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### THE WINNER.



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He—But the man with the most brass gets the tin.

### Natural Avoidance.

Mayor Gaynor of New York was defending his anti-suffrage views: "Woman has her place and man has his," he said, "and when I think of the confusion that would come from intermingling their places, I am reminded of an anecdote about Lady Lord John Russell: 'Why hasn't Lord Holland got a post in the cabinet?' 'Well, if you must know,' Lord John answered, 'it is because nobody would work in a cabinet with a man whose wife opens all his letters.'"

### A Beautiful Decline.

Ollie James, the gigantic and genial congressman and senator-elect from Kentucky, was in conversation the other day with a Washingtonian when the latter made certain inquiries with reference to a mutual friend whom he had not seen for a number of years.

"And how does Col. Prescott spend his declining years?" he asked.

"Beautifully, sir; beautifully," answered James. "He has a fine farm, sir. A string of trotters, sir. And a barrel of whisky 16 years old—and a wife of the same age, sir!"

### The Keynote.

Knicker—"I thought simplicity was to be the keynote of your gowns."

Mrs. Knicker—"It is; I have simply got to have them."

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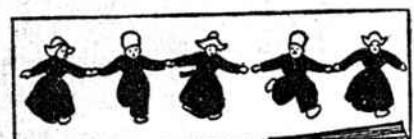
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## "A NATION ONCE AGAIN!"



### Ireland's Hope of Home Rule Nearing Realization at Last

#### NATURE, GRACE AND TRAINING FITTED ST. PATRICK TO HIS TASK

So Well Accomplished, Ireland Was Known for Centuries as the "Land of Saints"

**S**T. PATRICK says of himself in his confession that he was born at "Bannaven Taberniae," which is extremely hard to identify. Some, however, claim that Kirk-Patrick, near Glasgow, in Scotland, took its name from St. Patrick. The saint was born about 372; was a captive and a slave of the king of Dalradia, in Ireland, from 383 to 395; went to Gaul and was there ordained priest; was consecrated bishop and sent to Ireland as missionary in 432, and died at Saul, near Strangford Lough, County Down, Ulster, where many years before he had founded his church, March 17, 465, the day now sacred to his memory.

Ireland was then occupied by a great number of petty tribes, most of whom were evangelized by Patrick. So well was the work accomplished that Ireland was known in subsequent centuries as the "island of saints and scholars."

The method employed was that of dealing cautiously and gently with the old paganism of the people. The chiefs were first won over and then through them their clans.

Of St. Patrick himself much has been related in fabulous, but his autobiographical confession and his epistle to Coroticus, both of which are unquestionably genuine, reveal a devout, simple minded man, and a most discreet and energetic missionary.

In his epistle he states that he was of noble birth and that his father, Calpornius, was a Roman decurion. His Mother, Conchessa, or Concels, was the sister of St. Martin of Tours.

The family of the saint is affirmed by the earliest authorities to have belonged to Britain, but whether the term refers to Great Britain or Brittany or other parts of France is not ascertained.

Some of the quaint stories told in Ireland about St. Patrick would make the traveler imagine that the saint visited the island for the benefit of witty guides, or to promote mirth in wet weather. It is not remarkable that the subject of these stories for 16 centuries, at countless hearths, has been regarded and is today honored as the greatest man and the greatest benefactor that ever trod the Irish soil, and considering the versatility of the Irish character, it is not strange that there remains respecting the saint a vast cycle of legends—serious, pathetic and profound.

It could not be otherwise. Such a people could not have forgotten the heroic figure who led them forth in the exodus from the bondage of pagan darkness. In many instances doubtless has the tale become a tradition, the foliage of an ever active popular imagination, gathered around the central stem of fact; but the fact remained.

A large tract of Irish history is dark; but the time of St. Patrick and the three centuries which succeeded it is clearly, as depicted by history, a time of joy. The chronicle is a song of gratitude and of hope, as befits the story of a nation's conversion to Christianity.

The higher legends, which, however, do not profess to keep close to the original sources, except as regards their spirit and the manners of the time, are found in some ancient lives of St. Patrick, the most valuable of which is the "Tripartite Life," ascribed by Colgen to the century after the saint's death. The work was lost for many centuries, but two copies of it were rediscovered, one of which has been recently translated by an eminent Irish scholar, Mr. Hennessy.

The miracles, however, recorded in the "Tripartite Life" are neither the most marvelous nor the most interesting portion of that life.

Whether regarded from the religious or philosophic point of view, few things can be more instructive than the picture which it delineates of human nature in the period of critical transition and the dawning of the religion of peace upon a race barbaric, but, indeed, from savage.

That warlike race regarded it doubtless as a notable cruelty when the new faith discouraged an amusement so popular as battle. But in many respects they were in sympathy with the fact. That race was one of which the affections as well as the passions retained an unblunted ardor, and when nature is stronger and less corrupted it must feel the need of something higher than itself, its interpreter and its supplement. It prized the

family ties, like the Germans recorded by Tacitus, and it could but have been drawn to Christianity.

Its morals were pure, and it had not lost that simplicity to which so much of spiritual insight belongs. Admiration and wonder were among its chief habits. It desired a religion no smaller than the human heart itself—a religion capable of being not only appreciated and believed, but comprehended in its fullness and measured in all its parts.

Warlike as it was, it was unbowed also in loyalty, generosity, and self-sacrifice; it was not, therefore, untouched by the records of martyrs, the principles of self-sacrifice, or the doctrine of a great sacrifice. It loved the children and the poor, and St. Patrick made the former the exemplars of the faith and the latter the eminent inheritors of the kingdom.

In the main, institutions and traditions of Ireland were favorable to Christianity, and the people received the gospel gladly. It appealed to them and prompted ardent natures to find their rest in spiritual things. It had created among them an excellent appreciation of the beautiful, the esthetic and the pure.

The early Irish chroniclers show how strong that sentiment has ever been. The Borlmerian Tribute, for many years the source of relentless wars, had been imposed in vengeance for an insult offered to a woman, and a discourtesy shown to a poet had overthrown an ancient dynasty; an unprovoked affront was regarded as a great moral offense. And severe punishments were ordained not only for detraction, but for a word, though uttered in jest, which brought a blush on the cheek of the listener.

It was not that laws were wanting; a code minute in its justice had proportioned a penalty to every offense. It was not that hearts were hard—there was at least as much pity for others as for self. It was that anger was implacable, and that where fear was unknown the war field was the happy hunting ground.

The rapid growth of learning, as well as piety, in the three centuries succeeding the conversion of Ireland proved that the country had not been until then without a preparation for the gift.

Perhaps nothing human had so large an influence in the conversion of the Irish as the personal character



St. Patrick.

of our apostle. By nature, by grace, and by providential training he had been especially fitted for his task.

Everywhere we can trace the might and sweetness that belonged to his character; the versatile mind, yet the simple heart; the varying tact, yet the fixed resolve; the large desire taking counsel from all, yet the minute solicitude for each; the fiery zeal, yet the gentle temper; the skill in using means, yet the reliance in God alone; the readiness in action, with a willingness to wait; the habitual self-possession, yet the outburst of an inspiration, which raised him above himself—the abiding consciousness of an authority—an authority in him, but not of him, and yet the ever present humility.

Above all, there burned in him that boundless love which seems the main constituent of apostolic character. It was love for God; but it was love for man also, an impassioned love, a parental compassion. Wrong and injustice to the poor he resented as an injury to God.

A just man, indeed, was St. Patrick; with purity of nature like the patriarchs; a true pilgrim like Abraham; gentle and forgiving of heart like Moses; a praiseworthy palmer like David; an emulator of wisdom like Solomon; a chosen vessel for proclaiming truth like the Apostle Paul; a man of grace and of knowledge of the Holy Ghost like the beloved John; a lion in strength and power; a dove in gentleness and humility; a servant of labor in the service of Christ; a king in dignity and might, for binding and loosening, for liberating and convicting.



Crowned Harp, Badge of Ireland, on the Great Seal of Queen Elizabeth.

## IRELAND'S SONG OF HOPE

BY E. H. DE QUINCEY

**L**AND of the warrior hearts,  
Land of the souls of fire,  
Thy sad face pale  
To the dawn unveil—  
From silence-bonds unchain thy  
lyre;

Above thee slavery's dark cloud parts  
And tyrant foes abashed retreat!  
Land of the strong and brave,  
Land of the tried and true;  
Thy spreading plains  
'Neath the mild spring rains,  
Again are shining, fresh and new,  
And singing tides thy fair shores lave—  
Thy hopes shall soon be ripened, too!

Free shall thy pure veins flow—  
Thy dormant pulses leap.  
The scalding tear  
Shall disappear  
From thy cheek, and humbled creep  
The hydra-headed wrong which low  
Plunged thy fair brow in sorrow's deep!

Thy brooks and bounding streams,  
Grim war no more shall dye—  
The call to arms,  
The strife's alarms,  
The flame sheets, shrouding earth and  
sky,

Shall burst no more upon thy dreams,  
But gentle slumbers seal thine eye!  
Famine and plague no more  
Upon thy loved shall feed;  
The vampire maws  
Of bloody laws,  
Shall choke of their insatiate greed,  
And o'er thy rock-encircled shore  
The seraph Peace all blessings lead!

The gyves upon thy feet—  
The thong around thy heart,  
Their cankering grasp  
Shall soon unclasp,  
And through the wide Earth's every  
part,  
Resounding notes of triumph sweet  
Shall tell the joy that—free thou art!



### WORTHY OF HONOR BY ALL

One Need Not Be of Irish Blood to  
Take Pride in the Work of  
St. Patrick.

In Strangford Lough, County Down, Ireland, nearly 1,500 years ago, a missionary established a church, from which Christianity gradually radiated through the four provinces until it reached every Irish clan and Ireland became noted as the land of saintship.

Authorities differ as to the birthplace and early history of Saint Patrick, but, after all, what does it matter whether he was Gaul or Briton? His deep piety, great learning and gentle persuasion brought all Ireland under the influence of Christ.

No nation can be permanent without religion. Ireland is the world's great example of what a nation can endure through faith. All these long years of cruel oppression she has been true to the teachings of Saint Patrick and she has clung to the cross.

Who would not join the chorus of solemn praise in honor of the patron saint of Erin?

Ireland's National Emblem.  
The harp was officially recognized as Ireland's national emblem in the coinage issued in Ireland by the English sovereigns. It also appeared upon the great seals used in Ireland by Elizabeth and Cromwell. The Elizabethan seal had the harp crowned, and for this reason, where the harp has been retained as the symbol of Irish revolutionary organizations, it appears without the crown and with the strings broken. The idea is forcefully expressed in Moore's lines:

The minstrel fell, but the foeman's chains  
Could not bring his proud soul under;  
The harp he loved ne'er spoke again, for  
he tore its chords asunder.  
And said: "No chains shall sultry thee,  
thou soul of love and bravery;  
Thy songs were made for the proud and  
free; they shall never sound in slavery."

St. Patrick's Bell and Crozier.  
St. Patrick's bell and crozier were preserved at Armagh for many years. They were both removed to Dublin, but the crozier was destroyed by Archbishop Browne in 1538 because of the excessive reverence that was paid to it. The bell is now in the National Museum in Dublin.



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### TWO LEGENDS OF ST. PATRICK

One That the Sons of the Emerald Isle Shall Be Judged by Him.

**T**HERE is an old legend—no doubt fondly hugged to an Irishman's conscience—that at the last day of judgment the sons of the Emerald Isle shall be judged by St. Patrick alone. And for many centuries there was pointed out on the island of Lough Derg a cave said to be the entrance to St. Patrick's Purgatory—and it should be to any one who had courage to go into it as if he had passed through purgatory after death.

Of entirely different nature is the profane legend linking St. Patrick's name with that special delicate privilege permitted the fair sex every leap year.

Shortly after passing the snake exclusion act, St. Patrick met St. Bridget, who brought to him the complaints of certain young ladies in her nunnery because they were debarred the initiative privilege in affairs of the heart—celibacy not then being compulsory unless a special vow had been taken. St. Patrick, duly considering the matter, suggested that the desired privilege should be granted once in seven years.

"Arrah! Patrick, jewel," cried St. Bridget, "I daunt't go back to the girls wid such a proposal. Mek it one year in four."

It ended of course in her gaining her woman's way, he gallantly giving her leap year, "the longest one of the lot."

And leap year it must have been then by lucky chance, for St. Bridget at once made good by popping the question herself. But as St. Patrick had taken the vow of celibacy, he could only offer the consolation prize of a kiss and a silk dress.

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## THE NOMINATION OF PITNEY OPPOSED TO

AFTER IT WAS CONFIRMED THE ACTION WAS SET ASIDE FOR THE PRESENT.

### MUCH DEBATE IN THE SENATE

The Decision of Mahlon Pitney in the Glass Blowers' Case Some Time Ago Is the Cause of the Fight Against Him.

Washington.—The Senate confirmation of President Taft's nomination of Mahlon Pitney, Chancellor of the state of New Jersey, to succeed the late Associate Justice Harlan on the Supreme Court bench and then set aside its action for further consideration, because of opposition to Chancellor Pitney which developed in executive session.

The discussion was sufficient to arouse friends of Chancellor Pitney and to make some of them apprehensive that the nomination might be rejected. His sponsors, however, expressed the belief that he would be confirmed very soon.

The nomination was among a large number laid before the Senate as soon as the executive session convened. It was quickly confirmed in the routine way. Suddenly, Senator Bacon asked its status. Vice President Sherman announced that the nomination had been confirmed. Senator Bacon then suggested that the confirmation should be held up until Senator Culberson, who has been inquiring into the decisions made by the Chancellor, came into the chamber a moment afterward and joined the debate.

Sensor Culberson called attention to Chancellor Pitney's decision in what is known as the glass bottle blowers' case, that of the George Jonas Glass Company against the Glass Bottle Blowers' Association of the United States.

**Meet After Long Separation.**

Oklahoma, Cal., March 8.—After many years of separation father and son met in a cell of the city prison here. Harry Miller, a young tailor of San Francisco, revealing his identity to Samuel Miller a self-confessed wife murderer wanted in Memphis, Tenn. The young man had gone to the jail after reading the account of Miller's arrest in the daily papers. The pair were allowed to exchange confidences for half an hour. Miller killed his wife nine years ago after a quarrel. While awaiting the death penalty he escaped from prison and became a wanderer. He says he killed his wife in self-defense.

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"I had hemorrhages and at times could not get any medicine to stop them. I got in such a weak condition that I would have died if I had not got relief soon."

"Several women who had taken your Compound, told me to try it and I did and found it to be the right medicine to build up the system and overcome female troubles."

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