

Barney's Fortune

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It was spring in Ballymorean, and the turf had taken on that vivid green seen nowhere beyond the shores of Ireland. The pungent reek of smoke drifted lazily against the intense blue of the sky. The bushes sang on the bougainvillee, the apple trees that skirted the bog were in bloom. Barney thought he never had seen the village look lovelier, but then, as every one knew, Barney was the most happy-go-lucky lad in the parish.

"A charmed cabin of one room and a couple of pigs comprised his worldly possessions; but 'light of purse and light of heart,' he often said, 'is better than riches and the graft.' He was a simple one drawn back in poverty, and that was that he could not ask Helen Murray to marry him till he had money to offer her.

Yet, hope is always astray when one is young, and Barney knew that with thrift and perseverance he could lay by enough, so, rain or shine, he worked in the bog with a song on his lips, for he felt that every penny he laid by was bringing Eileen nearer to him.

The thought of this contentedly as he strolled with her in the twilight when the wind was as soft as a caress and the scent of apple blossoms came faintly on the air.

Eileen was like an apple blossom herself to Barney's thinking. She had the same delicate coloring and a grace as airy as the swaying of a bough. Yet she loved him she gave no sign. If she smiled on him she also smiled on his cousin Hugh, a well-to-do man with more property than poor Barney. Eileen divided her favors equally, and the village looked on and wondered which man would win. Now fate seemed inclined toward one and now toward the other.

The villagers themselves inclined toward Barney. Every one liked him,



"TIS MY HEART I'VE LOST," SHE ANSWERED, from the bareheaded children to the wrinkled women who covered above the hearthstones.

He was a favorite, too, with his old uncle, Seamus McShane, who had left Ireland for America years before when Barney was only a bit of a lad. But his uncle wrote to him every year, and would be his heir, though the legacy was a thing of the dim future—so dim that it hardly made a background for present need.

Seamus McShane came of a sturdy, long lived race. Therefore it was with a distinct shock that one fine spring morning Barney received notice of his uncle's death. The lad's first feeling was one of sorrow that Seamus should die, or die, yet his mind was only a memory, so it was pardonable that his next thought be one of joy at the possibilities opened to him, for now he could marry Eileen. How much he had fallen heir to he did not know, but guessed it to be in the neighborhood of £40—not a large sum in itself, though it seemed like riches to the folk of that wild, swept, famine-ridden village.

As the news of Barney's fortune spread his popularity rose. He had a fondness for the box," said Eddy McBride.

"'Tis a fine lad he is, entirely," agreed old Donnelly.

Barney carried himself modestly enough. He was not unduly elated at what had befallen him, though his heart sang within him at his luck, and his feet seemed scarcely to touch the earth as he went from house to house bidding his friends to the wake which he proposed to have the following evening in memory of his uncle.

"'Tis no keeping I want ye to do at all," he declared. "'Tis not in such mournful fashion I'd have us keep him in mind. But come and drink his soul's peace with me."

No one in the village was neglected from this general invitation, for they arrived early at Barney's bare little home, where candles burned with a cheerful glow and where laughter and humming of feet half muffled the music played by a wandering fiddler. All the village was there save Hugh, and as

THE FLAG REVERSED.

A Fisherman's Emblem That Tells of Distress and Hope.

One of the frequent sights in the ports along the eastern coast of the United States is that of a fishing schooner coming into the harbor with the American flag hoisted at the masthead and in its reverse position. To the interested spectators that flag always brings a pang of distress, for it means that one or more of the crew are "missing" through some calamity of the sea. But to the members of the craft itself the signal is not always an emblem of woe. The flag is hoisted from their viewpoint to signify those who sit the complement of the vessel are not all, and they live on hope for a long time before they acknowledge that the men who have disappeared are really lost.

A stranger to seafaring ways asked the skipper of one of these fishing schooners the other day what the distress signal meant, and he was set right by the captain, who remarked in the most cheerful way in the world:

"They're missing out of the crew, of course, but we haven't given them up for a long sight. Ye see, they may have been picked up by some other boat an' carried off to 'th' other side. Oh, no, we don't give them up just because we've missed them! It's more than likely they'll turn up yet."—New York Press.

Street Car Rates of Rio.

There are first and second class street cars, writes Albert Hale in the Leader, and I, with a package in my arms, had taken a first class bus in a street car in Rio de Janeiro.

"Since I'm the heir," he cried, "ye must all come home with me and drink remembrance to Uncle Seamus!" This was greeted with a shout of acquiescence. The fiddler started up, "The toady fiddler," he sang, "singin' and laughin' the guests danced out the door."

"Don't forget my red petticoat," says Eddy McBride, "and the package of tay ye were for giving me."

"Nor the bacey ye promised," chuckled old Donnelly, "and the dhrubheen I'll likely be smokin' next week." To which Barney answered, "I'll be smokin' early enough, smiling with me. He had kept up gallantly before them, yet, after all, he was only a lad, and when the last guest had gone and his cabin was deserted he sat down by the table and buried his face in his arms.

"Have ye left something?" said Barney, starting to his feet.

"'Tis my heart I've lost," she answered.

"Hugh's a lucky lad, Eileen," said Barney, "a lucky lad, and—and I wish ye'd be his wife."

"'Tis not Hugh that has my heart," cried Eileen; "it's—ah, Barney, can ye not see—can ye not understand?"

"Shure—shure, it's never me ye mean?" gasped Barney. "Why, Eileen, girl, I'm poor!" Suddenly a light broke on him, and he caught her to his arms. "No," he cried, "I'm the richest man in the whole wide world!"

Thus fortune came to Barney after all.

"Look at this, will you?" exclaimed the real estate and house renting optimist. "In this paper there is a record of eighty-seven marriage licenses issued yesterday."

"Well, what of it?" said his partner, the pessimist. "The district clerk was leaning back in a chair with his hat pulled down over his eyes.

"What of it?" echoed the other. "Can't you see? Those eighty-seven marriage licenses mean eighty-seven marriages. The eighty-seven marriages will lead to eighty-seven inquiries for houses, that or at least eligible apartments. It's bound to stimulate business in our line, and we'll get our share."

"That doesn't follow at all. Those eighty-seven licenses represent 174 persons, don't they?"

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The Englishman Abroad.

An English observer says that he finds the American abroad both civil and genial. He is not only polite, but he is also generous. He is not only polite, but he is also generous. He is not only polite, but he is also generous.

Penalties of Napoleon.

Napoleon's father was a toper, a man utterly lacking in moral sensibility, and his sisters were immodest and hysterical. According to Dr. Cabanis, Pauline was particularly so. Napoleon himself was exceedingly sensitive to atmospheric changes, was headachy and had auditory illusions.

At Which Acre?

An amusing discussion recently took place between an artist and an author as to which period of her life a woman was the most fascinating. According to the artist a woman should not be painted between the ages of twenty and forty, as she was in the greatest transition period of her life.

Sea Snakes.

Sea snakes are very plentiful in the south Pacific. They are widely distributed, and they are very dangerous. They are widely distributed, and they are very dangerous. They are widely distributed, and they are very dangerous.

Made Happy For Life.

Great happiness came into the home of S. C. Blair, school superintendent, at St. Albans, V. Va., when his little daughter was restored from the dreadful complaint he name.

Clean Young Men.

There are plenty of bright young men in the country whose hands have not been soiled by the dirt of latter day politics. It will be a good thing for the state and for the nation to have them come forward and take an active part in public affairs.

End of the Honey-moon.

"Enlighten your honeymoon yet?" "I don't know, I have never been able to determine the exact meaning of the word honeymoon."

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The Wild Carrot.

One of the most interesting of our native plants.

A weed has been defined as "a plant that persists in growing where it is not desired." Surely the wild carrot is a most weedy weed from the point of view of that definition and of the dislike of the farmer. As to the persistence, our veteran farmer-naturalist John Burroughs tells us: "Cut off the head of the wild carrot, and in a week there are five heads in room of the one."

Kicks Its Food Into Its Mouth.

"This is an eye-aw," said the keeper of the monkey house. "Watch it kick its food into its mouth."

The Sin of Insurance.

"When life insurance was first instituted," said an antiquary of the church and pious people generally were dead and pious people generally were dead and pious people generally were dead.

His Golden Opportunity.

A Baltimore man tells of an address made to some school children by their city by a member of the board of trustees. "My young friends," said the speaker, "let me urge upon you the importance of not only reading good books, but of owning them, so that you may have access to them at all times."

His Mistake.

"I thought it was a good time to see the old gentleman for his daughter. He is suffering from a recently broken arm."

Kind Hearted.

Hewitt—Why did you marry? Jewitt—Just to give a friend of mine, a clergyman, a job.—New York Press.

There is no more perfect endowment in man than political virtue.—Putnam.

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