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DROLLERIES OF DONEGAL. A Series of Irish Folk Stories-By Seumas Macmanus. JOHN CONN AND HUGH FLYNN.

THERE WAS A GREAT CASTLE WITH GARDENS AND LAWNS AND PARKS.

eating and drinking spread out on the tables, | he wouldn't go home himself till he had

more adventures.

parted, Hugh for home with the bags of

t out and wish for what ye like and as

much as ye like of aitables and drinkables.

and immediately ye'll

napkin and had a beautiful dinner on it,

to play his pipes, 400,000 troopers-light

dhragoons, heavy dhragoons, hussians, gren-

horn and commenced dancing to the music.

Then the piper told John he was under

five days, being in this barren country, he

hadn't a bit to put in the mouths of his

Then says John. "I'll soon relieve them,"

and he spread his napkin and wished for

"A good job,"

'Come, help ourselves," says John, "we'll

says Hugh and both of them fell to and

made a hearty meal. Then all at once

they heard music and the tramping of feet

coming tow'st them. "We'll have to hide,"

when he was fast asleep by reason of the

in the sofa cloth could see all that was go-

pany bowed to one another and got satiated

and then the pipers laid aside their pipes

and sat down themselves. After they had

made a good dinner the decanthers of all

sorts of whiskies and wines and rare drinks

THEM TOOK AND HID

THEMSELVES UNDER A SOFA.

man that sat at the head give it out that

every one present would have to sing a song,

crack a joke or tell a good story. And round

the table at once went the singing and the

joking and the telling of the stories. Says

and he began to tell how the king's daughter

was lying very ill and all the great doctors

of the country was attending to her, but it

was all no use, for she was pining away

day afther day under the fairies' spells and

there was nothing could save her except

three bottles of water from the well with-

out, which had the virtue of curing all

diseases. John Conn's heart jumped when

he heard this and he waited patiently till,

when day was going to break, the pipers got

got up, and the pipers played before them

taking him with him, went out and filled the

bottles with water out of the well, never

out of the room, and the fairles danced out

one of the fairies, "I'll tell a good story,"

line our sides, anyhow."

Author of "Through the Turf Smoke," "The Leadin' Road to Donegal."

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John Conn and Hugh Flynn were neighboring farmers that wrought hard on their wee bits of farms to support themselves and try to cure the prencess they laughed their wives-but that same was more nor they could do; so says John Conn to Hugh try and made nothing of it and that John Flynn one day, "Hugh," says he, "what do ye think if we start off to push our fortunes and leaves our wives to look out for how. Then John ordered all the doctors out Hugh, says he, "it wouldn't be a bad iday both of them starts and away afore them to she felt a deal better still; then he gave push their fortunes. They traveled away her the third bottle and she was completely for the length of a day, without meeting cured. There was great rejoicement entirely with anything remarkable and long afther at this and the king in particular was beside night fell on them they were still wondherin' himself with delight and offered John Conn

The servants of course only laughed a John, but the king, hearing of him, ordered him to be brought up. And when John was brought up into the prencess' bed chamber, there that place was filled with great doctors and when they heard John was coming to But the king said they had their Conn might as well get his try, for he couldn't have worse luck than them any-"Why, I think," said of the room, and, giving the prencess one bottle of the water, she got great alse en-No sooner sayed than done, off tirely, then he gave her another bottle and on when John sees a light away from him, and the prencess in marriage. But John "Hugh," said be, "I think we'll draw on wouldn't have her on no account, for he that "light." Well and good, on the light said he wouldn't part his wife Molly at they dhrew and when they come there they home for all the prencesses in the world, no found the light was shining from a great matter how beautiful they might be. Then castle and finding or seeing no one there, the king filled two bags, one with goold and they wandhered on through it from room the other with silver, and give them to to room, dumfoundered with all the gorjus John. When John got outside the castle he grandeur, goold an' silver they saw every- handed the two bags to Hugh and told him At last they come to a great dining to take them home with him and give room, with a great dinner entirely of all his (John's) wife the bag of goold and sorts of the richest and grandest and nicest keep the bag of silver for himself, and that



care if I had it instead of my born of

can't feed them?"

born," says John.

coopers for what use are they to me when

"I'll swap with ye, the napkin for the

"Done," says the piper, and handing over

o John the horn he took the napkin and

started off. But when my brave John

found himself in possession of the horn and

THEN JOHN GAVE THE PRINCESS ONE BOTTLE OF THE WATER.

the 400,000 troopers he axed himself how was he going to get them fed at all, at all. 'And," says he, "if I only had the napkin now to feed them I'll be a happy man." At once he ordered the troopers out of the horn and they came tumbling out, light dragoons, heavy dragoons, hussians, grenaliers and kilties, and away he sent them after the piper to take the napkin from him. And when they brought John the nankin he put the wiching cap on his head and wished to be home. And when he got there and looked about him he couldn't know it was the same country at all, at all, for there, in the place where Hugh Flynn's house used to be, was a great castle, with gardens and lawns and parks all around it. He came up to the door of his own house and Molly was the glad woman to see him back. "And what," says he to Molly, "is the meanin' of that great castle where Hugh Flynn's cabin used to be?" "O," says Molly, says she, "sure Hugh Flynn was away, no one knows where, pushing his fortune, and he come home with no end of bage of money with him and had up that grand castle and all them parks and lawns before ye'd have time to look about ye. He's now very rich entirely and, people says, doesn't know his own wealth." "And, Molly," says John, "was he any way kind | And builds up so lovely 'fore my very Molly," says John, "was he any way kind to you when he come back with so much money, or did he make ye ever a present?" "Kind?" says Molly; "kind's no name for it. He give me 5 shillings the day afther he come home and has ordhered me an allowcome home and has ordhered me an allow- There's broad walks ance of half-a-crown a week ever since." Says John, "I must set off to see him." "O. And sides all of ginger bread, perfectly traveled further and see were there any no, ahasky, John," says Molly, "ye couldn't Then both of them go to see him in them old clothes, or he'd parted, Hugh for home with the bags of ordher ye to be shot." But John eet money and John traveling away further off to Hugh Flynn's castle and when be was come there he inquired of the servants to see Lord Flynn. But they told This perfectly lovely, n before him. John traveled on that day he him they couldn't let him into his lordship's presence at all, at all, in such old clothes as he had on him. But Lord Flynn heard that John Conn was at the door wanting to get in to see him, and he or-



and immediately they will be placed on it And here's a wishing cap," says he, "ye MOLLY WITH TWO DIAMONDS HANGbave only to put on yer head and wish to ING FROM HER EARS. be any place in the world ye dered the servants to let him in and bring And here's a purse filled with him upstairs to him. He shooks hands money, that no matther how much heartily with John, and said he was glad ye take out of it it will never get empty," and to see him home again. John thanked him, handing ever to John the napkin, the wish- and said his wife, Molly, was telling him ng cap and the purse, the fairy disappeared that he had been very good to her, and without even waiting to be thanked. John he thanked him entirely for this. Then was feeling just hungry enough and he Lord Flynn said he was going to give a spread out the napkin to try it. He wished great ball, and to show he had no ill-will or a nice supper for himself, and, to and against John, axed himself and his wife to behold ye, there was the rarest supper, aitcome to it. John and Molly attended the ing and drinking, ever he laid his two eyes ball, and then axed Lord Flynn and his on, spread out on the napkin. He ate and wife to come to their house to a ball next drunk heartily and then spread himself out night. When John got home says Molly to under the trees to sleep. In the morning him, "John, do ye intend enthertaining Lord Flynn and his wife? Sure, ye haven't a John got up and spread his napkin and proper house to take them to; nor ye have wished for a breakwus and bad the finest of aiting and drinking again, his hearty fill, no money to buy provisions to enthertain "O, we'll soon rightify and then he set off on his journey once that," says John. He took out the purse more. Tor'st evening John was traveling in a very bare and barren country, without and covered the floor with gold and filled up a room full of it. He then ordered out any people or anything growing that a man could ate, or anything flowing that a man his 400,000 troopers out of the horn and set them to work building a grand castle, and could drink. And here, as he spread his before the next night he had the castle up and all its walls lined with silver and who should come up, weary and worn, to him but a piper, and John axed him to sit down its floors of beaten goold, and he had a goold walk right from the door of it to and help him with dinner. Nothing loath, Lord Flynn's castle. And when Lord Flynn down the piper sat, for he was almost dead and his wife come they were all in wonwith the hunger, and both of them ate as dherment and didn't know what to make of good a dinner as ever they ate in their it all. And John Conn and Molly welcomed lives afore. When they had finished the them, and they dressed up in the most gorpiper pulled out a horn, and, commencing jus dresses, and Molly with two diamonds hanging from her ears, the size of turf. Then there was no end of sarvints in waiting, and the napkin was spread, and John wished for adies and kilties-come troopin' out of the the grandest supper that ever was, and immediately the grandest that ever was seen afore or since was before them. And when Lord Flynn got home he sent a messenger o the king to tell him of the wonderful napkin John Conn had, and that it would be of great service to the king in times of war, and axed the king to send his sojers for it. git it! So the king sent thirty sojers to demand the napkin of John, but John turned out sixty sojers out of his horn, who fell on the king's sojers and killed them all but one, who went ome and told the king. Then the king sent 10,000 troopers, but John turned 50,000 troopers out of the horn and killed all the king's men to one again. Then the king sent 100,-000 troopers, and John now turned out of his horn 400,000 troopers-light dhragoons, heavy dhragoons, hussians, grenadiers and kilties, and they fell on the king's men and not one of them at all, at all, escaped this

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of days,
If only the castle of good I do plan,
With my perfectly lovely air-castle

-ANNELLA S. GILMORE.

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Teacher-Who was the man who never

old a lie? Scholar-My dad. Teacher-No, no; George Washington.

Scholar-Oh, all right, den. I'm going nome and tell my dad you said he was a

"Maria, I told Jimmy it was wicked for little boys to fight." "What did he say?" "He said: 'Pa, you must be gettin'

The little boy sat on the park bench and wung his feet. "I'll tell you my name if you'll tell me

yours," he said. "Well," what is it?" said the little girl. "Lemmy Kishew. What's yours?"

"Ollie Wright." And she dug her fairy little toes in the sand and waited. Willie, aged 5, accompanied his mother to

a dinner party at a neighbor's one evening and after dessert had been served the little fellow asked for another piece of pie. "Why, Willie," said his mother, "I never knew you to ask for a second piece of pie at "No; I knew it wasn't any use," replied

Bobbie's Mamma-Now, mind, Bobble, if they pass you the cake a second time at the

Willie, as he proceeded with his pie-eating.

party, you must say, "No, thanks, I've had plenty," and don't you forget it. Hostess (at the party)-Won't Bobbie have some more cake?

Bobbie (who hasn't forgotten)-Nope, I've had enough an' don't you fer-

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John, and he made paice with him and said father if I might hope to make you my wife," Detroit Journal: "When I asked your it was Lord Flynn who had told him about exclaimed Wilfred, striving to be calm, "he the napkin, and put up to taking it from knocked me down and kicked me in the

"My darling!" cried Constance, impulhussians, grenadiers and kilties and or- sively, and threw herself into his arms. But presently the soher second thought

on the earth. And this they did, and Lord "Does papa really object to you?" ahe now Flynn and his wife were killed, and John mused. "Or is it only a ruse of his to get Conn-or as he was ever after called, Lord me interested in you?"

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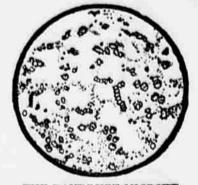
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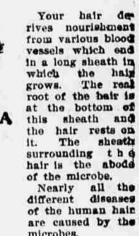


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up and took their pipes, and the company great distress entirely because for the last

letting on to Hugh what he meant by it, and alting and drinking for the 400,000 troopers

Then John wakened up Hugh and, troopers and they were dying with hunger,



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