

HUMOR IN IRELAND

W. R. Le Fanu, a great nephew of Sheridan and a brother of the late J. Sheridan Le Fanu, who wrote the well-known ballad, "Shamus O'Brien," is the author of a volume just published by Macmillan & Co., entitled "Seventy Years of Irish Life." The book abounds in amusing anecdotes of Irish life and character.

I suppose, writes Mr. Le Fanu, a ready wit rather than humor is the Irish characteristic. For instance, my father's sexton was named Young—a queer old fellow, too. When asked his name by any one his invariable reply was: "Well, sir, I'm Young by name, but old by nature." One Sunday morning in the vestry room my father could not find his stole. "This is most provoking," said he. "The congregation will wonder why I do not wear it today." "Let them wonder," said Young; "but what does it signify if your reverence had not a tack upon you so long as you preach a good sermon."

Mr. Le Fanu tells many good stories of Dr. Barrett, better known as Heckey Barrett, a miser and a learned Hebrew scholar.

At a discussion of the college board as to how to get rid of a huge heap of rubbish which lay in the college park, Barrett suggested that they should dig a hole and bury it.

"But, Dr. Barrett," said they, "what shall we do with the stuff that comes out of the hole?" "Do you see me now?" said he. "Dig another and bury it."

When asked if he had been told of the promotion of his friend Magee, with whom he had had a falling out, he replied:

"No, I haven't heard of it, and, moreover, I don't want to hear of it."

"Didn't you hear," said they, "he has been made Bishop of Raphoe?"

"Do you see me now?" said Barrett: "I don't care if he was made bishop of hell so long as I am not in his lordship's diocese."

Another clerical anecdote, which was not related by his father, the dean. It was an Irish farmer who was supposed to have made the speech to his son:

"You see, my boy, a man's life naturally divides itself into three distinct periods. The first is that in which he is planning and contriving all sorts of villainy and rascality; that is the period of youth and innocence. The second is that in which he is putting into practice the villainy and rascality he contrived before; that is the prime of life or the flower of manhood. The third and last period is that in which he is making his soul and preparing for another world; that is the period of dotage."

Dr. Nedley, physician to the Dublin metropolitan police, told Mr. Le Fanu he heard a voice from a crowd call out: "Three cheers for Dr. Nedley! He killed more policemen than ever the Fenians did!"

But if some men are skeptical others place an implicit faith in the doctor's prescriptions, and of these was a man in Limerick who went to the undertaker to order a coffin for Pat Connell.

"Dear me," said the undertaker, "is poor Pat dead?"

"No, he's not dead yet," answered the other, "but he'll die tonight, for the doctor says he can't live till morning, and he knows what he gave him."

A man by the name of O'Connell, who was known by his friends as Kilmallock, was found by a friend one morning hastily writing.

"What are you writing about, Kilmallock?" he asked.

"I'm writing a letter to the editor of the Times about that scoundrel Chambers. I'll read you as much as I have written:

"To the Editor of the Times—Sir: I see by your paper of this date that last night in the house of commons Mr. Chambers brought forward his usual motion in favor of government inspection of Catholic nunneries. Instead of attacking those amiable, pious, virtuous ladies, the Catholic nuns, let this Mr. Chambers look nearer home; let him look at his own old card-playing, scandal-mongering, dram-drinking mother!"

"But," interrupted his friend, "take care that that is not libellous. Are you quite sure that she is so bad?"

"What would I know about the old devil?" said Kilmallock. "I never heard of her in my life. But if he has a particle of manly feeling in his composition it will cut him to the quick."

There lived near the Le Fanus a rector of a small parish who gave much time and attention to proselyting the Roman Catholic peasantry. Many stories are told of this W. A., and his would-be converts.

An old widow, Bryan, called on him, and on being shown into his library and asked by him what her business was, she said: "Well, now, your reverence, it's what—I'd like to turn Protestant."

Mr. A. "Why do you wish to change your religion?"

Widow B. "Well, now, I'm told your reverence gives a blanket and a leg of mutton to any one that turns."

Mr. A. "Do you mean to say that you would sell your soul for a blanket?"

Widow B. "No, your reverence, not without the leg of mutton."

As an example of what Lady Morgan

called "hating one another for the love of God," Mr. Le Fanu says: "Not very long ago an old Orangeman in the county of Down was asked: 'Are the times as good now, Tom, as when you were a boy?'"

"Faith they are not," answered Tom, "they'd take you up now and try you for shooting a Papist."

To illustrate the Irish propensity for drawing the long bow, or being agreeable, the reader must decide in this anecdote:

A story which is well known in Kerry was told me long ago by Mr. R., of Tralee. He was shooting with an English friend, a Mr. B. They had very little sport, so Mr. B. said: "I'll ask this countryman whether there are any birds about here." "No use to ask him," said Mr. R., "he'll only tell you lies." "I'll ask him, at all events," said Mr. B. "My good man, are there any birds about here?" "Lot of birds, your honor," said he. "Tell me what sort of birds."

"Well, now, your honor, there's grouses and woodcocks, and snipes, and ducks, and phillibines and all sorts of birds." "Ask him," whispered R., "whether there are any thermometers here." "Tell me," said Mr. B., "do you ever see any thermometers here?" "Well, now, your honor, if there was a night's frost the place would be alive with them."

WHITTIER'S KINDLINESS.

Mr. Whittier loved the sights and sounds of nature with the ardor of Wordsworth; and there is a charming touch of the human in the way he clings to them:

"I am very thankful that I can almost forget age and infirmity in the contemplation of these lovely dawns and sunsets, and these still, warm, picturesque noons. Shall we have them or their like in the new life? If not, I, for one, must miss them sadly. But His will be done."

Again, in a June letter:

"It seems to me the world was never so beautiful as now, when I am about to leave it. But, no doubt, the infinite possibilities of the future life will more than compensate for the loss of this."

Whittier, like Longfellow, was very generous in his valuation of contemporaries, and praised them without the thieving help of ifs and buts.

On one occasion, a tributary paper to Longfellow appearing on his birthday, and Whittier through some mischance not having been apprised of its preparation, he wrote:

"It would have given me great pleasure to take part in it; he [Longfellow] has no warmer admirer than myself."

In reference to Holmes:

"He deserves all honor; and, besides, is a dear old personal friend." And again, in a paragraph of another letter, he rejoices in the honors bestowed on Doctor Holmes while abroad.

SUICIDE PARTIES.

Mr. Medhurst, for many years British consul at Shanghai, tells, in the London Million, of a singular 'card of invitation' which he once received in China. It was from a lady, intimating her intention to commit suicide on a specified date. She was very young and attractive, and belonged to a wealthy family, but the Chinese gentleman to whom she had been affianced from childhood having died just before the date fixed for their nuptials, she gave out that she deemed it her duty to render her widowed irrevocable by dying with her betrothed. So she sent cards around to the local gentry giving notice of her purpose. No attempt was made by her relatives or the local authorities to frustrate her design, though Mr. Medhurst appealed to the mandarins, the general opinion being that she was about to perform a meritorious act. Eventually, on the day named, the woman did deliberately sacrifice her life in the presence of thousands of spectators. A stage was erected in the open fields, with a tented frame over it, from which was suspended a slip of scarlet crepe. One end of this slip she fastened around her neck, and then, embracing a little boy presented by one of the bystanders, she mounted a chair and resolutely jumped off, "her little clasped hands saluting the assemblage as her body twirled round with the tightening cord." The woman was not hounded on by a fanatic mob, as was the practice at suttees in India, but immolation appeared to be an entirely voluntary act. Sacrifices of this kind according to Mr. Medhurst, are not uncommon in certain districts of China, and, strange to say, they are rewarded with monuments, sometimes erected by order of the emperor.

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The hats and bonnets I have seen recently have been quite different in shape from those which appeared early in the autumn, and the very chic ones are much plainer than those with which our eyes have been tortured since the winter began, says a writer in Vogue. Felt, velvet and cloth have been worn for hats and every model has been twisted and turned into a most fatiguing succession of curves, notwithstanding that very few have been the faces to which these wondrous styles of headgear have been becoming. I have seen two very pretty and most artistic hats this last week. They were made of silk beaver, black, the shape showing a large, curving front, the lines of which were most becoming to the face. The hats evidently came from the same milliner, as there was no difference between them, except in the arrangement of the ostrich plumes.

There have been very few of the coal-scuttle bonnet shapes worn this winter, although there were a few imported. They are becoming to very few people, and as the Salvation Army bonnet has somewhat the same effect (being worn further back on the head, however), the fashion, unless it is revived in the light straws next summer, faced with the roses and other flowers that our great-grandmothers delighted to wear, is not likely to become a popular model.

It is now an absolutely settled fact that for a hostess to wear at her own afternoon reception full ball dress is very bad form. There was always a disagreeable incongruity in a lady in her own drawing-room being attired in a very much trimmed, décolleté gown, receiving a number of people in walking costumes. For some years, however, the fashion held with a great many people, and the debutantes generally wore a white ball gown. This year the reception dresses, while most elaborate in the making, being of handsome material and trimmed very elaborately, are made high-necked and long-sleeved and are vastly better style. Several debutantes I have seen have worn white gowns trimmed with chiffon, or very fine lace and satin, and the effect has been extremely good. We have also of late years adopted the French fashion for wedding gowns, and wear them also made high in the neck and long in the sleeves, and certainly that is one of the best modes fashion has decreed for brides. To see a man garbed in frock coat and light trousers, with high hat (which, however, his best man always had charge of), walking proudly down the aisle with his bride in full ball dress, was not a pleasing spectacle. The French have always gowned their brides in these high-necked frocks, and since it has been the universal custom to import bride's trousseaus, our modistes on this side of the water have followed this very good style, the handsomest of materials and of trimmings being combined to make a very elaborate effect.

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