

CURIOSITIES

Curious objects, structures, monuments, landmarks, sights, etc. For example, Wishing stones or "chairs," freaks of nature (i.e. grotesque rock formations)—in fact, any scene or object which may be regarded as queer, quaint or mirth-provoking. Location and description. Any story or legend to be related.

Only two small items of curious interest:

A tombstone in Castlebar Cemetery with the inscription:
 "God have mercy on the soul of James Gaultney who departed this life April 1st 1826 - Aged 120.

Castlebar Bridge is one-sided. Some years ago a gentleman erected a shop on piles in the river bed - the shop front running the length of the bridge on one side. Considerable litigation resulted after the building's erection. The shop was much damaged internally by fire a few years ago. There is said to be a removal order in force against the owner who is further credited with having conceived the idea of building in the river to avoid rates & liability.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

Brief account of old customs, traditional cures, etc., still practised in the district. Pilgrimages to Holy Wells, Shrines, etc. Patterns.

Almost extinct: There are the usual ones of Pancake night - Banting night - Hallow E'en - St. Martin's Eve - and St. Stephen's Day.

Dipping over chains on which coffin rests - funerals taking longest routes to grave and are the main superstitions

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