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" I have sworn upon the Altr of God, eternal hostility to every form of Tyranny over the Mind of Man."-Thomas Jefferson

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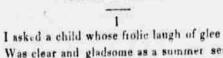
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#### POETRY



From the Monthly Ross. WHAT IS LIFE. BY MARY CARDINER.



Was clear and gladsome as a summer sea Whose heart possessed the prism's magic power,

And won a rainbow hue from every hour And he replied with wonder in his eye-'A long, fair-day, bright as yonder sky"

I asked a youth just verging on the prime Of glorious manhood, filled with tho'ts sub line,

Of noble works, and daring deeds and high Whose fame should live when earthly hon ors die,

And he made answer, pressing towards goal.

# HONEY RUN

# THE OUTLAW'S CRAG.

An Amusing Story of Western life. It was an early dawn of November day 'Mr. Douglass, you've a mighty small in the early past of the reign of the good chance of legs, there, any how !' - Judge King James that a party of horsemen wound slowly along the narrow pass leading to the The 'gentleman from Illinois' is not Castle Rothscommon ' After proceeding i silence for some distance, the leader of the him into embarrassment! A political friend of ours, equally happy in his party suddenly exclaimed to his companmanners if not in his party, among the ions;

MISCIBILLANDOUS.

By the road, Osmond, but the air is keen and buing on the bleak hills this morning. It has almost chilled the very marrow in ny bones, so that my limbs are as stiff as my lance in Christendom." wante.

There is a spot in the Southwestern 'I marvel much that one bent upon s part of this State, known as The Fiery bonny an erran l as yours, should feel the Fork of Honey Run! - . delicious local wintry blast. Methinks thou wilt make iv no doubt, as the fun of "honey" is sorry bridegroom,' returned his company f course accompanied by a correspond ng flow of 'milk' and a mixture of milknon.

nd honey, or, at any rate, honey and "A truce to thy jesting," answered the peach' is the evidence of sublunary first speaker, who was none other than Su ontentment, every place where they Ruperi Sterling; together with his cousin ave preaching! Osmond and attendants, journeying to the

'Honey Run' is further Christianized Castle Rothscommon, the lovely heirers of y the presence of an extremely hospit ble family, whose mansion, comprising wh ch Sir Rupert was about to wed.

The Earl, her father, had it long in con. ed that when he should obtain he age of nine one upartment-neither more nor less emplation to wed his daughter, as old age teen, he would make a pilgrimage to Pales -is renowned for being never shut awas fast creeping upon him, he was anxious line, to revenge his father's death by dyeing ganist the traveller, and so our friend to see her provided with a suitable pretector his grave with the heart's blood of some ound it during the chill morning air before he should be called away. With this Saracen. Neither the entreaties of the he expense of a rheumatism in hi choulder, its numerous unaffected crackand spaces clearly showing that dropping the latch was an useless formality The venerable host and hostess in their ing of our story .- Although he had but his ears and nerved his determination if he one apartment, usually enjoy the society seldom seen his intended bride he playfully for a moment wavered.

if two sons, four daughters, sundry accepted the offer for the fame of the gentle "Grieve not for me my gentle Alice,' hr logs and 'niggers,' and as many lodger-Alice had often been spoken of in his pre. would say as she hung on Lis breasi; let me s may deem it prudent to risk the sence. Many suitors, both fair and noble, kiss sway those glistening drops-a few somewhat equivocal allotment of sleep

had been rejected by her, and this offer months will soon pass away, when Osca ng partners. On the night in question from her father was an honor he did not will then fly on wings of love, to claim our friend, after a hearty supper of ham his pretty bride. What joy will attend the fail to accept nd eggs, and canvass of the Fiery

The news of this step taken by her father meeting! as clapsed in each other's arms Forkers, the old lady having pointed was received by Alice with deep emotion we put forth thanks to the Omnipotent for out his bed, felt very weary, and only and surprise, which was attributed by him the safe return. Or seated on the mosay looked for an opportunity to "turn in, hough the mosquitoes were trumping a natural thaidity and maiden reserve, bank, by the side of some gentle brook, w Il sorts of wrath, and no net appeared which would soon wear away and give will recount to each other the weary houro bar them. The dogs flung themselve place to more joyful feelings. She replied we passed, as far, far apart, we prayed that

) her lather that her destiny was in his hours might be minutes, and months week.

moments of excitement in listening to the

ecita' of his father's death, had openly vow

Living under the same roof. Oscar and thing of her lover Oscar, and praying to A strong party was soon organize Alice in time became inseparable compan heaven for his safe return-and then, as and being headed by Sir Rupert, shortly ions; often, have they wept together at at he thought of the hard destiny that awaited the of McF. rgus, who made his appearinjury one would receive; their wild merry ier at home; would start and shudder as if ance on the cast'e windows and demandaugh would scho in concertithrough the in a hideous dream. She had left the cas- d the cause of the visit. Sir Rupert ild time worn arches of the castle, as in its far behind, and now exceeded the limits soon made him acquainted with it by their childish sports they raced through the allowed her by her father for her walks, on stating that he had come to pay the renerable apartments, then they would account of his fears of a dangerous free amount of ramson required for the lady bound over the bright green sward with booter, who roamed the country without Alice, whatever it might be. heir elfin locks streaming in the wind, in fear of molestation. His retreat, an old sursoit of some gaudy-winged insects, which deserted casile, was justly called the bloody as they grasped in their tiny fingers, called castle of McFergus. Situated in a wild orth a shout of joy, which made the old ind rugged part of a neighboring mountain her father and invite him to the bonny man's eyes to glisten as he thought of the he defied all attempts made by the govern-

days when he was young, thuse haleyon nept to capture him His name had be lays, that bright green spot is, memory's come a terror to the inhabitants, and the Sir Rupert as the affineed of lady Alice whole country was laid under contribution chailenged him to morial con-bat Mc-Time rolled on & brought with it naught by this during outlaw. All prisoners taker. out joy and gladness. Oscar had reached by him, if not ransomed by their friends, to retue some distance from the castle

ears his junior; but before this childish neighboring crag and dashed to pieces. As Alice musingly sauntered along, she done. In a few moments the massive affections had given place to a more mature ove-they had exchanged affection. This emembered the injunction given by he father and the bloody McFergus, and prepleasing and happy state of bliss was soon pared to retrace her steps; as she turned for clad in steel. to be broken-. Oscar in one of his

hat purpose, she saw that her path was inercepted by three men. One glance was deadly strife; they met as two temofficient to discover, in the person of the pestuous waves, tossed by contrary leader, the bloody McFergus, whose well winds. It was soon evident that, notknown features were rendered still more withstanding the surperior skill possessindeous by the matted and grisly beard ed by Sir Rupert in the mode of warto see her provided with a suitable pretector before he should be called away. With this idea he had proffered her in marriage to Sir Rupert some months previous to the open Rupert some months previous to the open or promises of great reward could prevail jurn-and as each one rang upon his with him. She was hurried to a thicket of well tried helmet and stout shield, it

underwood, where McFergus with Alice seemed but the funeral knell to the ho, o a his arms mounted his horse and rode of the Ludy. The contest raged with apidly off.

crss to his adversary. cending, when the earl ordered his daugh ter to be informed that Lord Rupert and himself were prepared to receive her. In way losing ground, determined to change few moments the servant returned; with his mode of fighting, in hopes of gainearpictured in his ocuntenance, and in- ing some advantage by the sudden ormed the Earl that the lady Alice had left change; but McFergus still fought with the castle some, hours previous, and had the same dogged coolness as before, and not yet returned.

The Earl and Sir Rupert were alarme new from the moment, the victory was ands, and whatever be his choice it would or as wandering beneath the shade of our at this information, as it was the first time is, for Sir Rupert became frantic with hat Alice had ever remained so long from ie her duty; as an obedient child, to obey liofty native pines, pour out our vows of love age, whilst ou the other hand McFernome. As the darkness increased his anx .Spoken like a good child, and 1 will and dare the rude hand of fate again to seve cus became more cool; and in a despernate effort to reach his body, Sir Rupert ety besame intense Another hour roller warrant thou will be pleased with thine two hearts that thus can beat with love eft his own exposed, and in an instant Loop up, mine own beloved; the cloudby, and Sir Rupert become seriously per McFergus' sword entered his body, and that hover so hardly over our path will soos plexed. The Earl had, until now, been he bright blade, recking with the hearts pass away, and the sunshine of joy one gazing on vacancy, almost afraid to exlood, came out at his saddle and he fell press what his mind told him was proba nore will rise on hopes no more to set." o the ground. With such language Oscar would strive ble .- Starting to his feet he ordered each McFergus, with a fiendish laugh wipme of his retinue to scour the forest with to soothe his drooping Alice. d his blade upon the haunches of his ighted torches: thinking she might have norse, and pointing to the body of Sir The fatal day at length arrived, and with Rupert, bade his followers take it up ost her way, and was now benighted in heavy heart Oscar tore himself from his and carry it to the Earl; with his invithe depths of the forest. The retainers of tation to his daughter's wedding. As the Earl were ordered to search in one di hey approached towards him, he turn rection whilst the Earl and Sir Report and d his horse and rode into the court of his company proceeded in another. After he castle. In a moment he was in the ome hours' fruitless search with heavy presence of Alice, and with a brutal scarce find time to prepare myself for the met with-the moving accidents by flood hearts, the different parties returned to the sugh, bade her call her maids to preare her wedding gear, for that night it The Earl now gave away to the deep would take place, and a jolly carousal est grief, constantly calling on the name of his merry men would make of it. With a supplicating voice she prayed is daughter; while Sir Rupert, with a heart he would save her. She knew he did as heavy as his own, endeavored to southe but jest. He surely but meant to alarm tim by whispering words of hope and as her. He could not mean it. surances for Alice. Thus the night wore "Mean it, girl! Did'stever know the Sir Rupert & his cousin Osmond, whom we away, with heavy hearts to all in the cas lion to jest with the lamb, or the eagle with the dove? Nay, nay, you do but jest when you talk in that strain. Per-Daybreak at last appeared and with it common. After a few hours hard riding, the party drew up in front of the eastle udings of the lost Alice, through the wo mit me Lady Alice, to bow at thy shriu' at the same time kneeling at her feet. gates which were immediately thrown open man who had accompanied her in her walk Gentle maid, I supplicate. Listen tothe portcullis raised and drawbridge lower the robbers not having molested her, she my suit. If force has no effect, allow d to admit the noble Sir Rupert and atten storted directly for the castle, after seeing one who never begged before, to plead dants. The old Earl warmly embraced his her mistress dragged forcibly from her sight his humble cause. All that wealth cam ion in law elect, and bade him welcome to convey the mournful intelligence to her give all the power that McFergus can father but being excited through fear; she give, is thine. Aye, the very king with many joyful expressions. Poor Alice heard of his arrival with the became confused, and tost her way in the shall tremble on his throne, if Ludy Alice do but wave the hand! Lords leepest agony. She wrong her hands depth of the forest, night overtook her& she shall kneel at her feet, nobles shall wait hrew herself upon the ground and gav sought shelter in the hut of a mountaineer her call; if she consents to be the wife loose to the most violent grief. After the At the first peep of day, with the cottager of Donald McFergus. If she refuses, educated in the family of the Earl from first burst had subsided, she became nore for s guide she started forth, and soon arrivlet her beware of his veogeance!-It is The stranger happened to be 'married the age of ten years; his father was slain by calm, as she became convinced she would ed in safety at the castle. terrible! What says my Lady Aliceed his back with true connubial indiff- whither he had gone to defend the Holy tended husband. With a heavy heart she of her story, felt thankful that his daugh, same time raising from hiskney concerned, but, with regard to the mother, a delicate sensitive being, could the swollen eye and flushed check easily when he thought of the danger by sooner than be the wife of so blondy

McFergus answered, in derision, that he had a nobler plan in view than the hope of gain-which was to retain her as his bride, and bade him to return to wedding.'

Stung to madnecs at this information, Fergus eagerly accepted the offer. The followers of Sir Rupert were ordered he age of nineteen, and Alice was two were within a given time thrown from a walls, to ensure the personal safety of McFergas, and Sir Rupert was left states of the castle wire opened d McFergus rode forth completely

> Eager to begin the affray, the combatants rushed towards each other in

violence for some time, but with no ad-The shades of the evening were fast de- vantage to Sir Rupert and evid nt suc-Sir Ropert, perceiving that whilst he icied entirely upon the defensive, he

parried the desperate thrust of his ad versity with a smile of derison. He

Shifting and fleet as the wind-driven scroll-Ш "A race course, wide as it is great and free Where all may win as easy victory; A field, where merit and exalted right, Alone shall be the arbiter of right: A pathway radient with a cloudless sun-Detain me not ! the prize is almost won!' IV.

I asked of one who'd travelled half-way o'er,

The beaten path on 'Time's rock bounded shore.

And he replied, 'A conflict fierce and vain A draught of bitter waters thou must dran, A day of scorn, a night of gathering gloom: Each soul an urn, each heart a living tomb.'

I asked an aged man with silver hair. And brown serene as midnight's starry air, rassment seemed to flush upon the old a longer novitiate." His feet were pressing on the brink we woman, and she cried-.Gals, jest turn your backs round till dread, he stranger gits into hed."

The eternal stars shone clear above his head,

And he looked up where they glancing thro', Their earthly curtain of divinest blue;

VI.

And thus replied --- 'A pilgrimage sublime! Up for the strife, probationer of time! Go forth to meet it with a tearless eye, And a strong heart of faith to do or die! Live wholly, nobly, in the good and true-The cross you bear was borne by God for

you.'

And I returned to ponder oe'r the words That tone held my soul like music's sweet accords, And thought how happy and bow blest a thing.

VII

If we could learn in youth's unclouded spring The lesson, conflict, suffering and tears

Have bro't to those who bear the weight of years.

A would-be-poet announcing his intention to publish his prose works, was adnobudy would know the difference, coniebody.

long the floor, or again rose, restlessly and sought the door step; the iniggers tuck their feet in the yet warm ashes he old man stripped, unscrupulously and sought his share of the one collapd-looking pillow, and the sons, cavalerv, followed his example, leaving the atended husband, as he is a fuir and comely old woman, 'gals' and 'stranger,' to setsilant to look upon, one who cannot be le any question of delicacy that migh natched with short sword or lance in all atise. Christendom He will be here to

The candidate yawned, looked at hi claim his pretty bride this day three weeks;

-tranger did get into bed in tless than

to time, 'when the hostess again spoke:

Reckon stranger, as you aint used to

By this time our friend's sleepy fi

was over, and though he did 'kiver up.

as desired, some how or other, the old

hadn't you?'

ne I reckap!

rienced .- St. Louis Reville.

ped, went to the door, looked at the so my daugher make all preparations to laughters; fically, in downright reckreceive him in a manner becoming the essness, he seated himself upon "the heiress of Rothscommon." lowny,' and pulled off his cost. Wel

'So soon!' said Alice with a start and as weeping friends. After many days of tor he pulled off his cost-and he folded his coat-and then he yawned-and then an ashy paleness spread over her beautiful and peril he arrived at the Holy City, where whistled-and then he called the old features. Why this haste? My dear father he distinguished himself by his bravery in lady's attention to the fact, that it would this announcement is unexpected, the posi slaving many of the ruthless Satacens. It is never do to sleep in his muddy trowtion I should occupy is a novel one; I shall needless to recount the many adventures he sers-and then he 'undid' his vest-and then he whistled again-and then, sud

important event. I beseech thee grant me and field,' during his stay-suffice it to say denty, an idea of her lodger's embarthat he had now been many months from

1 is impossible, my daughter, the day home, and the objects of his pilgrimage behas been appointed, and Sir Rupert is to ing accomplished, and having received many ske up his residence with us some unit scars in fierce encounters, he prepared to The backs were turned, and the previous to the happy day; so that he may

set out for his native country. have an opportunity of becoming better ac After this digression we will return to quainted with his future wife. I doubt not but he is on his way hither."

left journeying towards the Castle Rosths- ile.

is, you'd better kiver up till gals undres-Alice towed meekly in silence, and with lrew to her own chamber to brood in solitudon the inevitable destiny that awaited her. She threw herself upon a couch and burs counterpane was equally kind in hiding into tears. :Oh, Oscar! Oh, Oscar!' she .exclaimed.

his blushes, and favoring his sly glances The nymphs were soon slowed away. mine own beloved long lost one, would for there were neither busiles to unhited hat thou wert here to advise me in this nor corsets to unlace when their mandire extremity! Oh, cruel, cruel fate!' And ma, evidently anxious not to smother mother burst of tears relieved her overbur

her guest, considerably relieved him: dened heart. 'You can unkiver now, stranger; I'm Oscar Ruthvan was an orphan, raised and narried folks, and you ain't afeared o'

olks' himself; he unkivered and turn- the Sararens during the wars of Palestine, soon be brought to the presence of her in The Earl after listening to the recital is she won as well as two ed?' at the

erence, as far as the ancient lady was City from the insults of the infidel; his endeavored to remove all traces of grief, but for was still alive, but shuddered . Wou? Dark and mysterious man, gals,' he declares that his half-raised ill withstand the shock, and after a short betrayed the feelings which had so lately which she was surrounded. However and desperate a villain I would resurjosity inspired the most tormenting illness followed her husband to the grave, agitated her breast. Telling her stiendante no time was to be lost in surmises; Sir sign my spirit to the maker that gava reams of mermuids that he ever expe-

leaving their only child an orphan, exposed to follow, she left the castle by a postern to the hardship and buffetings of the world. door, to compose herself by a hort walk in cheer, for he would soon restore his think to brow-beat me thus? Donald Keep out of bad rompany, for when The Earl, learning of his desolate condition the cool air without the casile walls.

vised to publish his verses with them as the devil Gres into a flock, he will hat took him into his family and adopted him She had walked in an amusing fit of ab-daring treebooter who had so boldly What, ho! without there, califits-eall as his son

traction some distance from the casile, now outraged the family.

Rupert was about arming his followers, it

and gaily hade the Earl be of good 'So, so, my pretty maid, dost thou daughter to her home, and punish the McFergus was not born yesterday. the priest-with bell and book-I have