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PEG O' MY HEART

By J. Hartley Manners

A Comedy of Youth Founded by Mr. Manners on His Great Play of the Same Title—Illustrations From Photographs of the Play

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Although he always felt it would come some day, now that it seemed almost a very real possibility he dreaded it.

That Peg was developing her character and her nature during those few weeks was clear to O'Connell. The whole tone of her letters had changed.

He was preparing, in his spare time, a history of the Irish movement from twenty years before down to the present day.

CHAPTER XXV.

ONE night a ring at the bell caused O'Connell to look up frowningly. He was not in the habit of receiving calls.

He opened the door and looked in amazement at his visitor. He saw a little, round, merry looking, baldheaded gentleman with gold rimmed spectacles.

"Is that Frank O'Connell?" cried the little man.

"It is," said O'Connell, trying in vain to see the man's features distinctly in the dim light.

"That's who it is! Talkative McGinnis, come all the way from onid Ireland to take ye by the hand."

"An' what in the wurrid brings ye here, doctor?" asked O'Connell.

"Didn't ye hear of me old grand-uncle McNamara of County Sligo dyin'—after a useless life—and doin' the only thing that made me proud of him now that he's gone—may he slape in peace—lavin' the money he'd kept such a close fist on all his life to his God fearin' nephew so that he can spend the rest of his days in comfort? Didn't ye hear that?"

"I did not. And who was the nephew that came into it?"

"Meself, Frank O'Connell!"

"You! Is it the truth ye're tellin' me?"

"May I niver spake another wurrd if I'm not."

O'Connell took the little man's hand and shook it until the doctor screamed out to him to let it go.

"It's sorry I am if I hurt ye. So it's a wealthy man ye are now, doctor, eh?"

"Middlein' wealthy."

"And what are ye doin' in New York?"

"Sure, this is the country to take money to. It doubles itself out here overnight, they tell me."

He paused, then continued: "I hope ye've not lost the gift o' the gab. Hev ye got it with ye still, Frank O'Connell?"

"Faith an' while I'm talkin' of the one thing in the wurrid that's near our hearts—the future of Ireland—I want to prophesy!"

"This—that ten years from now, with her own government, with her own language back again—Gaelic—an' what language in the wurrid yields greater music than the old Gaelic?—with Ireland united and Ireland's land in the care of Irishmen, with Ireland's people self respectin' an' sober an' healthy an' educated, with Irishmen employed on Irish industries—"

"Go on, Frank O'Connell. I love to listen to ye. Don't stop."

"I'll tell ye what will happen! Back will go the Irishmen in tens o' thousands from all the other countries they were driven to in the days o' famine an' oppression an' coercion an' buckshot—back they will go to their mother country. An' can ye see far enough into the future to realize what they will do? Ye can't? Well, I'll tell ye that too. The exiled Irish, who have lived their lives abroad—takin' their wives, like as not, from the people o' the country they lived in an' not from their own stock—when they go back to Ireland with different outlooks, with different manners an' with different tastes, so long as they've kept the hearts o' them thrue an' loyal—just so long as they've done that—an' kept the faith o' their forefathers, they'll form a new nation an' a nation with all the best o' the old—the great big faith an' hope o' the old—added to the prosperity an' education an' business-like principles an' statesmanship o' the new."

"Sure it's the big position they should give you on College green when they get their own government again, Frank O'Connell," the little doctor said, shaking his head knowingly.

"An' where is the little blue eyed maiden, Peg o' your heart? Where is she at all?"

"It's in London she is."

"Is it English ye're goin' to bring her up?" cried the doctor in horror and disgust.

"No, it's not, Doctor McGinnis, an' ye ought to know me better than to sit there an' ask me such a question."

When they parted for the night, with many promises to meet again ere long, O'Connell sat down and wrote Peg a long letter, leaving the choice in her hands, but telling her how much he would like to have her back with him.

He wrote the letter again and again and each time destroyed it, it seemed so clumsy.

The morning after the incident following Peg's disobedience in going to the dance and her subsequent rebellion and declaration of independence found all the inmates of Regal Villa in a most unsettled condition.

Mrs. Chichester and Alaric opened a discussion as to the latter's business career.

"Oh, Alaric! There is a way—one way that would save us," said the mother after Alaric suggested going to Canada. And she trembled as she paused, as if afraid to tell him what the alternative was.

"Is there, mater? What is it?"

"It rests with you, dear."

"Does it? Very good. I'll do it to save you and Ethel and the roof, course I will. Let me hear it."

"Alaric!" she asked in a tone that suggested their fate hung on his answer. "Alaric, do you like her?"

"Like whom?"

"Margaret! Do you?"

"Here and there. She amuses me like anything at times. She drew a map of Europe once that I think was the most fearful and wonderful thing I have ever seen. She said it was the way her father would like to see Europe. She had England, Scotland and Wales in Germany, and the rest of the map was Ireland. Made me laugh like anything."

"Ob, if you only could!" she sobbed.

"Could? What?"

"Take that little wayward child into your life and mold her."

"Here, one moment, mater; let me get the full force of your idea. You want me to mold Margaret?"

"Yes, dear."

"Ha!" he laughed uneasily, then said decidedly: "No, mater, no. I can do most things, but as a molder—oh, no! Let Ethel do it—if she'll stay, that is."

"Alaric, my dear, I mean to take her really into your life—to have and to hold." And she looked pleadingly at him through her tear dimmed eyes.

"But I don't want to hold her, mater!" reasoned her son.

"It would be the saving of us all!" she insisted significantly.

But Alaric was still obtuse.

"Now, how would my holding and molding Margaret save us?"

The old lady placed her cards deliberately on the table as she said sententiously:

"She would stay with us here—if you were engaged to her!"

The shock had come. His mother's terrible alternative was now before him in all its naked horror. A shiver ran through him. The thought of a man with a future as brilliant as his being blighted at the outset by such a misalliance!

MERCHANT KILLS HIMSELF

Lock Haven Man Dies Three Hours After Inflicting Bullet Wound.

Lock Haven, Pa., Feb. 16.—Oscar G. Munroe, a prominent shoe dealer of this city, was taken to the local hospital last night with a bullet wound, self-inflicted in the Elks' club house yesterday afternoon. He died.

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Show Him!

You can clothe your children in silks and satins, bedeck them with French ribbons until they out rival a French millinery store, and yet they are orphans, though you still live. Show me your children, show me the company you keep, show me the nature of the books you read, and though I have never been in your home, I will write you a perfect history of it, and it will tell you how it came out. And I believe the ideal mother is the product of a civilization that rose from the manger of Bethlehem.—Billy Sunday in the Christian Herald.

Extremes

The man making money in a small town up the State met a friend not making money in New York—there are a few here in that class—and they were talking of their respective places of residence.

"I tell you what it is," said the rural visitor in a woeful tone, "it's terrible to have a lot of money and live where you can't spend it."

"Oh, I don't know," responded the impecunious city man, "I guess it isn't any more terrible than not to have a lot of money and live where you can spend it."—New York Sun.

It Worked

"And have you tried the plan of greeting your husband with kind words when he comes home late, as I suggested?" asked the elderly friend.

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