

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.

none

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

Customs and cures have almost died out of this parish.

On St. Brigid's Eve young folk of the area, dressed in fantastic clothing go from house to house carrying a 'Biddy' or dressed-up doll. They sing and play in neighbouring houses and are usually given a few pence in each house. They are called brídgoogs.

On Louisa's night 23rd June - fires are lighted in the open air. On St. Stephen's day the young people dress-up and go from house to house as on St. Brigid's Eve but without the 'Biddy'. There are the nummers.

Hallow E'en is the night for practical jokes on the neighbours but this night is every year being less observed.

Chairs on which a coffin rests are tipped over flat on the ground as soon as the coffin is taken out to the hearse.

cure of foul mouth - breath of a child who never saw its father.

ring-worm cured by seventh son.

chin-cough by fox's leavings.

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