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“HAVING HAD QUITE ENOUGH OF IT” *

(1901)

A recent concert at Glenmaye furnished some funny incidents. A young lady from Douglas essayed to sing “Ramsey Town,” and the audience were so charmed with the air that they sung the chorus to the first verse three times, and to the second verse nine times, after which the lady vocalist retired, having had quite enough of it. Then a “local,” who had bushy whiskers, tried to address the audience. His effort was discounted at the start by a wag shouting out “There’s hair,” and he was not assisted in his speech by the asseveration* of a drunken man that it was not “Harry ——” at all; but some other fellah. There was an elderly lady present who was never known to smile, and she was so proof against the mirth of the occasion, that somebody detached a picture from the wall, that fell on her head, and caused her to shriek dismally. The turning out of the lights at some of these country affairs is a stock joke of the yokels, and it was not forgotten on this particular evening.

[* a solemn, emphatic declaration or statement]

“There is not much” *Isle of Man Times* 28 December 1901: 6c.

It was “Ramsey Town” of which the “lady vocalist” stopped singing after just the first two verses, the repeating of the chorus after each verse being occasioned not by enthusiasm as such for the song but mischief making one feels. Indeed, that other interruptions were reported show this to be the case.

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