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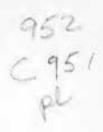
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## THE PLEASURES OF AN ABSENTEE LANDLORD: With Remarks on the Irresponsible reading of HISTORY.

IN the troubled history of Ireland the villain was the Absentee Landlord. Nothing good was ever said of him. He was a parasite for whom no apology could be made. The sum of his iniquities was that he enjoyed property without assuming any of the responsibilities that belonged to it.

In England he might be an excellent member of society, conscious of the duties of a citizen and neighbor. But his occasional visits to his estates across St. George's Channel were not even for the purpose of collecting his rents—that he left to his agents. With some careless companions he would spend a rollicking fortnight or two among his tenantry, receive their "God bless you's," for nothing at all, and then return to the serious business of life.