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CHARACTERS

JEREMIAH DEMPSEY, *Publican and Grocer, County
Councillor for Cloghermore*

MRS. CATHERINE DEMPSEY, *his wife*

MARY KATE, *his daughter*

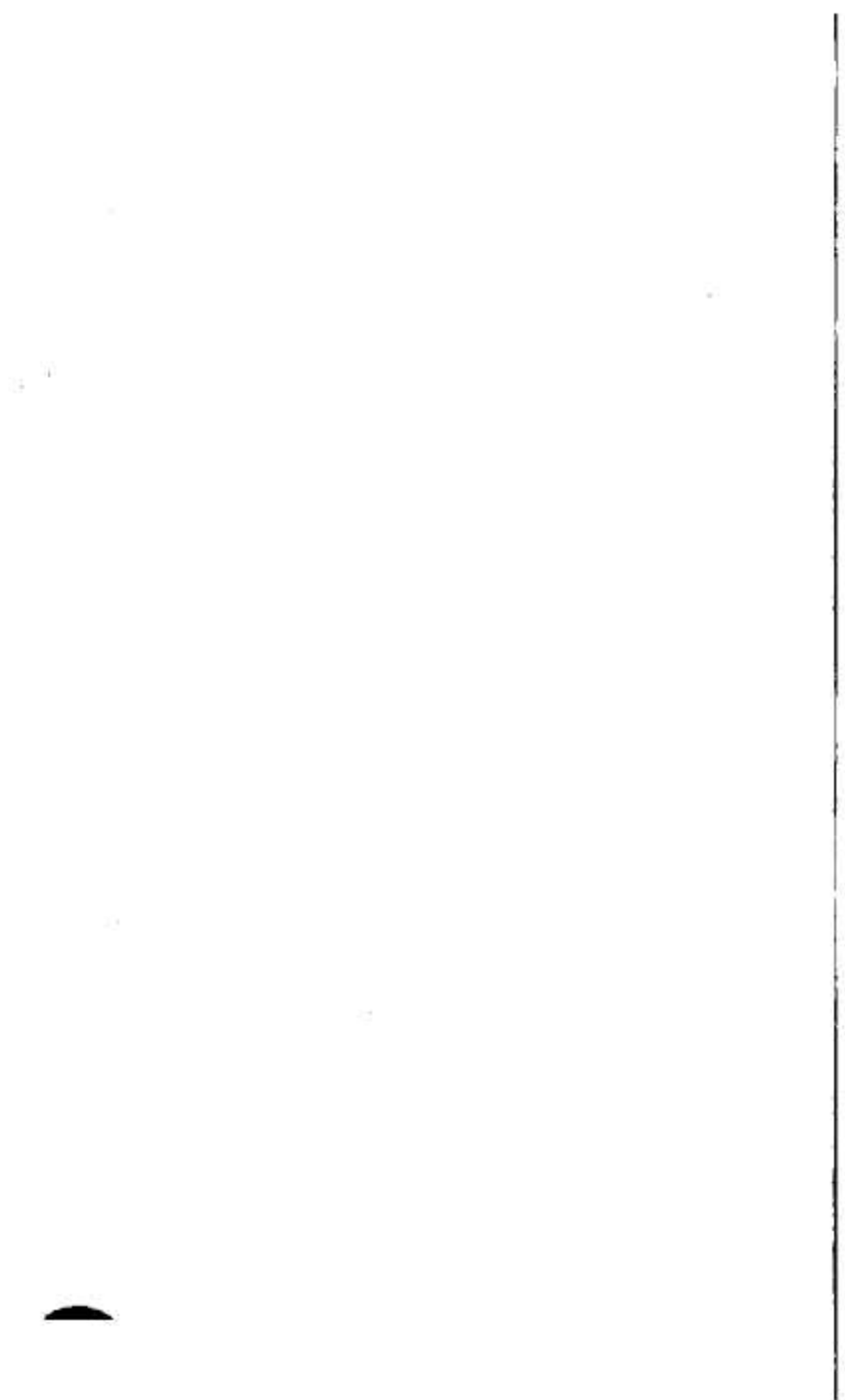
DR. BUNBURY, *J.P.*

CAPTAIN McNAMARA, *J.P.*

MIKE FLANIGAN, *a working man*

BRIAN O'NEILL, *in love with Mary Kate*

A crowd of people off the stage



THE
ELOQUENT DEMPSY

ACT I

SCENE: DEMPSY'S *Drawing-room, above his shop. Doors C. and L. Window L. An easy chair, some other chairs, a stool and a sofa. A side-table. A cabinet. A green dressing-gown with orange lining hangs across the back of the easy chair. Time—Morning.*

[MRS. DEMPSY is discovered looking out of the window. She hurries to door L. and speaks off with one hand resting on jamb.

MRS. DEMPSY (*loudly*). Tell Mr. Dempsy he must hurry up at once. The doctor's in the street. (*She looks out of the window and returns to the door.*) Make haste, or we'll be done for . . . (*in a lower voice*) . . . God