

INVISIBLE KINGS.

I watched all day the sway of invisible kings,
The fingers of Air that fondled the murmuring tide,
And shaped it to jewels of spray and delicate things,
And it yielded to Air as yields to her lover a bride.

I saw where the sceptre of Light was laid on our star,
How color in torrents foamed from the peak up on high,
And flooded the glades, and ran through the forests
afar,
And the lanes were silver and golden as dawn passed by.

In the watches of night I felt a mightier King,
In the silence that lies below life, invisible, still.
But my thoughts that were dark were made gay as
birds on the wing,
As with Wind in the waters, or sceptre of Light on
the hill.

H., in New Ireland.

CONNEMARA.

The soft rain is falling
Round bushy isles,
Veiling the waters
Over wet miles,
And hushing the grasses
Where plovers call,
While soft clouds are falling
Over all.

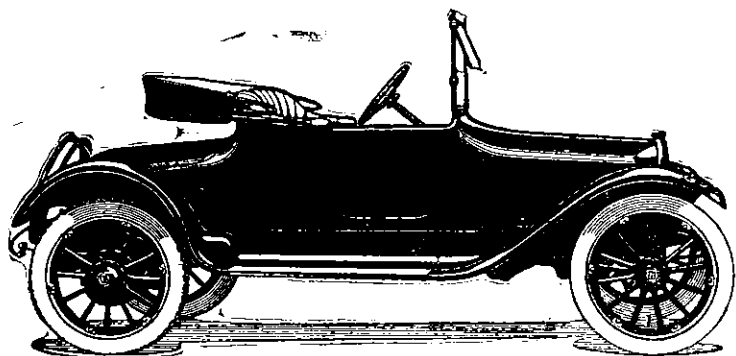
I pulled my new curragh
Through the clear sea,
And left the brown sailings
Far behind me,
For who would not hurry
Down to the isle
Where Una comes luring
Smile to smile.

She moves through her sheiling
Under the haws,
Her movements are softer
Than kittens paws;
And shiny blackberries
Sweeten the rain
Where I haunt her beading
Window pane.

I would she were heeding—
Keeping my tryst—
That soft moon of amber
Blurred in the mist,
And rising the plovers
Where salleys fall,
Till slumbers come hushing
One and all.

—F. R. Higgins in New Ireland.

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self is glorified in His humble servant.—*Mother M.*
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