QUIET PAT.

Some Examples of Irish Good Humor.

Paddy has a great power of enjoyment after all. One day he saw a bull attack a man, and he had to hold on his sides with both hands, the scene was so funny. After a time the animal turned his attention in another direction, and poor Pat, after exploring the heights, came down with a thump on the other side of the fence. He rubbed his wounds, and as he said to himself, "Faith, I'm glad I had my laugh when I did, or I wouldn't have had it at all."

An Irishman, a newly appointed crier in the County Court in Austral- trunk?" rejoined Pat. ia, where there are many Chinese, was ordered by the Judge to summon a reply. witness to the stand.

"Call for Ah Song!" w s the com-

Pat was puzzled for a moment. He

Gintlemen, would any of you favor his Honor with a song?'

An Irishman took a contract to dig a well. When he had dug about questions - but to no avail. twenty-five feet down he came one morning and found it had fallen in and that it was filled nearly to the

saw that no person was near, then took off his hat and coat and hung them on a windlass, crawled into some bushes and awaited events.

In a short time the neighbors discovered that the well had fallen in, and, seeing Pat's hat and coat on the windlass, they supposed that he was at the bottom of the excavation.

Only a few hours of brisk digging cleared the loose earth from the well. Just as the excavators had reached the bottom and were wondering where the body was, Pat came out of the bushes and good-naturedly thanked the diggers for relieving him of a sorry job. Some of the tired diggers were disgusted, but the joke was too good to allow of anything more than a laugh, which followed promptly.

The following took place in an American Court on one of the occasions of "naturalization," which is usual previous to a general election: Judge: "Do you know O'Brien?"

Irish Witness: "Yes, soor." Judge: "How long has he been in

this country?" Witness: "A little over five year."

character?" Witness (quite bewildered): "Shure, yer Honor, I don't know what moral

character means." Judge: "Well, sir, I will talk more plainly to you. Does O'Brien stand replied the other.

fair before the community?" Witness (completely nonplused): By my sowl, I don't apprehend

your m'aning, your Honor." Judge (rather irritated(: "I mean to ask you, sir, if O Brien, the person

who wants to be a citizen, and for whom you are a witness, is a good man it." Witness: "Oh, an' why didn't you

seen him in ten fights durin' the last dance. two years, an' iv'ry time he licked his

A gentleman seeing an Irishman removing an embankment from a dwelling, inquired: "Patrick, what are you

"I am opening the cellar window, o be sure.'

'And what are you doing that

"May it plaise your Honor," said Patrick, "to let out the dark."

Some years ago, in one of the Wesern States of America, an Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotchman were found guilty of murder and sentenced to death, but were allowed to sayin' that a sharp insthrument decide the manner of death themselves. | did ?" The Scotchman promptly chose to be 100 plaze, your Honor, I'd rather be ung on a gooseberry bush."

"That's not big enough," said the

"Begorra thin," said Pat, "Oi'll rait till it grows.'

Walking along a street one day, Patrick and his wife Nora passed by a ! indow where a handsome silk dress

was exposed to view. "Ah, Patrick," said Nora, "do ye temember ye said I was to have the

silk dress when ye had the money to

"Did I say that, Nora?" "Indade ye did, Patrick. An' ye live the money in yer pocket to buy the the dhriss this day.

"That I have, Nora; but I don't y the dhrise."

"An' why not, shure?"

"It's bist, Nora, that I. kape the money in me pocket for the day whin we haven't got it."

The following is a resolution of an Irish corporation: "That a new jail selves to benefit posterity? What should be built; that this be done out of the materials of the old one, and that the old jail to be used until the him, as he was unconscious of his new one be completed."

"Buy a trunk, Pat," said the deal-

"And what for should I buy a "To put your clothes in," was the

"And go naked?" exclaimed Pat; "not a bit of it."

Curran once met his match in a pert, jolly, keen-eyed son of Erin, glanced slyly at the Judge, and found who was up as a witness in a case of him as grave as an undertaker. Then dispute in the matter of a horse deal. turning to the spectators, he blandly Curran much desired to break down the credibility of this witness and thought to do it by making the man contradict himself-by tangling him up in a network of adroitly framed

The jostler was a companion to Sam Weller. His good common sense and his qualnimity and good nature were not to be overturned. By and by Pat looked cautiously around and Curran, in a towering wrath, belched forth, as not another counsel would have dared to do in the presence of the Court:

"Sirrah, you are incorrigible! The truth is not to be got from you, for it is not in you. I see the villain in your face!"

"Faith, yer Honor," said the witness, with the utmost simplicity of truth and honesty, "my face must be moity clane and shinin' indade, if it can reflect like that."

For once in his life the great barrister was floored by a simple witness. He could not recover from that repartee, and the case went against him.

Mike: "An' what are ye diggin' out that hole for, Pat?"

Pat: "Arrah! an' it's not the hole I'm diggin' out! I'm diggin' the dirt and lavin' the hole!"

Magistrate: "Describe the man whom you saw assaulting the complainant."

Policeman: "He was a little, insignificant-looking cratur, about your size, your worship."

Two Irishmen entered one day into Judge: "Is he a man of good moral earnest discussion on the comparaiive usefulness of the moon and the

"Shure, the sun gives a stronger light," said one.

"But the moon is more sensible,"

"How do yees make that out?" "Oh, it's aisy."

"Let's hear yees prove it."

"Bedad, the moon shines in the night, when we nade it, while the sun comes out in broad daylight, when even a one-eyed man can see without

The following took place in a Lonhe's a good man. Shure, an' I've (then a young reporter) was in atten-

> was detected, and brought before the magistrate, and a part of his examination is here given:

Court: "Well, sir, you came here from Manchester, did you not?" Pat: "Your Honor has answered

"Court: "You see the complainant's head; it was cut by a sharp instrument. Do you know what cut

Pat: "Ain't your Honor afther

Court (becoming restive): "I see, hanged on an ash tree; the English- you mean to equivocate. Now, sir, man chose an oak, but Pat said: "If you cut that head; you came here to cut it, did you not? Now, sir, what motive brought you here to London?"

Pat: "The locomotive, yer Honor?" Court (waxing warm): "Equivocat- in perfect order. ing again, you scoundrel!" (Raising up the horseshoe and holding it before Pat.) "Do you see this horseshoe,

Pat: "Is it a horseshoe, yer Hon-

Court (testily): "Don't you see it is, sir? Are you blind? Can you not tell at once that it is a horseshoe?"

Pat: "Bedad, no, yer Honor." Court (angrily): "No?" Pat: "No, yer Honor; but can yergelf tell?"

Court: "Of course I can, you gtupid Irishman." Pat (solitoquising aloud): "Oh Drug Co.

glory be to goodness, see what education is, yer Honor! Shure, a poor ignorant creature like meself wouldn't know a horse's shoe from a mare's."

A Yankee and an Irishman happening to be riding together passed a gal-"Where would you be," said Jonathan, "if the gallows had its dues?" "Riding alone, I guess," said the

Irishman.

Once, when it was started, on the occasion of a debate on some money grant, that it was unjust to saddle posterity with a debt incurred to benefit the present, Sir Boyle arose and said: "Why should we beggar ourhas posterity done for us?" The laugh which followed rather surprised blunder. He proceeded to explain: "Sir. by posterity I do not mean our ancestors, but those who come immediately after them."

An Irishman who had blistered his fingers by endeavoring to draw on a pair of boots exclaimed: "I shall never get them on at all until I wear them a day or two."

Sir Boyle also sent an amusing equivocal invitation to an Irish nobleman of his acquaintance: "I hope, my lord, if ever you come within a mile of my Louse, that you'll stay there all eight."

Took Him at His Word.

say?" asked an old farmer, who hap- grafted takes root and grows. O'Neal pened to be in the store, and who had is assured that the operation will enoverheard the remark.

sign away all my interest in Christ; face .- Atlanta Journal. and so I will."

The old farmer, who had learned to know the human heart pretty well, drew out his leather wallet, took therethe desk now and write as I direct, the other half lives." the money is yours."

The young man took the pen and began: "In the presence of these wit- it out of Mrs. Shouter's cook book." nesses, I, A-B-, for the sum "Oh, that accounts for it. I suppose of five dollars received, do now, once it's the leather binding that makes it for all and forever, sign away all my so tough." replied the great brute. interest-'' Then he dropped the pen and said: "I take it back."

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William B. O'Neal, a well known telegraph operator, left last night for South Africa the merry English sol-New York, where he goes to have n diers are given to pranks. None of special surgeon dermatologist of great | the men on the ships recently in had reputation remove the scars from his shaved on the voyage till they neared

Several weeks ago O'Neal was bad- | eral request for razors. ly cut and his face horribly disfigured | It happened that there was only one in a fight that resulted from an argument over trivial causes. The knife marked its way wherever the face was touched. Two cuts extended down ward from the forehead to the neck around, but on condition that each and in front of the face, beginning at one should shave half his face only at the middle of the forehead and reach- one turn, the owner then to have first ing as far down on the neck as was unprotected by the collar. The knife his face and then passed the razor on. blade, in its downward course, passed over each eye and that both eyes its owner, who at once trimmed the were not destroyed seems almost a other side of his face and tossed the

The sewing up of the wounds made them a still greater disfigure. Great they never laughed more than they stitches were made across the wounds | did after they got over the first shock. every quarter of an inch, and when When they landed every man seemed the wounds healed the sears, with to have a bad face ache, to judge from their intersectional sears from the the handkerehiefs and cearfs which surgeon's needle, looked like the were held up, and there was an imbackbone skeletons of fish.

a great deal of attention, and when he passed on the street pedestrians invariably stopped and turned around for another look at the man whose face was so horribly disfigured by the knife.

The operation which O'Neal is to undergo in New York for the removal of those scars is a delicate one, and he will be under treatment several months. A number of young men were sit- First the scars made by the knife and ting together in a country store one the needle will be cut out and made evening, telling what they did not be- an inch wide, so as to make two new lieve and what they were not afraid to and wide wounds extending from the do. Finally, so the story has it, the forchead to the neck. On these fresh leader of the group remarked that, so wounds skin removed from other perfar as he was concerned, he would be sons will be grafted. This grafted willing at any time to sign away all skin grows slowly and only a little of his interests in Christ for a five-dollar it takes root every day, so the process will require much time and much skin, "What did I understand you to as only a small percentage of the skin tirely or almost entirely remove every "I said that for five dollars I would trace of Brigman's knife cuts from his

- Mr. Gayboy (over his paper)-"Well, well! Here's another shocking story of crime. Truly one-half from a five dollar bill, and put it in the world doesn't know how the other the storekeeper's hand. Then, call- half lives." Mrs. Gayboy (signifiing for ink and paper, he said, "My cantly)-"Yes and very frequently a young friend, if you will just step to man's better half doesn't know how

- "What do you think of a dessert, dear?" said the young wife. "I made Got Half a Shave.

On the returning troopship from Southampton, when there was a gen-

to be had, all the others probably being packed away with the heavy luggage in the hold. The owner of the solitary razor consented to lend it use. He carefully shaved one side of

In due time the razor came back to razor into the sea.

How they all groaned. And yet mediate rush to the nearest barber-Since his recovery O'Neal attracted shops - Chicago Record Herald.

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