

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.

In the south wall of Llanoreo church ruins is a cylindrical hole about 20" deep and 3" in diameter (Photo). This hole is the basis of a well-known legend..... This are a few slightly dissimilar versions. One relates that a man from the neighbouring parish of Kilnovee dreamt three nights in succession that a covey (off) filled with gold was concealed in the church wall. But as he also dreamt that a very strict condition was to be observed should he obtain the gold - the man refrained from taking it. A man in Co. Sligo also dreamt - apparently there was no condition to be observed in his case - his dream did not tell him the name of the church - only that he would meet a man who in conversation about the area would mention the church location. The Sligo man set foot and after much wandering came to Kilnovee - by 'pre-ordained' chance he met the man of his parish who had had the dream too of the Covey of gold. Thus as the dream fulfilled - the Sligo man acquired the gold and the hole marks the spot in the wall where the Covey was hidden.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

Pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Well in Camarnedan. Last Sunday of July. The well is enclosed by a wall and the station consists of requiring one doorway inside the wall - one outside - and one facing the statue of the apostle.

Jan. 1st. Some people will not pay out money on New Year's day.

"Panakes" Day. Just before Lent - panakes made and eaten for Lent.

May Day: Milk not given out by many people on this day.

The Wood: Bonfire light: Fires lighted at night in the open air.

(Chowder) Mallow Day: Practice of "kissing the cabbage" almost extinct.

St. Stephen's Day: "Wren boys" play music and provide entertainment in neighbouring houses. They are usually given some reward.

St. Martin's Day: A fowl is killed & its blood sprinkled in the four corners of the house. Preservative of sickness for the following year.

The chairs on which a coffin rests are tipped over as soon as coffin is taken out to the grave.

Gravel pits placed about roads in form of a cross over the open ground.
removed when funeral arrives.

(Signed)

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