

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 John Hogan's of Kellanabob a building which in the distance resembles a round tower. Said to have been a wind mill — or perhaps a pigeon house — used by the former Lord Chamberlain of Kellanabob. 30' high, diameter about 14'. Plain eyes!

In Mrs. J. Keating's of Hollymount House — in the field near the residence, a 15' high monument on a circular base 4' in diameter — which rests on a rough block 3' wide. A kind of capital with sculptured figures surmounts the column. Said to mark the grave of a favourite hound of King's. Fitzpatrick of Hollymount House. Latin inscription which is difficult to decipher but which reads in part — "Deus nobis haec etiam fecit... 2 uenda....
domus placens / chaus charal metris isobell / vixit cum numerosa
speciosa prole / neque hancum 2, vas colis arborum" {arrangement of lines difficult}

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

Local customs almost extinct. There are those of Shrove Tuesday or "Pancake night" — Barfild night — St. Martin's Eve — Hallow E'en and St. Stephen's Day (Wear Rags).

Superstitions of tipping over the chairs which held the coffin — taking the longest route to the graveyard with a funeral — giving a hand with churning if a visitor — and that of the rule which forbids a bride to return to her own home for a month after marriage.

No cures.

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