

## THE "DARLING" OF THE STOCKYARDS AND A FIGHTER



Miss Mary McDowell.

Chicago university has two settlements, one in the aristocratic region near the university and the other a few hundred feet from a square mile of slaughterhouses—the Chicago stockyards.

"One was located among the 'swells' and the other in the 'smells,'" explained Miss Mary McDowell, the plump, jolly blue-eyed Scotchwoman, who is the darling of the Packingtown.

However, Chicago people are more apt to refer to Miss McDowell as "the stockyards angel."

And in the stockyard's district, to thousands of Polish and Lithuanian workers and their families, "Mees" McDowell is an angel. As the head of the settlement she hears all of the troubles, heartaches, misery and, once in a while, laughter of many foreigners herded together in squalid tenements.

A Slavic mother with her little children clinging frightened to her skirts pitifully weeps out a story of a drunken brute of a husband. That is Miss McDow-