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1902.

*There was an adaptation of THE TALE OF A TOWN called
THE BENDING OF THE BOUGH made by Mr. George Moore,
with my consent, for the Irish Literary Theatre performances in
1900.*

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THE TALE OF A TOWN.

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DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

JOSEPH TENCH, *the Mayor.*

JASPER DEAN,
DANIEL LAWRENCE,
THOMAS MURPHY,
VALENTINE FOLEY,
RALF KIRWAN,
JAMES CASSIDY,
MICHAEL LEECH, } *Aldermen of the Corporation.*

JOHN CLOBAN, *the Town Clerk.*

GEORGE HARDMAN, *an English Lord Mayor.*

MISS MILLICENT FELL, *an English girl, his niece, engaged to marry Alderman Dean.*

MISS CAROLINE DEAN, } *maiden aunts of Alderman*
MISS ARABELLA DEAN, } *Dean.*

MRS. BELLE CASSIDY, *wife and first cousin of Alderman Cassidy, sister of Alderman Leech, and cousin of the Deans.*

MRS. SARAH LEECH, *wife and first cousin of Alderman Leech, sister of Alderman Cassidy, and also cousin of the Deans.*

MRS. COSTIGAN, *an elderly woman, caretaker of the Town Hall.*

A PARLOUR MAID, *at Alderman Dean's house.*

A WAITER, *at the Hotel.*

Several Town Councillors, People, etc.

The action takes place during the present time at a coast town of West Ireland.

THE TALE OF A TOWN.

A COMEDY OF AFFAIRS IN FIVE ACTS.

ACT FIRST.

(The Meeting Hall of the Corporation.)

(MRS. COSTIGAN sets down a large bucket in front, and then leisurely begins to sweep the floor.)

(JOHN CLORAN enters carrying some papers.)

CLORAN *(with importance)*. What are you doing here, Mrs. Costigan? Don't you know the Corporation are now due to meet?

MRS. COSTIGAN. I'm tidying the room a bit for them, Mr. Cloran.

CLORAN. You ought to have had that sweeping done long ago.

MRS. COSTIGAN. Have the Corporation never been behind with their work?

CLORAN. Of course not—what do you mean? Are not they always discussing resolutions?

MRS. COSTIGAN. What resolutions, Mr. Cloran?

CLORAN. I'm too busy now, ma'am, to explain them.