

Chance Meeting.

By The Duchess.

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"Isn't it dreadful, George?" says Mrs. Blake, coming into her husband's dressing room without so much as a knock.

"What's dreadful?" asks Mr. Blake, in a tone that no human being but his wife could have understood. This is accounted for by the fact that he is shaving, and that the left side of his mouth is now drawn up so far that it almost reaches his eye.

"Let her alone," says Mr. Blake, who is a slave to this one "fool of a girl" at all events--his only daughter Lillian.

"You are growing mercenary in your old age, Mary," says her husband. "For the matter of that I am not so very old," says Mrs. Blake, with the faintest tinge of offense in her tone.

"Not wish to marry a man she has never seen? How can she know what she wishes? Why, can't she stay here and see him, and then say 'no' if she doesn't like him?"

"My dear Lillian, isn't a fondling?" says Mrs. Blake, dejectedly. "At this moment a loud tattoo on the outer door--the door of the bedroom--can be heard. Mrs. Blake goes quickly to it, and a long confab between her and the somebody responsible for the tattoo ensues.

"Well, it is the funniest thing," begins she. "Bessie has just had a tele-

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gram! Bessie Musgrave is her sister--eight years her junior, and a widow of six years' standing.

"Well, as she is determined to go away from home to avoid him, she may just as well put in a week there, as in any other place. It is lovely, you know, George. Will do the dear girl good. A perfect paradise!"

Mrs. Musgrave and Lillian, having stepped out of the train that has brought them to Bantrey, stand irresolute for a moment, until guided by a gentle hint from the porter who is looking after their luggage, they walk off briskly into the town that lies below them, where they are presently induced to mount a high vehicle, arranged with seats in rows, all facing the four horses, that are to carry them to Glenariff.

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