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AN IRISH DREAM.

THE IMAGINATION OF the Irishman recognizes no frontiers. It soars into the ethereal heavens and reverses the lonely reaches of the world. Because of it the Irishman finds his strength, in futile dreams of home and becomes the master of men in the world without.

It is the Irish fancifulness which has given birth to the idea for the return of 50,000 of the island-born from America that Ireland might have the benefit of "unmanned riches, enlightenment and learning in commerce and manufacture." A beautiful plan. But where are these riches? A score of years ago you could find an Irish quarter in any American city, known to the looks of the houses and the faces of the children at play in the street. You could stand at a railroad crossing and know that when a section gang came along the men would be Irish. About the little offices of contractors of public works loitered broad-shouldered Irish laborers. They were in the army, in the navy, in the humble places. But now the Irish have deserted the "quarter" for the "business district," let the Italians and Austrians take the railroad jobs, and the superintendences of public jobs where they do not carry the contract themselves, dropped the sword. The Irish are left now to memory and tradition and religion, but they are Americans by fact.

When a while some gray haired worker brushes the dust from his hands and announces that henceforth his life will be one of ease and rest in the old home, in Ireland. He goes away tearfully, but he is not gone to stay. We see him back again. Ireland is a jewel of the sea, but America, he has learned, is more. It is home.

THE CORNER AND THE FARMER
THE LAY MIND WILL be confused by the divergent statements of the secretary of agriculture and the manipulator of the wheat corner. Each, however, from the statistics within his possession, is doubtless drawing sincere and logical conclusions. The statements as matters of fact are really of secondary importance.

The most interesting point in the controversy is that the secretary of agriculture appears to see no benefit to the tiller of the soil in the artificial increase in grain prices, and, on the other hand, if any large class is to get anything out of it, it would be the farmer. One thing is certain, the cornering of food supplies is becoming more and more irritating to the country. The earlier attempts were considered largely as curious phases of commercialism. Today there exists a sentiment which believes that corners are offenses against the moral law and it would have them prohibited by statute.

Selected seed and proper cultivation, it is admitted, might double the wheat yield of the United States. This would be excellent from a standpoint of food sources, but a practical factor enters into it. If the farmer raises twice as much wheat and thereby cuts the prices of the cereal in half, his profits are lowered, since his labor, harvesting and marketing charges are increased. The one who will gain by a doubling of the yield in such circumstances will be the consumer and the transportation agencies. Humanitarianism would have to be spread over the world more thickly before the agriculturist would measure the rewards for his toil by the scale of pure benevolence.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Wear a face in harmony with the springtime. Match the sunshine with your smiles. Help the birds in filling the earth with music. Feel yourself a part of this busy, happy, awakening world, and show it by your looks and acts.

—Selected.

THE IRISH NATIONAL BIRD.

Good luck to the Eagle, America's bird,

That stands for the land o' the free!

Faix, I'm not the wan to be sayin' a word

That'd ruffle its feathers. Not me! I'm proud o' the bird as I'm proud o' the land.

An' glad to be under its wing.

But there is another bird alquilly grand

Whose praises I'm wishful to sing

Now, let ye not pucker yer face wid a smile,

'Tis soberest truth that we've got

A national bird in the Emerald Isle.

That's ailsly king o' the lot.

Aye! "national bird." He is certainly that

Though others may claim him at times,

He's busiest most wid the fortunes of Pat

At home, an' in far away climes.

An, faix, 'tis the Irish that love him the best

An' welcome his favors the most;

The man's not true Irish that has him for guest

Without feelin' proud to be host.

He seeks out the Irish regardless of place—

At home or abroad in New York—

So here's to the National Bird of the Race!

Here's "hip, hip, hurrah!" for the stork!

They are called Young Turks, but they are not all spring chickens.

There seems to be no law regulating the number of Armenians that may be killed in any one day.

An Ohio man was arrested while running to church. Moral: Never seem in a hurry while on the way to church.

A little kissing Now and then Is why we have The married men.

Well, the situation might be worse in the case of Abdul Hamid. He has a lot of wives to sympathize with him.

Ask a small boy to do something and usually he will say: "Just wait a minute." A man would put you off till next week.

"Down in California a man has been discovered who never heard of Theodore Roosevelt." What did they wake him up for?

Somebody has revived the question, is marriage a failure? But what's the use? People are going to get married, anyway.

There is a lot of rubbernecking in the world. Every man who passes a jail must look in, and the men on the inside always look out.

A St. Louis paper offers a prize of one hundred dollars to the lady with the most beautiful hand. Hope the one that rocks the cradle wins.

A scientist says tears will kill disease germs. Now it is up to some other scientist to discover that disease germs are wearing life preservers.

The average American consumes 82½ pounds of sugar a year. And yet one occasionally meets a Coos Bay man who acts as if he had never tasted sugar.

Playing Checkers. Sometimes at night my father'll say, "Get out your checkers, Fred; We'll try a rubber, you and I. Before you go to bed."

And then we'll play, and if he beats, Why, father'll kind of smile

And say, "Now set your wits to work,

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