THE DISPATCH

A FOOLISH WISH.

Why need I seek some burden small to bear Before I go? Will not a host of nobler souls be here Heaven's will to do? Of stronger hands, unfailing, unafraid? O silly soul ! what matters my small aid Before I go !

I tried to find, that I might show to them, Before I go, The path of purer lives : the light was dim,do not know If I had found some footprints of the way; It is too late their wandering feet to stay, Before I go.

I would have sung the rest some song of cheer, Before I go;

But still the chords rang false; some jar of fear, Some jangling woe.

And at the end I cannot weave one chord To float into their hearts my last warm word, Before I go.

I would be satisfied if I might tell,

Before I go, That one warm word,-how I have loved them well.

Could they but know ! And would have gained for them some gleam of good ;

Have sought it long ; still seek,-if but I could ! Before I go.

'Tis a child's longing, on the beech at play : "Before I go,"

He begs the beckoning mother, "Liet me stay One shell to throw !" Tis coming night; the great sea climbs to shore,

"Ah, let me toss one little pebble more, Before I go."

-EDWARD ROLAND SILL.

Connemara Cyclone's Reinstatement.

BY RICHARD BARKER SHELTON.

His doting parents-of that far famed poor but honest variety-had named him Michael Ryan O.Sullivan. But an equally doting public during the few years he held its attention had christened him the "Conne. mara Cy 'one." History-ring historyhas it the at was "Black" Nolan, the sporting assemblyman from the Tenth, who first gave him the name. After that great fight Nora," he said and turned on his heel. with "Pug" Bresnahan, so runs the story, "Black" Nolan close to the ring divided his the man beside him and said:

backed Terry Bresnahan they've got a wad o' paste diamonds. And, although it is not papers; and it is also curious that, after rethinks coming to 'em. Ut's a cyclone that currently known, a large portion of his ring peatedly telling me that she was sorry she lad is-a Connemara cyclone." And the earnings are banked in the name of Nora ever took the name of Smith and wished she sporting fraternity, which is ever ready to O'Sullivan. take up any name, provided only it be neighbouring in appropriateness, sanctioned the christening. Like many another man, the Cyclone's success was but a pathway to his own undoing. In the two years succeeding his first great victory an enterprising manager kept him almost continually before the public. The cyclone made money rapidly and spent it with an equal avidity. Numerous easy victories over opponents unworthy of his steel intoxicated him. He neglected his training, he gambled heavily; but, the worst of all, he discovered that whiskey was a fine antidote for the poison of gambling losses. The end came rapidly after that. One night at the Pastime club a clever youngster brought two quick blows through the Cyclone's guard, and for the first time in his life he lay prone in the ring and was counted out. It was a mercy the blows had been heavy enough to render him completely unconscious and spare him the humiliation of the jeers and hisses and catcalls of his backers-the catastrophe came in the second round, and they had given odds of 5 to 2 on him. The defeat had the effect of sobering him into a realization of his condition. For a time he left whiskey to its own devices and took up training with exemplary thoroughness. But his dissipation and the sting of defeat seemed to have unnerved him. All his encounters of the next year were calamitous to him and left his manager financially involved. It was then they parted company in a huff and the Cyclone decided to quit the ring. His next venture was in the theatrical line. The proprietor of a cheap variety house made him an offer of a comfortable sum per week to appear is a twenty minute monologue. In this he way accessful for a time, and night after night the house was crowded with men who, although they knew him as a "has been," remembered his palmer days. He went from city to city, appearing in faultless evening clothes and huge paste diamonds and with prudence might have laid by a snug sum out of his earnings. But with this new success the gambling began again, and with the gambling the whisky, and with the whisky the monologue grew rather hazy, the articula- by the court and the answers given were ention thick, the gesture vague. One night in a western city the curtain was rung down just in time, for before he could stagger to the wings he collapsed in a miserable heap.

best he could on the stone steps and soon was snoring lustily.

It was gray morning when he awoke and got unsteadily to his feet. He pushed out his dilapidated derby, brushed his clothes and buttoned his frayed coat about him. As he did so he became aware of a bundle on the steps beside him, a bundle swathed in a blanket, and even as he looked a feeble wail came from beneath its folds. He stooped and loosen ed the blanket, and two tiny arms reached up to him, accompanied by a shrill plaint.

"Good heavens," he said, standing erect and rubbing his head, "it's a kid!" His first wild impulse was to run; then as

the wail grew more plaintive he felt a strange tightening at his throat.

"Poor devil," he mused, "it's hungry." Ae gathered the bundle in his arms and went out. He had a vague idea of giving it to a policeman, but as he went down the street and the wails gradually ceased a strange desire seized him, a desire to keep this child. There was his sister, Mrs. MacInness; he might take it to her, she was a good soul, was Nora. He sought the nearest drug store and looked up the address of the MacInnesses in the directory. Then with the child in his arms, he trudged the two weary miles to their homes, Nora met him at the door and his heart sank.

"Well," she said, "an' what does this mean-the loikes o' you comin' here, Mike O'Sullivan? Are you hungry ar-what hev you in the boondle?"

Just then there was a wail from the blanket, and she snatched it from him. He followed her into the house and watched with hungry eyes as she deftly slid off the swathings of the child.

"Oh, the da-arlin', the da-arlin'?" she cried. "An' when was ye married, Mike?" "I want you to be good to it for a bit,

The sporting fraternity will tell you that a while Bresnahan's seconds were still trying puglist, however "corky," seldom regains his to fan the breath of life back to him and lost prestige. They will also offer some absurd theories in the case of Connemara Cytime between watching this interesting oper- clone. But if you want to learn the real ation and fingering a thick, green wad in his reason of that worthy's late success in the pudgy hand, the latter suddenly turned to ring go up to MacInness flat any Sunday hour to ask for justice, as notice of my proafternoon and see a sleek, curly headed baby ceeding was published in the papers. as re-"Aisy meat was he. Tell the b'ys that pulling his huge watch chain and chewing his quired by law, and was copied by her home

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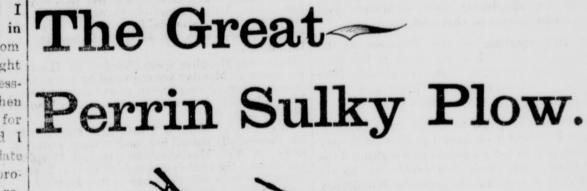
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The following letters which appeared in the Butte Miner are republished in THE DISparties.

"Woodstock, Car. Jo., N. B., Canada, Sept. 3. 1903 -Dear Editor: I see in your issue of the Butte Miner, August 28, where you published George Smith's divorce from me, his lawful wife, and I write asking you to publish the truth. It was desertion-that is very true-but he cruelly deserted me, and not I him. You also said I skipped to Canada. Canada is my home, where I always lived, never having been with him in the west. He sold our property here and went west, promising to send for me in a short time, but instead never wrote me a word nor sent me a dollar. I signed away my rights to the farm, thinking all was well, as he always used me well before, so I was left homeless and penniless and in poor health. His mother was the cause of this. I might say the Mrs. John Wall should read Walton (his sister) who swears she did not know of my whereabouts, was here last spring and I shook hands with her. It was six years since he left and I have written several letters asking support from him, and he has known just where I was-at my father's home. I can give you the names of a dozen or more very reliable people in Butte who came from here and know what I say to be true. I hope you will be kind enough to publish this for me.

"MRS GEORGE SMITH."

GEORGE SMITH'S REPLY. BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 25.

To the Miner:

In your issue of September 16, under the heading "A Divorced Wife Asks for Justice," there is a letter signed by Mrs. George Smith to which I would ask that you kindly publish this reply. It is true that on August 27, 1903, in the court of Judge Harney I secured a divorce from my wife on the ground of desertion-not desertion in the literal use of the word, but desertion as applied by the laws governing in the state of Montana. Both the Miner and Inter Mountain were in error in reporting the case, as the questions asked tirely different from those reported in the two papers. The papers stated that she was in this county and skipped to Canada which was not the case, as she was never in the west It went from bad to worse after that until and has always lived in New Brunswick. The testimony of Mrs. John Walton was also reported incorrectly. Her statement that my

It was one dark April night that the doors mother was the cause of our separation is of Casey's saloon swung open, and with much absolutely false. My mother did not have scuffling and profanity the erstwhile Conne- anything to do with it, and although she is mara Cyclone was pitched unceremoniously all that a mother can be to her children I Imperial Packing Co'y, on to the sidewalk. A few moments later he would not let her come between me and my

sider she was being done an injustice in getting free from that name. I have proofs to veriey all the statements I have made, and some of them in her own handwriting. This is all I have to say regarding the matter, and PATCH at the request of both the interested asking your pardon for consuming so much of your valuable space, I am, yours very respectfully.

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