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## GUARDIAN SHORT STORY

### THE GREEN TOKEN.

By TEMPLE BAILEY.

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Miss Millicent had decided that on St. Patrick's day there should be a special celebration at the settlement. There were so many little Micekys and Noras in the neighborhood, and it would be easy enough to tie up little sandwiches with green ribbon and serve the ice cream in potato forms.

Miss Millicent's coworker, Miss Faversham, looked dubious when ice cream was mentioned.

"It will be very expensive in forms," she stated.

"I don't have to pay for it," Millicent told her. "Mr. Barry wants to donate the ice cream."

Miss Faversham looked at her friend sharply.

"Mr. Barry has taken a sudden interest in the settlement, it seems to me," she remarked dryly.

Miss Millicent smiled.

"Isn't it fine?" she said. "He's going to give us a picture for the library. I am to go with him to pick it out."

"Hum," was Miss Faversham's retort; "I should think he might select it alone."

"Oh," Millicent told her, "he says he doesn't know anything about pictures. He has lived on the plains, and he says his education along that line is neglected, but he is big and fine, and he is going to help us a lot with the boys. He says he knows what it is to be poor and rough and unloved, and now that he has made his money he is going to give the other fellows a lift."

"How did he happen to get into the work here?" asked Miss Faversham.

"Mickey Doyle brought him here to see the club. Mickey had shined his shoes at the hotel and told him about it. And I was in the office, and I took him over the whole settlement, and he was awfully interested in it, and he has been coming ever since."

"I see," said Miss Faversham, with a quick glance at her friend that noted the trim figure in white linen, the hair that rippled away from the low, broad forehead, the earnest gray eyes, the

a smile that lighted his rugged features, "is John Patrick, and my grandfather came from the old country."

Millicent laughed.

"My mother's name was Kate Kearney," she said, "and there is a tradition in our family that we are descended from Irish kings."

"Good," said Barry. "It shall be a feast in honor of the good saint. And you must let me give the kids a dinner, please. No little sandwiches, but hot things."

And, in spite of the protests of the economical Miss Faversham, the evening of the 17th of March found in the gymnasium a long table fairly groning with good things. There were little pigs simply crackling with richness.

There were potatoes mealy and white, and there were green candles and cakes with green icing and the potato forms of ice cream and a clay pipe for each of the boys and a tiny gilt harp for each of the girls. And at the head of the table Mr. Barry presided, and at the foot was Miss Millicent, while Miss Faversham was kept upstairs by a headache.

"For which let us be thankful," said Mr. Barry when Millicent told him.

She looked at him with shocked eyes.

"Oh, how can you be so hard hearted?" she chided.

"I beg your pardon," he amended. "I am awfully sorry about the headache, but I am glad she isn't going to be down."

Millicent looked at him wonderingly.

"Why?"

He laughed.

"Somehow I feel that she is weighing me in the balance, and, besides, I don't believe she would enter into the spirit of it."

"Oh, she likes you," Millicent told him earnestly. "Everybody likes you."

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