

grandest place in this world to my individuality; may my grave be there, and no other earth hold my bones."

### JOHN GUBBINS.

John Gubbins, breeder and owner of race-horses, was the fourth son of Joseph Gubbins, of Kilfrush, Co. Limerick, by his wife, Maria Wise, of Cork. He was born on 16th December, 1838.

His elder brother, Stamer, was six feet six inches tall, became a Captain during the Crimean War, and distinguished himself there by discarding his sword and using a heavy blackthorn stick. On his return to Ireland he bred horses on his estate at Knockany, until, at the early age of forty-six, he died from the results of a fall from one of his untrained horses.

John inherited his brother's property as well as a large fortune from his uncle, Thomas Wise, of Cork. He bought another estate at Bruree and spent £40,000 in building kennels and stables, and buying horses and hounds. He was a keen sportsman all his life, hunting with the Limerick Stag and Fox Hounds, fishing, and riding in races. As a young man he rode many winners at Punchestown and other Irish race-courses. He was also owner of Seaman, which won the Grand National for Lord Manners in 1882.

His two most famous horses were Galtee More and Ard Patrick. He bred Galtee More from Kendal out of Morganette, and having won the Derby, the St. Leger and the Two Thousand Guineas with this horse in 1897, he sold it to the Russian Government for £21,000, and they in turn sold it to the Prussian Government later for £14,000. Ard Patrick, which was bred by St. Florian out of the same mare, was sold to the Prussian Government for £21,000 a few days before it won the Eclipse Stakes of 1903, value £10,000.

Other famous horses of Gubbins were Blairfinde, which won the Irish Derby, and Revenue. In 1893 he headed the list of winning owners with a total of £22,739.

Failing in health in 1904, he sold all his race-horses, and died at Bruree on 20th March, 1906. He was buried in the private burial ground at Kilfrush. As Gubbins had no children by his marriage to Edith Legh, of Cheshire, his estate passed, on his death, to his nephew, John Norris Browning, a retired naval surgeon.

### JOSEPH TIMOTHY HAYDN

Few Irishmen have reached so eminent a position in journalism as Joseph Timothy Haydn, editor of the famous "Dictionary of Dates," which made its first appearance in 1841, and is still in its 25th edition, one of the most frequently consulted books in any public reference library.

Born in Limerick in 1786, his father was Thomas Haydn, "a private gentleman of Ireland," and his mother, Miss Fitzgerald, sister to the Knight of Glin. Like most well off Catholics of the time, he was educated abroad and put into business on his return to Ireland. Not liking the latter, he soon took to journalism, and in 1821 we find him co-operating with F. W. Conway in the production of a theatrical journal, "The Stage." In 1828 he was appointed editor of the "Dublin Evening Mail," a newspaper still in existence, although founded expressly to attack the Marquis of Wellesley.

Some time around this period Haydn verted to Protestantism and we find him attacked in the "Dublin and London Magazine" and imagined as saying:—"I wonder where is my recompense for all my labours; I have given up my old religion—I have established the "Star"—I have endured abuse—I have submitted to a caning—I have