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From the Charleston Courier. COULD THE HARP OF OLD IRELAND BI SOUNDED IN VAIN !

BT MISS CLARA ELLIS.

List, list! to that strain that is borne on the wind, Which thrills us while waking and haunts us slambers ;

Deep, deep in each beart is its echo enshrined. Tis the wild Harp of Erin's sad trembling num bors.

Its strings are now swept by a weak, failing hand. minstrels are dying-cold. friendless and lone .

Alas! for the barp of that once smiling land, Oh ! how shattered its look-oh ! how plaintive its

It sounds from afar-it is blent with the breeze-The strain has been borne o'er the waves of th

ocean. The HARP is familiar, but wAILINOS like these Are heard by Columbia with deepest emotion.

The Shamrock, the' hardy, hath bent 'neath the blast See ! frozen, uprooted, and trampled, 'tis lying, The spring of its sunshine and glory is past, And there on its own native isle it is dying.

But the' withered the flower-the' sapless the stem -Twas once parent to scedlings, TRANSPLANTED

AFAR, The canker, that bites, has yet failed to crush THEM. For they bloom in a soul 'neath prosperity's star.

But those saplings forget not the PARENT TREE For the' torn from the root, they are part of it still, The wail of the Shamrock when home o'er the sea, Yound an echo respond from each valley and hill.

Each tendral was stirred, and each fibre was thrilled. Not a branch was unmoved .- not a moment was tost.

But should THEY bloom in SUNSHINE, she DIE in the FROST !

With joy in their wake, and bright hope for their See! how swift sails yon vessel there---over the

The call has been ANSWERED... they spring to he

Could the Harpof Old Ireland be sounded in VAIN

A Picture of Ireland.

FROM ELIHU BURRETT, THE LEARNED BLACKSMITH.

real condition of the people of that afflicted country. The picture he has drawn men. Mr. B. says that his own observation and the remarks of others have convinced him that one hundred dollars' worth of food from America would be as valuable as two hundred dollars in money; and that clothing, shoes, &c., however old, will be the next seasonable donation for food. He suggests that each State should freight a vessel; also that all vessels should be sent to Cork .- N. Y. Com. Advertiser,

five miles as they had done, I could not limploring him ' for the honor of God' to off, were sitting by the roadside breaking along side of the father of the young woman, and by her assistance. As the two onceive. Their appearance, though common to "my wile," 'my boy,' 'who is very bad. It was painful to see human labor and started for the graveyard to bury their own conceive. thousands in this region of the shadow of your honor.' And then interspersed with life struggling among the lowest interests dead, we pursued our walk still farther on, death, was indescribable. Their pateness these earnest entreaties, others louder still of society. Men. once athletic labourers, and entered another cabin, where we enwas not that of common sickness. There would be raised for bread. In every hov-was no sallow tinge in it, They did not el we entered we found the dying or the days to their existence by toiling upon Surely, thought 1, while regarding this took as if newly raised from the grave and dead. In one of these straw rooled bur-these works. Poor creatures ! Many of new phenomonon of suffering, there can to life before the blood had begun to fill rows eight persons had died in the last them are already famine stricken; they be no lower deep than this, between us, their veing anew ; but as if they had just fortnight, and five more were lying upon have reached a point from which they can- and the bottom of the grave, been thaved out of the ice, in which they the foetid, pestiferous straw, upon which not be recovered. Dr. Donovan informa On asking after the condition of the in had been imbedded until their blood had their predecessors to the grave had been me that he can tell at a glance whether a mates, the woman to whom we addressed

turned to water. Leaving this battle-field of life. I ac- In scarcely a single one of these most in- I am assured by several experienced obser- straw three breathing skeletons, ranging companied Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Catholic human habitations was there the slightest vers that there are thousands of men who from two to three feet in height, and en minister, into one of the hovel lanes of the indication of food of any kind to be found, rise in the morning and go forth to labour tirely naked ; and these human beinge town. We found in every tenement we or fuel to cook food. or anything resem- with the picks and shovels in their hands, were slive ! If they had been dead they entered enough to sicken the stoutest bling a bed, unless it were a thin layer of who are irrecoverably doomed to death .-- could not have been such frightful speciar heart. In one we found a shoemaker who filthy straw in one corner, upon which the No human aid can save them. The plague cles. They were alive ; and, wonderful was at work before a hole in the mud wall sick persons lay, partly covered with some spot of famine is on their foreheads; the to say, they could stand upon their feet; of his hut, about as large as a small pane ragged garment.

of glass. There were five in his family ; There being no window, nor aperture to strings. Still they go forth uncomplaining them do it. Had their bones been divestand he said when he could get any work admit the light in these wretched cabins, to their labor ; and toil, cold, famished and ed of the skin that held them together, and , he could earn about three shillings a week. except the door, we found ourselves often half naked, upon the roads; and divide been covered with a veil of thin muslin. In another cabin we discovered a nailer, in total darkness for the first moment of their eight or ten pence worth of food at they would not have been more visible..... by the small light of his fire, working in a our entrance. But a faint glimmering of night among a sick family of five or eight Especially when one of them clung to the space not three feet square. He too had a handful of burning straw in one end persons. Some are kept at home, and pre- door while a sister was urging it forward. a large family, half of whom were down would soun reveal to us the indistinct im- vented from earning this miserable pittance, it assumed an appearance which can have. with the fever ; and he could earn bu! sges of wan-faced children grouped to. by the fear that some of their family may been seldom paralleled this side of the two shillings a week. About the middle gether with their large, plaintive; still die before they return.

of this filthy lane we came to the ruin of a eyes, looking out at us, like the sick young The first habitation we entered, in the The effort which it made to cling to the hovel which had fallen during the night of wild beasts in their dens. Then the Castlehaven district was literally a hole in door disclosed every joint in its frame, and killed a man who had taken shelter in groans, and the choked, incoherent entrea- the wall, occupied by what might be call- while the deepest lines of old age furrowed it with his wife and child. He had come ties for help, of some man or woman wast- ed in America. a squatter, or a man who its face. The enduring of ninety years of in from the country ; and, ready to perish ing away with the sickness, in some cor- had borrowed a place for himself and fam- sorrow seemed to chronicle its record of with cold and hunger, had entered this ner of the cabin, would apprise us of the ily in the acute angle of two dilapidated woe upon the poor child's countenance. I. falling house of clay. He was warned of number and condition of the family. The walls by the roadside. We entered his could bear no more ; and we returned to, his danger, but answered that die he must wife, mother or child would frequently stinted den by an aperture about three feet Skibbersen, after having been all the after. unless he found a shelter before morning. light a wisp of straw, and hold over the high, and found one or two children lying noon among these abodes of misery; On He had kindled a small fire with some face of the sick person, discovering to us asleep, with their eyes open, in the straw, our way we overtook the cart with the two straw and bits of turt, and was crouching the sooty features of some emeciated crea- Such, at least, was their appearance, for uncoffined bodies. The man and the young, The parent was reathed wit was Providence willed work over it, when the whole roof and gable ture in the last stage of the fever. In one they scarcely winked while we were before woman were all that attended them to the end of earth and stones came down upon of these places we found an old woman them. The father came in, and told a pit- grave. Last year, the funeral of either

> death over the slow fire. The child had been pulled out alive, on which something was steaming in a He lighted a wise of straw, and showed us drove the uncoffined wife to the grave

> and carried to the workhouse ; but the la- small iron vessel. The Doctor removed one or two more children lying in another without a tear in his eye, without a word ther was still lying there upon the dung the cover, and we found it was filled with nook of the cave. Their mother had died, of sorrow. heap of the fallen roof, slightly covered a kind of slimy sea-weed, which I believe and he was obliged to leave them alone with a piece of canvass. On lifting this, is used for manure on the sea-board. during most of the day, in order to glean

a humiliating spectacle presented itself. This was all the nourishment the daugh- something for their subsistence. We were What rags the poor man had upon him, ter could serve to her sick mother. But soon among the most wretched habitations when buried beneath the falling root, were the last cabin we visited in this painful that I had yet seen. far worse than those of mostly torn from his budy in the last faint walk presented to our eyes a lower deep Skibbereen. Many of them were flat roof. Mr. Burritt has been making a tour of struggle for life; his neck and shoulders of misery. It was the residence of two ed hovels, half buried in the earth, or built and right arm were burnt to a cinder. -- families, both of which had been thinned up against the rocks, and covered with rot-There he lay in the ruin. like the carcass down to hall their original number by the ten straw, sea weed or turf. In one, which as it was growing quite dark, and the distance was ed country. The picture he has drawh of a brute beast thrown upon the dung sickness. The first sight that met my is scarcely seven feet square, we found five considerable, we concluded to resume our way we transfer to our columns. Mr. Burrett hill. As we continued our walk along eyes on entering was the body of a dead persons prostrate with the fever, and appa back to the village. In fact, I had seen as much is a competent witness, and his testimony this filthy lane, half naked women and woman, extended on one side of the fire- rently near their end.

to beg for lood .. for the honor of God." able to articulate plainly. He might be administer any relief, and all she could do ovan. He had just returned from a As they stood upon the wet ground, we ninety or fifty years of age. It was diffi- was to bring water in a broken pitcher to parish, where he visited a cabio which had been could almost see it smoke beneath their cult to determine ; for this wasting con stake their parched lips. As we proceedbare feet, burning with the fever. We sumption of want brings out the extremest ed up the rocky hill overlooking the scene, entered the graveyard, in the midst of indices of old age in the features of even we encountered new sights of wretched which was a small watch-house. This the young.

consumed by the wasting fever of famine. person has reached this point or not. And the question answered by taking out of the worm of want has eaten in two their heart and even walk- but it was awful to see

head within a foot of a handfol of fire, up food had they tasted for twenty-four hours, ere from those hills ; but now the husband

tells but too plainly that Americans must this miny labe, name on the other cabins, place. On the other an old man was ly. A girl about sixteen, the very picture of In the overing I met several gentlomen at the not relax their efforts to save their fellow apparently in the last stage of the fever. ing on some straw, so far gone as to be under that his own other was of Mr. Swanton, among whom was pr. Den-

grave. him and his child, and crushed him to stretched upon a pallet of straw, with her liful story of want, saying not a morsel of would have called out hundreds of mourn, 6 18

About half way to Skibbereen, Dr. Hadden proposed that we should diverge to another soud to visit a cabin in which we should find two little girls living slone, with their dead mother, who had lain unburied seven days. He gave an affecting history of this poor woman ; and we turned from as my heart could bear.

the Editor's Journal.

SKIBBEREEN, Feb. 20. . . Rev Mr. Fitzpatrick called, with several gentlemen of the town, and in their company I took my first walk through the potter's field of destitution and death. As soon as we opened the door, a crowd of haggard creatures pressed upon us, and with agonizing prayers for bread, followed us to the soup kitchen. One poor woman, whose in this fostid sepulchre at one time, and entreaties became irresistibly importunate. had watched all night in the graveyard, and to ask for water. Removing a board our eyes. The cold, watery faced child clear eyes, looking so steadfastly at noth- day. From present indications it is estimated that lost the body of her husband should be stolen from his last resting place, to which he had been consigned yesterday. She feet pressed closely upon us, and begged for bread most piteously. He had pawn-ed his shoes for food which he had already consumed. The soup kitchen was sur-Prounded by a cloud of these famine spectres, half naked and standing or sitting in the inid beneath a cold drizzling rain. - Donovan called at 2 P. M. and we protin and iron vessels for soup; some of them dead and dying was of a deeper stamp ngop all fours like famished beasts.

Those was a cheap bread dispensary o- man beings and their clayey habitations pened in one end of the building ; and the seemed to be melting down together into principal pressure was at the door of this. the earth. I can find no language or il-Among the attanuated apparations of hu- justration sufficiently impressive to porfour more by his aide, had staggered up to veyed to our minds with painful distinctthe door, just as we entered the bread de- ness, " I can liken the scene we beheld in

St. B. St.

miserable shed had served as a grave where the dying could bury themselves. It was seven feet long and six in breadth. It was already walled round on the out-

side with an embankment of graves half awake for hours, struggling for some graph- with its little face resting upon the edge of A week, in Ireland-Leaves from way to the eaves. The aperture of this ic and truthful similes or new elements of the board, and looking steadfastly out at horrible den of death would scarcely admit the entrance of a common sized person. And into this noisome sepulchre living men, women and children went down the young and old is very common to all whether the poor thing had a mother or fa- most embraced in the arms of death, lay a young to die ; to pillow upon the rotten straw, the sufferers by famine. I had seen men ther left to her ; but it is more doubtful person far gone with the fover. He related ether the grave clothes vacated by preceding at work on the public roads with their still whether those eyes would have relaps cases too horrible to be published. victime, and festering with their lever .- limbs swollen to almost twice their usual ed their vacant gaze, if both of them had Here they lay as closely to each other as size. But when the woman of this cabin entered at once, with everything that could if crowded side by side on the bottom of lifted from the straw, from behind the dy- tempt the palate in their hands. No words Dublin Botanical Gardens have satisfied the people one grave. Six persons had been found age, and held him up before us upon his | the famished children. with one only able to crawl to the door feet, the most horrifying spectacle met Never have I seen such bright, blue, Hence, immigration is becoming the order of the

from the entrance of this black hole of pes- was entirely naked in front from his neck ing. I could almost fanoy that the angels the foreign immigrants at the port of New York tilence, we found it crammed with wan down to his feet. His boily was swollen of God had been sent to unseal the vision alone this year will amount to et lenst 150,000 .--victims of famine, ready and willing to to nearly three times its usual size, and of these little, patient, perishing creatures France and Germany are making preparations to had left five children sick with the famine victims of famine, really and writing to to hearly three times its usual size, and of these little, patient, perishing creatures France and Germany are making preparations to the beatitudes of another world; and of these little, patient, perishing creatures france and Germany are making preparations to the beatitudes of another world; and with swollen that they were listening to the wispers of the grave.

Returned from this painful walk, near-The woman of the other family, who was ly wet through and sail at the thought that sitting at her end of the hovel, bro't for-I could not administer any relief to my ward her little infant, a thin-faced baby of perishing fellow beings. Spent this even. two years, with clear, sharp eyes, that did ing in writing letters to England. not wink, but stared stock still at vacan-SKIBBEBEEN, Feb. 21. * * * Dr. cv, as if a glimpse of another existence The narrow defile to the dispensary bar ceeded together to visit a lane of hovels arms were not much larger than pipe-was choked with young and old of both on the opposite side of the village. The stems, while its body was swollen to the wretchedness of this little mud-city of the size of a full grown person. Lat the rest had eclipsed its vision. Its cold, naked than the one I saw yesterday. Here hu-

the hovels in this region of Ireland, and place seemed a den of pestilence. The tent and degree of its misery. Were it not ver. manity that througed this gate of stinted tray the spectacle to an American reader. "charity, one poor man presented himself A cold drizzling rain was deepening the glad if the well-dressed children in American reader. "wurder circumstances that even distinguish-ed his case from the rest. He lived sev. ink dreps from the clouds. Few of the us, and looked upon the young creatures

in, and his jaws so distended that he could armies have retired, leaving one third of cabies of a worse description than those at her body upon his shoulders, slightly cov-Skibbereen. On our way we passed save- ered with a piece of rotten canvass. I

and all appropriate the stand of the

But there was another apparition that by itself in a hollow, and surrounded by a sickened all the flesh and blood of my na- most of green filth, we entered it with some ture. It has haunted me during the past difficulty, and found a single child about night, like Banquo's ghost. I have lain three years old lying upon a kind of shelf,

tle longer.' Leaving this we entered ansize of a full grown person. Let the rea- several persons weeping over the dead bo. latter sum to be paid on their arrival in New York. der group these apparitions of death and dy of a woman lying by the wall near the Quebec, or any other American port that may be disease into the spectacle of ten feet square door. Stretched upon the ground here and fixed upon, and then multiply it into three-fourths of there lay several sick persons ; and the

> Leaving this habitation of death, we she took an appeal, that goes through the Sopreme were met by a young woman in an agony court.

3 . 19 . of despair, because no one would give her ed his case from the rest. He lived sev. wershingles from the church to upon the clouds. Few of the wors of the sural districty, where he lound himself on the eye of, perishing with his family of seven shall colldren. Life was the districty of the surgeon. The himself on the seven the suffer of his book divide the suffer of the sounded and dying for help world have been to specific to the liveliest to the grave, and he was such a good fath: to the grave, and he was such a good fath: to the grave, and he begged a cof. his youngest child, is help t help thelp the suffer the fourth the first struggle of the suffer due to the grave, and he was such a good fath: to the grave, and he begged a cof. his youngest child, is has been con-four the the black in the grave, and with the suffer the black in the grave of the wood distinct. Skinder a black in the grave of the book of the suffer the black in the grave of the begged a cof. his youngest child, is has been con-four the more by his side, had staggered up to the suffer distinct. Skinder a black in the grave of this boou, it trackless wild wither thelp thelp thelp thelp the black these fourth the state thelp the black these fourth the state thelp thelp thelp thelp thelp thelp the black these fourth the state the black wild with the state the black wild with the state the black wild wild the state the bear to the state wild wild with the state the black these fourth the state of the boor of God.²¹ While the eller were making his way acredist these fourth the state of the boor of the boor. Skinder and weening for this boou, it trackless wild without the state of the boor. Skinder and the state of the state of the boor of the boor. Skinder and the state of the boor of the boor. Skinder and the state of the boor the boor. Skinder and the state of the us, and looked upon the young creatures a coffin to bury her father in. She pointed SKIDBEREEN, Feb. 22. . Dr. was wallidg and weeping for this boon, I trackless wilds without a star to guilde ar Hadden called to take me into Castlehaven cast my eye toward the cabin we had just compass to direct him, he finds an overine door, just as we child the bair ing ness a scandiken the scene we deded in the scene we deded in the stand of the stablishment. The hair this low lane of famine and pestilence to parish, which comes within his circult, - left; and a sight met my view which made ring monitor in an humble plant and he partment of the establishment: "The husband of follows its guidance, certain that it will upon his face was nearly, as long as that nothing of greater family resemblance than This district borders, upon the ses, whose me shudder with horror." The husband of follows its guidance, certain that it will no tipon his head. His checks were fallen that of the battle-field, when the hostile rocky, indented spire description than those at her body upon his shoulders; slightly cover that of the battle-field, when the hostile rocky indented spire description than those at her body upon his shoulders; slightly cover that of the battle-field, when the hostile rocky indented spire description than those at her body upon his shoulders; slightly cover that of the battle-field.

In 1814 a bull which killed a man in The said inside with a piece of rollen canvase. I in 1814 a bull which killed a man in the scarcely articulate a word. His four lit- their number bleeding upon the ground. Skibbareen. On our way we passed save- ered with a piece of rollen canvase. I in 1814 a bull which killed a man in the scarcely articulate a word. His four lit- their number bleeding upon the ground. Skibbareen. On our way we passed save- ered with a piece of rollen canvase. I in 1814 a bull which killed a man in the scarcely articulate a word. His four lit- their number bleeding upon the ground. As soon as Dr. Donovan appeared at the rail companies of men, women and children will not dwell upon the details of this spectation. As soon as Dr. Donovan appeared at the rail companies of men, women and children will not dwell upon the details of this spectation. As soon as Dr. Donovan appeared at the rail companies of men, women and children will not dwell upon the details of the sector of the line of the sector of the sector of the line of the sector of the line of the sector of the sector of the sector of the line of the line of the line of the sector of the line of the line of the line of the sector of the line o by his feet, nestling together, and trying head of the lane, it was filled with miser. at work, all enfeebled and emaciated by tacle? Painfully and alowly he bore the liament confirmed the sentence. by his feet, nestling together, and trying head of the lane, it was filled with miser at work, an encounted by table, a companion of his mise. The female of the lane, it was filled with miser at work, an encounted by table, and saw it the companion of his mise. The female could head of the lane, it was filled with miser at work, an encounted by table, and saw it to the companion of his mise. The female could head of the lane, it was filled with miser at work, an encounted by table, and saw it to the companion of his mise. The female could head of the lane, it was filled with miser at work, and the female of the lane, it was filled with miser at work, and the female of the lane, it was filled with miser at the companion of his mise. The female could head the satter of the female of the lane, it was filled with miser and the female of the lane, it was filled with miser at the companion of his mise. The female could head the satter of the female of the lane, it was filled with miser at the companion of his mise. The female could head the satter of the female of the lane, it was filled with the satter of the lane companion of his mise. The female could were and children, some far gone in the lan feet partially swathed in all rage, some if to the cart. We followed him a little it is bound to the companion of the female of the fem

adapted in realing the stands and to she double a thing barry sail

that some of its inmates were still alive, though dying in the midst of the dead. He knocked at ness. Seeing a cabin standing somewhat the door; and, hearing no voice within, barst it open with his foot, and was in a moment almost overpowered by the horrid stench. Seeing a man's legs protruding from the straw, he moved them slightly with his foot, when a husky voice asked for water. In another part of the cabin, on redescription, by which I might convey to the door as if for its mother. It never mo- moving a piece of canvass, he discovered three the distant reader some tangible image of ved its eyes as we entered, but kept them dead bodies, which had been there unburied for a this object. A dropsical affection among fixed toward the entrance. It is doubtful fortnight ; and hard against one of these, and al-. . .

descried by the poor people, although it was known

IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA --- Experiments at the ing person, a boy about twelve years of can describe this peculiar appearance of of Ireland that the potatoe is no longer to be relied on as an article of food for the lrish peasantry.---

> unseen spirits bidding them to ' wait a lit- country, for homes in the New World. The London Chronicle says, in regard to these emigrants. other cabin, in which we found seven or unfortunately they are those whose loss will be eight attenuated young creatures, with a "unfortunately they are those whose loss will be mather who had pawned her closk, and severely felt, as they possess pecuniary means and who could not venture out to beg for bread are not destitute." Mr. R. S. Guinness, the great because she was not fit to be seen in the brewer of Dublin, has issued an address to his streets, Hearing the voice of wailing from poorer tenantry in the county of Wexford, offering a cluster of huts further up the hill, we pro- 3/ to each person in a family, provided the whole ceeded to them, and entered one, and found go together, and also 11 for each individual; the . 1 . . .

11.91.14 In the Orphans' court at Washington the Judges he will arrive at a fair calimate of the ex- filthy straw was rank with the festering fo- decided that Mary Ann Van Ness was not the widow of the late John P. Van Ness. Whereabon

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