

reely answering the jests of an intoxicated warrior, and hearing her lder's voice, was seized with an ungovernable fit of coughing At that The camp fires showed red against Follow me to the women's apartthe evening sky and lighted up a ments," he said with drunken cereshelter built of pine boughs and mony. All enemies of Cormac arewattles where sat Cormac, High re my friends," he ended with a King of Erin, with his kinsfolk. For burst of affection, clinging to the

and spoke calmly and laxily.

each, my sister."

weeks they had besieged the dun of loark woman's arm, which he seem-Forgall of the North, and failed to ed unwilling to relinquish. The oust him or his warriors. The young dark woman smiled, and the ten folking frowned as he thought of the licwed the unsteady steps of the taunts Forgall's envoy had thrown chieftain. at them that very day—taunts that | And in Cormac's camp men search

Forgall's clan As they ate and drank cousins. they cursed Forgall while

they despised him for keeping to his "This is going to be sport, but us?" said Cormac then and they barometer storm over these regions, stronghold like a trapped wolf. Sil- how are we to fight eleven to a hun- sent for Malv, the slave. "Well, wilt ence fell as the harper chanted a dred?" said one of Forgall's guests have thy freedom and go home to wells. With a rising barometer the song of the days when the gods who carried a sword cut across her walked the earth among men. and cheek. "Where does he keep his told how Lu Lamfada won the love women?" said the red-haired dam- face timdly, "No. lord," the girl's of the prisoned daughter of Balor of tel, yawning. Upon which one of voice same bandly above and balor of the prisoned daughter of Balor of tel, yawning. the Evil Eye by entering her prison her companions boxed her ears is the guise of a fair woman so that soundly.

the prophecy might be fulfilled that : The ten were sitting in a large foretold that Balor would die by chamber high up in one of the towthe hand of his own grandson. And jers of the dun. the song told how the girl's captivity ; "We have got in, anyway," said had been in vain against the word the dark woman. "So the game is half ours. Hist! what is that?" of the gods.

While the harper sang Cormac The door swung open slowly, and Cormac, and then the feast went on. enter Forgall's fort, but Conan, the but pinched and white with much was still thinking how they might jo girl's face appeared-a young face, youngest there, seeing the king's work and little food but for all that had played upon Forgall, and plegdwine-horn empty, rose, lifted the fair to see. She carried a bronne tered, for he had put the thought tray, and on it were eleven wine into Comments had put the thought Conan was only fiften years of cups. She came in silently and hour to to the total of the than any other class of cooks in age, but he had already won a name went round to the eleven women. of Balor's daughter Ethnea. for swordsmanship. Tall and slim Some sat on the skins upon he floor, he was, with laughing eyes and cop- others lounged on the couches cov-

per-red hair that fell to the silver- ered with wolf and deer hides that bossed belt he wore. As the wine were ranged round the walls of the strgled out of the jar in a yellow great guest chamber. They all took teautiful layette presented by Pope

stream the king's angry eyes wan- the wine cups and drank, from the Pius X. to his godson, the Prince of dered among his ten cousins, all as tall dark beauty who watched the the Austrias, but the historical interyoung as, or younger than, himself. girl through half-closed eyes to the est attaching to part of it is not gen. cure some good, firm clay. The fish Among them were Etercel of the red-haired damsel who smiled at her erally known. When giving the is wrapped in the clay without hay. Watches, Diamonds, Clocks Charlots; Cashel the Bard, who frankly. Suddenly the dark woman order for the layette it occurred :0 ing so much as a scale ruffled by the made songs even when he was in the lifted herself on her elbow and his Holiness that something might cleaning knife. He is not dressed, middle of a fight; Fergus of the caught the girl by the arm as she be done in connection with it with and the only seasoning is a plach of Long Spear, whose comeliness was passed, noticing even as she did some exquisitely fine new cambric sait placed in the mouth. When the hardly spoilt by an old sword-gash iso that the girl shrank back and pocket handkerchiefs that had be- fish is done up in the clay the packthat marked him from temple to it up her arm, like one used to longed to the late Pope Leo XIII. age is placed in the embers of the chin: and Conan, the boy, who had many blows.

put down the wine-jar and stood "Child, whose slave art thou?" with his elbow on the back of Cor- said the dark woman gently. and as young and handsome as Cor- choulder as she spoke. mac himself. All but the ten had "Ah! not Forgall's?" said her risen, bowed to the king, and gone questioner with a low laugh.

"I am of Alba, lady. Forgall's

"And bests and starves thee, it

seems." The dark woman's voice

The girl faced her for an instant,

'No, lady."

was very gentle.

hensively before she leaned back entered his hall that aight. sould not move, though he heard "Thou dost do me much honorthe crash of the great door that Lord. In my youth I have drawn a was barst open from below. sword, which perhaps makes me less

THE CATHOLIC

So the warriors of Cormac the 'eeble-say than that red-haired King stormed in and took the fort. "I drank thy wine and made a fool The sister at that moment was of thee, so I give thee pardin, Forsall." said the young King.

And Forgall had no choice but to te Cormac's man, since Cormac had beaten him. So he got off with his moment Forgall rose unsteadily. Life, but he lost much cattle and other goods, and his wife lost her Lest handmaid, Malv.

When they had returned to their camp that day the ten hold a feast in their King's honor, and CoLAN did cup-bearer as before.

"The little sister did not do badly," said Cormac.

"O, King, may I never have to wear such a garb again, and may 1 never have to pretend to weep when would mean a life-long feud with ed wildly for their king and his ten I am choking with hughter," said the boy.

"Where is the girl who helped Alba?" said the King kindly. The hunted blue eyes found his the current is finally reversed.

asked. where the ten sat.

"Very good, thou shalt stay," said

Leo XIII,'s Handkerchiefs.

Many people have read of the

come into the possession of his suc- the clay is cracked open, and the cessor. Accordingly, after consulta- scales of the fish are found to be mac's seat. Besides these named ' "The slave of Forgall's wife, tion in the proper quarters, these sticking in the clay, and the head is there were six more, as good fighters lady." The girl glanced over her handkerchiefs were justioned into then broken off. The delicate flavor some of the dainty little garments of the fish cooked in this way can- is -Portland Avenue that help to swell the little one's not be described. Some of the cooks

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sure or is Temperature. The United States Geographical

Survey has on hand the investigation of curious phenomena known as "blowing" or "breathing" wells. In the course of collecting well records? the hydrologists of the survey have observed many wells that smill currents of air with more or less force, sometimes accompanied by a whistling sound which can be heard for a long distance.

The best known examples of this type of well are found throughout the State of Nebraska. Blowing wells) are also known to occur in Rapides Parish, in Southern Louisians. The force of the air currents in one of the Southern Louisiana wells is sumclent to keep a man's hat suspended above it.

The cause of such phenomena is mainly due to changes in atmospheric pressure or to changes in tempera-

the air is expelled from the blowing blowing becomes rapidly less until

Differences in the temperature of voice came hardly above 1 whisper. the surface air and the air in the soll "What will thou have, then?" he also produce similar effects. When

the interstices between the grains of "Naught. 1-I would somer stay sand, gravel, etc., in which the well in the land of the King." The girl is driven are filled with water, the was trembling as she spoke and she phenomena of blowing is much less leaned heavily against the board noticeable .- St. Louis Republic.

> COOKING FISH IN CLAY. Improves Flavor and Keeps Flesh Firm and Hard.

"The natives of the North Woods have more appetizing ways to cook about Lu Lamfada and the winning the world, I believe," said Leonard Kehoe, of Tomah. "It surprises people who come into the fishing country to learn that there are so many ways of cooking fish. The universal

favorite, however, seems to be the clay method. This is so simple that it is nearly always used when the cook can seand which had in the course of events camp fire to bake. When it is done

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Suddenly Cormac's anger seemed she was little more.

"By Lamfada himself, a cunning "It seems thou hast little pleasure scheme!" he said, when he could in Forgall's household. Of what speak. province art thou?"

"We will not tell the others," said Cormac, "We will do it." wife bought me a year ago."

"How about Fergus, O King?" laughed young Conan. "He will never be able to play Lu's game."

Fergus shrugged Lis shoulders. "I will say my man did it in a drunken rage." he said.

"I go to hunt for women tall en- her voice hissed through her teeth ough to suit us," said Cashal the with the pitcous, blind fury of a Chinese gentlemen of learning and eanot fail to notice on the eastern Bard, and he took his horse and trapped thing. rode away into the night. • • • It "Lady, I pray the gods that Corwas the next night; the besieged mac the King may conquer Forgall was the next night; the beneficity may be used to this dun but Forgall and his warriors were at their evening meal in the hall of the dun—Forgall, as was his custom, was slightly drunk—when an excited was slightly drunk—when an excited bin the transformed bin the state of the s sentinel rushed in and informed him what I said," she gasped then; "she one of us a hot cloth with which he tumbling into the blue sea that eleven fair women craved his would kill me."

protection and the shelter of his no-

"No. no. said the distance of the been portion and the sheller of the man. "They say they have escaped from Cormac's camp," added the man. "No. no. said the distance child; you "They say they have escaped from Cormac's camp," added the man. "No. no. said the distance child; you she drew the girl closer and whis-she drew the girl closer and whis-and brook. That dinner must have things from air and earth and sea. "No. no. said the distance of "Well, well," growled Forgall, "let pered in her ear, putting a hand over cost Sinsing Wong \$100 in gold." the wenches in; they may have in- her mouth and stifling her cry of formation." So the wenches in amazement.

question were ushered into Forgali's As she had spoken one of the wopresence. They were eleven innum- men had arisen and put her back ber: the one who looked the eldest against the door.

among them was very tall and dark, and she stood in front of the others, ting the slave girl go. "One word; retired from the service shortly realfacing Forgall. She carried her wilt thou do it or wilt thou not? ized that the officer is "Lige" Halhead high, and her eyes did not 'Tis not a long way to the camp. ford, who was secretary to President waver under Forgall's drunken stare Ah! thou wilt do it," she added, with Harrison-"private" secretary he Had the company been less intox- a low laugh, as Malv the slave, drop- was called then. The old timers icated they would have noticed that ed to her knees and pressed a nor- among the newspaper men and others her hand had a trick of going to ner of the cloak the other still wore whose business took them to the her hip as if she carried a sword to her lips. The dark woman drew White House in Harrison's Administhere. But before that took root off a ring she wore and pressed it tration recall Halford as one of the in Forgall's muddled brain the young- into the girl's hand. "Show that best fellows who ever ocupied the est of the party, a wondrous fair and they will come," she said. woman with red hair coiled round her head, had clutched her com- out a word. When she was gone one this respect. It was not always easy panion's arm and leaned upon it, as of the ten gave a great sigh. "I to see General Harrison, but Halford if overcome with weariness.

Forgall spoke then. "Sit down she said. and eat, all of you; thou, my black beauty, sit here." He pointed to ly treated by an enemy to serve us signed by Persident Harrison only a the box is full enough the hair is tathe seat nearest him, and the tall woman sank into it.

"So-you are from Cormac's be here by then, and we must secure camp; I wonder he let you go; but Forgall." it shows your good taste to come 'How?" said the last speaker. here," chuckled Forgall. The dark woman shuddered. "Cormar is a dark woman, and fell asleep. man of much evil," she said in a low, deep voice. "I came away for the sake of my little sister yonder." dark woman, till a voice broke northeast of Texel Island is moored

damsel who sat near. The "little sister" was moved to heavy with wine he rose and fol- tem of submarine signals by means tears, for she covered her face and lowed the voice. In the glitter of a of sunken bells. In fog, snow of

rocked to and fro, sobbing choking- dying torch over the doorway stood hail or whenever from any cause the ly. The elder one lifted the wine the dark woman. Forgali stumb- weather is judged "thick' 'enough, cup near her and drank deep: |led forward, and in another instant these bells can be sounded once every "Thou art not a bad hand at a the woman had locked an arm about three seconds. The system has been

wine horn," said Forgall "High him and his cry was choked by the installed as a practical working test, gods! what an arm!" The dark grip of her other hand on his throat; and if the results are deemed to be woman flushed angrily, and shook off and in less time than it takes to tell, 300d enough it will be adopted gen-Forgall's grasp. Her ten compan- he was bound, gagged and helpless rally on all Dutch lightships perions glanced at each other appre- in the clutches of the eleven who had the also on those of Belgium.

few months the heir to the Spanish faitered the childthrone will be at least partly clothed inserting a slice of fat bacon. This to vanish. He leaned across the The dark woman's eyes wandered in what had once been the property adds greatly to the flavor of the fish. board, put a hand on Cashal the over the tense, strained weariness in jof the great and good Pope wool Bard's shoulder, and whispered in the girl's face, the hunted half an- twenty-one years ago assumed the fish so fine in the woods is that they his ear, and Cashel threw back his ger, half terror of the wild blue duties of godfather to the royal in- are generally cooked in a short time head and laughed loud and long. eyes, then she spoke again. slowly. fant's own father. Don Alfonso XIII. after coming out of the water. The D West Main Street.

### A Chinese Dinner.

'E. T. Snuggs of Shiu Hing, missionary of Southern convention, and I dined with P. P. Wong, a wealthy business man of Shanghai," said the Rev. Dr. N. R. Pittman, one of the two Missouri representatives to the down-that its crumbling, rotting great centenary missionary conferglance over her shoulder, though the only represen-

"He invited to dine with us four wealth. They spoke English with ac- slope of the fortress enormous silv course consumed two hours. When sun, These patches in some cases wiped our hands and faces. We Bea captains, cruising in the Med

#### President Harrison's Secretary.

Few of the younger generation who read lately that Major E. W. Halford "Hush!" said the dark woman, let a paymaster in the army, was to be trying position held by William Loeb And the girl rose and went with- He and Dan Lamont share honors in would never have thought of it," was always accessible, always affable, and usually an excellent source of "Trust a slave who is fair and bad- news. His army commission was

well," yawned the dark woman. few weeks before the latter's Admin-"Wake me at midnight; they will istration closed.

## Holland Sea Signals.

Holland seems to be pioneering "That is my business," said the a new development of sea signals which may render coast lightships of double utility to vessels in times of Forgall slept and dreamed of the fog. At a point of the North Sea

She nodded toward the red-haired through his dreams. "Forgall, son the Dutch lightship, Haaks, which of Diarmid, come to me." And, still has been equipped with a novel sys-

"Another thing which makes the Lehigh Valley cold streams keep the flesh firm and hard, making them far superior to JOHN F. MOLONEY the fish one gets in the cities."----Mil--

waukee Sentinel.

## Gibraltar is Crambling.

The public is not aware that the great rock of Gibraltar is tumbling masses must be continually bound together with huge patches of ma-

sonry and cement.

"No, no," said the dark woman, surely had a hundred different dishes iterranean, say that Gibraltar has They say that the stone forming-

this imposing cliff is rotten stone, and that in a little while the phrase, "the strength of Gibraltar," will be meaningless.---Chicago Chronicle.

Stockings of Human Hair.

They are black stockings, thicky stiff, lustrous, and the price mark on them was \$15. "From Chine." seld the dealer From Northern China. Every fam. ily has a few pairs of human hair stockings there. They are worn over

the cotton stockings-they are too prickly to be worn next the skinand, properly treated, they last a Bell 538 R Main PHONES lifetime. "The Chinese exporter who sold

me these stockings said when a child's hair is shaved in Northern China the hair is preserved in a special hair box of 'acquer. 'As soon as iken from it and a pair of stockings is woven. Such stockings have, sentimental, almost a religious value, and they are rarely parted with. It would be safe to bet that there are not six other pairs of hair stockings on sale in America.-Boston Post.

Englishwomen's Looks.

The Englishwoman may not unreasonably claim to be the best look ing woman in the world. Of course she would not pretend for a moment that all the essentials of good looks are in her possession; but when one comes to think that the women of no other nation manage to give edges. Each blade is tempered so hard by cost so such general satisfaction as Englishwomen, they may, I think, confidently the largest proportion of good looks, grace, and fascination to be found in any daughter of Eve all the world



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