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and strengthening to greater perfection their most perfect love. Muriel tells him sometimes that surely all the troubles of her life were compressed within the space of those few weeks, as nothing but gladness had come to her since she has been his wife—that nothing but gladness can be hers while they live and love to-

(The End.)

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OUR NEW STORY

In our next Issue the Opening

Chapters of a

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STORY,

Entitled-

"BLACK ROGER'S DAUGHTER."

WILL APPEAR,

This Tale, which has been contributed by an Irish lady,

Deals vividly with interesting phases of Irish life, and will be found most interesting by readers of "Ireland's Own,"

THE OPENING CHAPTERS WILL APPEAR NEXT WEEK

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FIRESIDE STORIES.

Cliona of Munster.

Bellock Changeling.

CLIONA OF MUNSTER.

Cliona, the most powerful, and at the same time the most wayward of the Munster fairies was daughter of the terrible Red-haired Druid who once threw a thick darkness over a Northern force set in battle array against the Southern men, and thereby effected their defeat. Chiona and Ooibhil (pron. Evil), were his daughters; and Cavimh the Pleasant (O'Keeffe), a neighbouring chief, was suitor for the hand of the younger (Evil). Clicka happening to have her affectious set on Caoimh, brought a wasting sickness on her sister, and at last the appearance of death, by the administration of a narcotic. She was interred, but the spiteful Cliona had her conveyed to a cave at Castlecor, where, under the appearance of a cat, she is still occasionally seen. Her other quarters are at Carriolea, near Killsloe.

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Cliona's Court is five miles south of Mallow, in a lonely district; it consists of a rock in the centre of a circular space sunbunded by other smaller gaes, the whole enclosure (about two acres) carpeted by the finest turf, and no rocks interrupting the view for a considerable distance. Belated travellers have seen. Cliona and lor troops holding cansultation here, or leading the dance round the delightful enclosure. On winter nights frightful noises have been heard from Carrig Cliona, and no peasant or poasantest would enter or cross the eeric place after nightfall for any consideration. Belated travellers have seen Cliena and for troops holding consultation here, or leading the dance round the delightful enclosure. On winter nights frightful noises have been heard from Carrig Cliona, and no pensant or ponsantess would enter or cross the eeric place after nightfull for any consideration.

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appearance of a winte raport, she was espied and made captive by an unlucky farmer, who berg her home, and kept her well secured. From the moment of her unwilling entrance into the house misfortunes descended in a storm upon the owner. Floods carried away his stacks, his cattle were missing, and at last two of his children lay on the bed of death. Within the space of a week all were at their wit's end, till some one remarked on the presence of the rabbit, and the beginning of their woos as occurring on the same day. The hint was sufficient. The unlucky animal was liberated, and the children recovered. The strayed animals were found ill-luck left the place, and white rabbits were carefully avoided for the future by every member of the family.

There was a "hurling" in the glen by the side of the river Feale, and among the spectators were James Roche and his son John, a child of seven years old. Cliona came out of the rock unseen by any one in the crowd, and throwing a cloak over the boy, she led him into her cavern, and for fourteen years he was never seen by montal. At the end of that period he presented himself to the eyes of his father, a full-grown young man, and while fear and joy were struggling in the heart of the old man, he thus spoke: "Dear father, I have been kept by Cliona in her rock for fourteen years, and now she is obliged to let teen years, and now she is obliged to let me be sen by my family. If you cannot me be s en by my family. free me from her power in three months, she will chlige me to marry a young woman whom she stole when a child, and neither she nor I will ever again enjoy the society If you travel to part of Ireland, and persuade Kathleen Dhu, who lives by the churc's of Clogher, to come with you, she can free me from the enchantment in which I am held."

It was not long till the sorrowful father was on his journey, and after long travelling and much fatigue he was in the presence of the dark witch. She was ill of a fever at the time, but told him her daughter was equally powerful with her-self, and would return with him if he would liberally reward her. "There's nothing in my possession she may ask,"

said he, "that I can refuse, if she free my

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(It me was overswed by the will apmear suce and the threatening language of the daughter of Black Catherine, and she gave up John son of James, praying that the witch might be nothing the better for her acquisition. But she was the better, for when she flung off her raw cloak, and her long head-covering of coarse horsehair, and stood before John, son of James, as a dark eyed, beautiful young woman, he said if she would not become his wife he would return again to the Sighe of Cliona. The father gave his consent, a little unwillingly; but our authority has afforded us no information on the subject of the subno information on the subject of the subsequent housekeeping of the young couple.

A loud noise as from the surging of a wave is occasionally heard in the harbour of Glandore courty of Cork, both in calm and stormy weather. It is the forerunner of the shifting of the wind to the northeast. It is called the "Tonn Cliona," or thora's wave, and was supposed in days gone by to portend the death of a king or great chief.

A BULLOCK CHANGELING. In the famed kingdom of Kerry, and not far from Tralee, stood the estate of Mr.

Bateman, who, among other valuable cattle, owned one fine bullock, not to be matched in the seven neighbouring townlands for size and condition. But all at once he unaccountably began to fall away, and at last might be exhibited as a bovine living skeleton. All attempts to put fat on his unfortunate ribs by oil or other cake were fruitless, and at last Mr. Bateman gave him to one of his tenants to convert him to any use he pleased. He. man gave him to one or his tenants to convert him to any use he pleased. He, knowing the folly of attempting to turn him to profit while living, imagined his death instead, and sold him to a Tralee butcher for little more than the value of his kide. The honest flesher, wishing to realise at once, put his prize in a suitable knocking-down position in his slaughter-house and, swinging his pole axe came knocking-down position in his slaughter-house and, swinging his pole axe, came down with a mighty blow where he expected to find his head. But the selfish animal, at the moment the axe cut deep into the floor, was cleaving the half door in good style, preparatory to a headlong charge down the street. The battle-axe man, not willing to be a loser, swept after him fully armed; and the meighbours, excited by his cries, and the pace of the ill-favoured ox, joined in the pursuit. He kept his odds well; and when he came to the open gate of the demesne, he dashed through and galloped direct for the old "lios." Onward came in hot haste men, and hoys, and dogs but the more haste they "lios." Onward came in hot haste men, and boys, and dogs, but the more haste they made to come up, the less he seemed disposed to allow them. He scampered furiously round the fort, and by the time his pursuers arrived, hot and tired, no bullock was to be seen. While they were searching and wondering, the genuine and original ox was seen to walk out from behind a large bush, showing not the least inclination for a game at "fox and hounds." This was one of the few instances of an animal's being bona fide restored, and without inbeing bona fide restored, and without in-

The Only Two.

"Yes, the Newriches' reception after the horse show the other night was very select. There were only two common neonle there." people there.

"Mr. and Mrs. Newriche

5 The Classical Cannibal.

"But why," asked the sub chief of the Cannibal Isles, "do you insist upon having the man who fell leading the charge against us served up at the banquet this evening? He seems to be as hard as

"Hush," answered the chief of the Can-nibal Isles. "I read in a book of poetry, left by our last meal that 'the bravest are the tenderest.'"

I Believe So.

"They tell me Mr. Brown has a great ear for music," said Ferguson.
"Yes," replied Maguire. "I knew had a great ear—two of them, in fact; but I did not know they were for music, I supposed they were for brushing the flies off the top of his head."

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By ALAN JACQUES

FARMING organisations are preparing to take action to ensure that Golden Vale includes the month of March in the 4p price increase granted to suppliers since Friday's price protest in Charleville.

Limerick IFA Chairman, Mike O'Flynn, said this week that they were forming a committee to decide what action to take on this front and on others, and ICMSA county secretary, Gerald Quane warned that there would be no AGM, if farmers didn't get their full increase.

Meanwhile Golden Vale plc announced its intention to commence discussions immediately with milk suppliers aimed at finding a mutually acceptable basis to return ownership of the Charleville milk processing and related agri business to the milk suppliers.

"A committee is being formed from the 77 man board, and will report back to management and then to the suppliers on this particular issue," Mr O'Flynn stated.

The IFA's national

The IFA's national dairy chairman, Padraig Walshe accused Golden Vale of using their milk division to shore up the poor performance of other

en Vale to increase the milk price from 102 pence per gallon to 107 pence per gallon. Milk producers believe this price to be in line with other co-ops in the region.

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IFA's Mr O'Flynn said:
"We have to get our four and a half pence back and we must get it backdated for the March milk."

"It is unjustified what they are doing. They are taking money from farmers that is rightly theirs and they are basically, behind every other coop," he said.

"When Jim Murphy promised the market would return the price, he never passed it on to the farmers, that is why we are here today. We're not here for nonsense, we're here to demand what we are entitled to," he explained.

Limerick ICMSA, county vice-chairman, Ger



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