to her those words which ex- light that I carried something. press so little but which mean so "What is it, old fellow? Any one "Wait for us; you may as well, much; and if she turned from him been stealing sheep " and it will be twice the fun; and re- but for a moment he would gaze on I brushed past him into the lighter membe, you spend Christmas at the her with what some one has so forci- hall; the others crowded after me ROCKERS. Manor: but of course my mother bly, if also coarsely, called "hungry he was at their healtand Norah have you booked already. lover's eyes;" and I am quite sure Come along: never mind your letters that he would at that moment—unronow. I must introduce you to my mantic and prosaic nine a. m. as it that unearthly cry just now which is

was have given a good ten years of I gave up my plans to his, and the his life if he could by any means, second morning after our chance foul or fair, have got rid of all those meeting found us all together at a stupid people, myself included, his dear friends and guests, and then room of the Shelbourne Hotel, Dub- and there have, tried to win that wo-

But as the gates of our earthly and to good spirits nature had ena- had nothing for it but to cat a good oled him to add the attractions of a breakfast, and to exert himself to be agreeable by talking of everything conquerable love of fun and the qui- under the sun except that of which He began by proposing the delay

of a day in our journey. "What do you say, Mrs. Lomax, elderly dowagers, who were strongly and you, ladies all-shall we stay in to get up in time for a nine o'clock to-day to the lions? We have nothnever been in Ircland before, and she howls and appears on state occa-"And they are-?" said Miss Lo-

"When some of us, the O'Neills you know, are going to die, or even heard her myself, but my mother and " And did anything happen?"

cy themselves, in love. "Of all things it is the dream

the Banshee till that moment?

the room with her mother.

duced by O'Neill to "My cousin, embarrassment. "I have just been brary, and through this portiere forenoon to inquire for North. She think the pale, timid looking girl too mind if my sleepy eyes had deceived away to give some orders, he said on. I went out for a quiet stroll be- enough in the world to gratify your insignificant to be a rival? I took me. "To look for me! You did Lady Mary staid for a moment with forc I went to bed, and, tempted by vanity and your passion."—I grew for granted that she was aware of the not come out of my room, surely! It her daughter-in-law, and then she too the beauty of the scene, I lingered out-spoken in the bitterness of my engagement between O'Neill and his was the other door; Miss ____ cousin; but if so, she never made "Good heavens, D'Alton, are you O'Neill knew or remembered that I upon midnight. I could see the band from her! But you need not even a jesting allusion to it. There mad or asleep?" he cried in an an- was in the room, for she never spoke. lights in the windows of the Manor; tear; I shall not betray you. To do

rah's future; Harry would probably fulfill his engagement, and make her lieve myself under a delusion; but miserable. --Meanwhile the days passed on Christmas was spent with unusual Baden. Mrs. Lomax remembered asked him, with a look I could not lery again; just as if by looking you not learned to do without me and fell, and I saw distinctly a white was, in the dead of the night, with a

in a cordial-invitation to mother and do as she liked, for she did not stay ing room door. How came the flow- her voice. Then presently she add- house and disappeared in a wood The short January day was over, hour. Harry had had on his dress- Harry?" How soon?" and we were returning home at a ing gown, a garment which gentlejects connected with this and other brisk pace by the light of the cold, men do not usually decorate with graph. We have a big dinner on I started to enter the wood on the matters from my own observations frosty-looking stars. The darkness, flowers. I went to bell, and gave the the 31st, you know; so I must be village side. "Banshee or woman only, I judged that, if left to herself, and the clear, bracing air, had an in-matter up as one of the thousand here. Don't you get into a fright you shall not escape me!" I said Mrs. Lomax would have declined the vigorating and chlivening effect upon unrevealed mysteries which daily oc- and think I'm kilt; and never mind Once during my rapid walk the wild invitation. I could see that she had us, for we talked and laughed as we cur in our lives. a horror of Ireland, and that altho' had not done when we could see each. The days went she liked O'Neill, see had no desire other's faces clearly; even Norah my infinite joy, Adelaide Lomax and to have him for a son-in-law. But if was in good spirits, and I was very her mother left the manor. O'Neill happy, for she walked with her hand went with them to Dublin, but he as she arose and flung her shut out my approach that the white diately after the marriage Lady Mary upon my arm. But suddenly, as we staid away one night only, "just to arms about him, "do not talk like figure would be taken unawares. I left the Manor, to which she never were passing through a dark part of see them off," he said,

the "Poste Restante" of the Char- she insisted upon the acceptance of wailing note almost to a shrick, and ding day was fixed for the end of April. I heard the news with that Harry; I feel sure that the third house a flutter of white caught my time preparing mysen to wait par industrial and subjugation of would have fallen had I not been that wild whirl around of the brain, 'The Banshee! the Banshee!

-English cultivation on an Irish he sometimes did try passive resis- him? My God, what is going to "What is it?" cried the other ladifference between the two !- was by day she had the triumph of gain- dies as they, and the gentlemen crowded around us. "What does I suffered, when she looked from the "Oh. nothing." I replied; but a

As I spoke the wild wail rosp now, and appeared to be moving on.

- Your cousin has fainted." I said then, shortly enough; "she heard supposed to be the Banshee-some practical joke, of course. Did you

glances passed between him and Miss paradise rarely open at our side, he having heard her boast that she could imitate perfectly any voice or cry or call which she had herself either heard or heard imitated by another. Was there, then, any connection be tween her and the Banshee's cry?

Twelfth day passed, and then, with the exception of Mrs. and Miss Lomax, the guests left the Manor. They lingered on and on, until I lost all inclined to resent having been obliged. Dublin until to-morrow, and devote patience; but desing patience of with Norah; but his absence had not ward walk to admire the shimmercourse hurt no one but myself. I was breakfast after their long journey on ing to frighten you on the shores of provoked, too, that no one would sixt every time I saw her the alteration soft radiance which brightened the the previous day. These ladies had Lough Neagh but the Banshee, and to the bottom the mystery of the cry in her looks for the worse became old walls of S—'s castle, the anwhich had so terrified poor, gentle, timid little Yorah. Lady Mary poon-phooed the whole thing as if it

ject was forgotten except by me, and, pen, she gives a squeak or two, just to I am sure, by Norah also; but I nev-Before I, too, left the Manor, after my long Christmas visit, for my in his presence, and I tried not to the house at my right hand. I went "I broke my arm at Harrow, that's mysterious circumstance to think him humoring all her invalid fancies, surprise, almost ran against Miss about. I must before I briefly relate as a devoted lover-husband should Lomax. She was sitting on the low

this new mystery, describe the posi- do. s house. They were many in number, and they opened upon one side of a very long gallery; on the othet side forget the expression of her face as was wrapped from head to feet in a there was a balustrade, over which I wondered, Had she ever heard of you could look down into the handsome hall below. O'Neill had a suit but Harry does not wish to have you frightened me !" she said, almost "I must not wish to be gratified, of rooms upon the ground floor; my them put off." however," she added—and now hers room was at the end of the gallery, was the lowered voice—"for my and my door would face any one more radiantly lovely than ever; such Lady Mary O'Neill; and he was now, gratification might mean harm to walking along the gallery from the a contrast to poor, pale Norah. I staircase. Having been over the frankly admit that I felt a most unhouse a hundard times, I knew that christian-like aversion to that brilry's elbow; and by the time he had the door next to mine led into a liant-looking woman - so full of finished her breakfast, was leaving of which a bed-room opened, which in her kindness to "our poor dear bed-room had also a second door invalid," as she would persist in call-

eyes were blind. with pleasure the little girl's growing affection for her handsome cousin. It cannot say that when he asked No
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I cannot say the question to the distant background in the past of the distant b rah to be his wife Harry did not so; in reality she was nothing to me, make himself as happy as he made and I was less than nothing to her. had all, as I believed, gone to their Harry summoning him to town. lis mother; but circumstances, which I may perhaps be able to explain more fully by-and-by, convinced me that he was not in love with the leautiful and gentle girl who hind given to him her whole heart. The engagement had now lasted some wears, for Harry did not wish to marry until he was twenty-five, and when I met still wanted a few months of that neg that when the still wanted a few months of that neg that which is gown, and a was according to the still wanted a few months of that neg that which his goyn with this goyn with this gown to the sold care which a friend, perhaps, which is less than I mothing to a man who would be neglegored that lingtown is loomed to torm, and I was loomed the table to shut out the light, and quick glance at Miss Lomax; he which a bose! he said, with a quick glance at Miss Lomax; he heatiful and gentle girl who hind leep though the sound given to him her whole heart. The engagement had now lasted some one was trying to cross it unstantiantly the sound control of the still wanted a few months of that need the still wanted a few months of that need then abroad for some times and he was then going task to the sold care when t

He came on to meet me, smiling.

wishes in the matter of his marriage, I was in your room-yours, and no ing over to the sofa, and taking the scene to myself,-Miss Lomax at the sake of the man she loved—that no away from him. The property was more than half asleep to make such by Norah, "how goes it? Do you nominally, but not actually, his while a blunder." And he passed on with feel pretty jolly this afternoon?" a glance which seemed to me to say, "Take care how you contradict me." I went to my room, anxious to be-drapery of the portiere. what Harry had said was true. Had yoice replied. I gone to the boudoir, I wondered, gayety; Norah gradually recovered should I have found any trace of his ing and kissing her in a brisk, friend- to my car, the sound of a human was, I could have laughed aloud at her looks and spirits; and when she presence? I went out into the gal- ly manner upon the forehead. "Have voice. Again, as I listened, it rose my melo-dramatic position. There I

have resisted, "Shall I walk or skate about me there I should be able to yet? You will know better by and figure flit for a moment into the beautiful woman kneeling, as it were, to-day, Harry?" he answered: "Do satisfy myself. Of course, I found by."

just as you like," So she turned nothing except a withered rose, "Never!" she said, with quiet disaway with a little sigh, and did not which had been dropped at the dress- tinctness; and there were tears in the Manor. It turned away from the of a Kemble or a Kean.

The days went on, and at last, to

know."

and reveal an unseen listener.

mean to throw yourself into the lake

if vou hear a disconsolate cat cater-

"Pray, pray do not laugh," she in-

sentiment, which nothing can dispel

that I shall hear that ery a third

you will be left, dear; you would get

would without you. Ah, I know it

"My poor little darling!" he an-

Without seeing me he passed thro'

wild cry which had terrified Norah

step of a glass door which led from

"Good gracious, Mr. D'Alton, how

crossly; and she looked very pale in

wauling while I am away, and __"

Then the bright, soft, spring weather burst upon us suddenly, and it was welcome after the severity of the winter, and I heard that the wed-April. I heard the news with that which we all know so well. But what Heaven grant that it may fall upon At my challenge the flying figure willingly to death for her sake; but could that avail? -Silent I had been, and silent I must be forever; but heaven and my own heart knew what carriage window in which she and her husband were about to start upon their wedding tour, and waved her last "good-bye" to the friends who crowded at the door of the Manor house to see the "happy pair off." "Will she smile like that a year

hence?" I said to myself, bitterly, as I recalled the strange, and still unexplained cry which had so frightened her, and O'Neill's mysterious appearance at the door of his guest's bou-

but too well!" The marriage took place in April in May, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill were swered with unusual tenderness. He and I heard from Lady Mary that she and Harry were enjoying them-, selves immensely, and also that they and sobbed upon his breast. saw Mrs. and Miss Lomax frequentthe portiere, where the woman was ly. That particular item of news awaiting him whose presence was lid not delight me; but still less was blighting the happiness of his young I pleased to hear that in October the wife. mother and daughter were to pay a That evening I dined at the Mansecond visit to Randlestown Manor. hear nothing? Did you meet no home, and I thought Norsh was tired, Lady Mary said. Miss

looking jaded, anxious and ill. She Lomax was in excellent spirits, and But a sudden and rapid exchange of appeared, too, to be in decidedly low marvelously civil to me; (she generspirits. I said as much to Lady ally treated me with the coldest in Mary; but I was given, to understand that she had felt the heat game of bezique, won with a triand fatigue of London rather over- umphant score of over 1,000 in two powering, and that Harry had deals, and then threw up the cards brought her home, as there were When, half an hour later, I said good "reasons" why she should, "for the night to every one she was not in the ble. I suppose it was with a view to It was a lovely night, calm and

the proper carrying out of this ob- warm, with a bright moon. I stood ject that Harry, went to London on the steps of the terrace for a few alone a week or two after his return seconds before starting on my home a very soothing effect upon her, for ing light upon Lough-Neah, and the more perceptible. More than once cient home of the O'Neills—the Manshe asked me, with an earnestness in or was on the opposite side of the which there was no hidden jest, if I lake from the castle—and I had falwas fancy on her niece's part. I had ever heard the Banshee since len into a fit of musing, when I was could not make myself officious in that evening. I was able, with per- startled by what seemed to me a the matter. And presently the sub-

At last, in August, Harry came some months before. I listened. It back. I had the miserable pleasure was repeated still more faintly, and of seeing how his young wife revived it seemed to come from the angle of think he was a hypocrite, when I saw quickly around, and, to my intense

As October drew near, I asked the dining room, and had I not seen North if Mrs. Lomax and her daugh- her face. I might have been excused ter were expected; and I shall never for taking her for a ghost, for she she answered, "I believe so; I do not large white shawl. feel quite equal to visitors just now.

the moonlight. "Do you always go So they came, Adelaide looking literally mooning about in this way, instead of going home like a sensible man? "And may I ask what you are doing here alone?" I replied. "I was helped himself Miss Lomax, having small boudoir or dressing-room out health and spirit, so condescending on my way home, when I heard a strange sort of cry; it was very faint. Did you hear anything?" "I never hear cries," she answered, My pretty, gentle, little Norah! opening on the gallery; and I knew ing Mrs. O'Neill. As to Harry himFrom the time Norah came to Rail I may call her mine now that the that bouldoir and bed-room had been self, he was completely infatuated. I dlestown Lady Mary set her heart time of which I write has receded in appropriated to Miss Lomax by La- saw his state of bondage, if other suppose. Well, let her cry; she will too good mimicry of the Banshee's not frighten any one.

there was a deep red flush upon h dark face. What did I mean? I meant nothing; but I remembered that sudden And then luncheon was over and later.

went away. I do not think Mrs. In about half an hour Harry came "Well, little woman," he said, gohad come back.

But a sound in which there was no cause to remember your imitation of As he spoke, my eyes were attracted by a cautious movement of the nusic did come presently; it was that awful, unearthly wail supposed I should be jollier if you were "You goose!" he answered, stoopits unearthly cadence there was in it.

er there? I do not know to this ed, "Can you really come back soon, which stretched for a considerable her, still kneeling, with her face covdistance along the margin of the "Oh, in a day or two. I'll tele- lake. Without hesitating a moment if your friend the Banshee screams, cry rose again. Naught was never in danger, you I entered the wood. The darkness

"Harry," she cried, earnestly, and every object, and would, I hoped, so his wife as soon as possible. Immethat; you have always laughed at me stopped now and then in my rapid returned; and I have reason to beabout that awful cry. I have heard walk to listen, but I heard no step lieve that she about that awful cry. I have heard walk to listen, but I heard no step Mrs. O'Neill. it twice; I know I have; and if I hear no sound of any kind exbect, as it again now, while you are away, it have said, the wild cry once; but will come to tell me that I shall nev- as I reached the opening leading to time, let it come when it will, the eye. "Stop!" I shouted wildly. "I blow will fall in some shape or other. know you!"

increased its speed. I gave chase tiere: how I longed to pull it aside plish against a spirit? With such a Harry's answer to those pathetic words was another langh. "You are ground.

a goose !" he said. "I suppose you But what seemed defeat was, in reality, victory for me. At the moment when the pursuit became hopeless I saw something flutter to the ground as if from the head of the terrupted, pleadingly. "I may be a goose, as you say; but I have a preshrouded figure: it was unheeded. I reached the spot where it had fallen, and snatched it eagerly up. Judge of my horror and amazement when, upon examination in the moonlight, never meet again. I sincerely hone it proved to be a handkerchief with

on better without Norah than Norah Perplexed and made miserable with suspicions to which I dare not give a name, I returned home. Outside the door of my lodgings I found a seemed really touched, and he did knot of people assembled; they apnot repulse her as she clung to him peared excited, and were all talking

ing trouble; the poor young mistress, no truth in that rumor, but from the

they devoutly crossed themselves. "What of the young mistress?" and news was at hand. "Come up to the house, for God's

sake, Sir! Sure don't you hear the cry? And she's taken bad before she required no keeper; but someher time, and my lady sent me off to times, and especially in the shortenyour honor to see if we could get off ing autumn days, she was very far

stunned into quiet by the night's

be still before me. as it was, the hall door stood open, ble and, I believe, remorseful woman and it seemed to me that there was is wandering alone, alone for everan unusual hush over the whole place. I saw figures in the drawing room as imitation of the Banshee's death-cry l passed by the half-closed door on my way to the stairs. I reached the landing, and went quickly towards Norah's room. I knocked softly: the beating of my heart was far louder than the sound my fingers made. The door was opened by Lady Mary herself, and I saw that she was alone; her face was pale and awe struck. "Have you brought him?" she whispered. "But I suppose there was no time."

I shook my head. "It does not matter now," vent on, "he is too late." She led me to the foot of the bed. and there upon the pillow, with the sweet eyes closed forever, I saw the To Lady Mary I said no word; it

dead face of Norah O!Neill. To Lady Mary I said no word; it Man was built after all other things would avail nothing now to arouse had been made and pronounced good. If her suspicious, but I knew that her not, he would have insisted on giving his her suspicions, but I knew that her was, perhaps, a practical joke. God forgive me if I wrong the woman who had done the deed by the though that she had an evil purpose in her

A strange expression passed across ier face; it seemed to me made up of fear, derision, and triumph. "How much does he know? Shall I defy him?" it seemed to say; then her eyelids and her lips quivered, and knew she was both guilty and afraid. "You will not betray me?" the said; and before I could stop her. The following evening I did not she was kneeling at my feet. "I Miss Fitzgerald," her arched eye to your room to look for you. What's Miss Lomax disappeared alone. I was better and in much better spirits. best know what your motive was, and

am sorry if I have disturbed you

"Tired! You are too kind,"

said; "but I do not think there will

be sleep for any one in this house tonight, except for her who will never wake again. Unless,"I added, rous-ing myself to look steadily into her

dark eyes, "it is to insure to your-self a good night's rest that you, Miss Lomax walk in the woods at midnight. You lost this in your last

ramble:" and I laid the handker-

you look tired."

chief before her.

upon the shore of the lake until close despair- without taking her his-I almost funcied once or twice that so would not undo what you have soft music came floating to my ears done, and I can but hope—and my across the water, and I pictured the hope is not for your sake, but for the other. Good-night. You must be hand so engerly stretched out to him piano, and Harry leaning over her in curse will fall upon you, or upon him rapture. I took for granted that he through you; that the real death dry

How is it that in the midst of to portend suffering or death to an greatest misery the ridicule that atthere I found nothing to tell me that not going away. Harry," the sweet O'Neill. Never before or since have taches itself to the most earnest and I heard a cry like that: and with all even solemn situations can so forcimoonlight which streamed full upon at my feet for mercy, while I declaimed

But this feeling passed as I left ered, and went from the house in which the sunshine of my lonely life had died out forever. Six months later—to his shanne

let it be recorded—O'Neill married Adelaide Lomax. I am compelled to think, but I have no proof upon which to ground my assertion, that under the trees of course shut out he felt in honor bound to make her lieve that she never saw the second I am not one of those who believe that special punishments invariably

follow special sins, but in this instance punishment, slow but sure, follows Adelaide Lomax, and she still lives to bear the penalty of her crime. When her only child, a son, was about six years old, he was accid My eyes were still upon the por- but what could mortal feet accom- tally drowned, almost before his mother's eyes, in Lough Neagh, and senseless belief I tried to console my- there are many witnesses to prove self as the white form rapidly gained that the night before his death the Banshee's cry was heard for hours echoing round the walls of the cas-

The lovely boy had been the sole link between O'Neill and his once passionately loved wife. Even before the child's death people said that his father and mother were not liappy; and certainly there was no sign of happiness in Harry's dejected, morose demeanor. "Could it be." I often thought, "that too late the memory of the woman who had loved him so devotedly came between him. and the woman he had loved so

blindly?" From the depression succeed the death of her son Mrs. O'Neill rallied after a time, but as her grief subsided her temper became almost "Here he is," I heard a familiar the rumor reached the village gossips, voice say; and Bryan, O'Neill's but- that in a wild fit of passion, which ler, came forward. He looked as almost amounted to delirium, she white as fear could make him. "Ol, made some defiant admissions to her Sir," he gasped, "where were you? husband respecting the death of his Haven't you heard the cry, Sir? Sure first wife, which drew from him the it never came like that without bring- epithet "murderess." There may be night upon which the terrible seene. "Glory to God this night!" was was supposed to have taken place bechoed round among the women as tween the miserable pair, they never

met again. Harry went to America, to India, Australia, all over the I cried; and I knew but to well that world, and Mrs. O'Neill lived on at the Manor, to which no visitor ever came and which she never left. She was not actually mad—that is telegram to the master; he didn't from being in her right mind; and in come home yet. But isn't it late for the soft October nights, when the moon is full and bright. I in my quis "Hours too late, but I shall go up et lodgings, and those who still walk to the house, Bryan," I said feeling about the peaceful village streets, hear a wild wailing cry come echoing work, and by the tho't of what might with mournful distinctness across When we reached the Manor, late "mad fit is on," and that a misera-

> over the dark, still waters of Lough FNU. FACT AND FACETIÆ

GRIEF over the death of his mother-in law caused a Hoboken man, a few days since, to furnish every boy in town with a THE English language has been enriched with a new verb—"to nickel." It is

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tional tax on whisky.

A MAN whose wife hung herself in his presence, on being asked why he siid not prevent the tragedy, replied: "I cut her down three times last week, and I can't be always cutting her down. A MEMPHIS jury having convicted a

It is now reported that Ringtown is to

more, and sending that too perfect