

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.

- ① Rocking Stone - This is situated in front of an old graveyard which lies beside the east entrance to Rock House, Claggan. It is a rough boulder of about 2 tons weight which is delicately balanced on two small stones. It rocks ~~to~~ to a ~~fo~~ ~~fo~~ with a light touch. ~~Locally it is said that if a~~ ~~Protestant~~ ~~tries~~ ~~to~~ ~~rock~~ ~~the~~ ~~stone~~ ~~he~~ ~~finds~~ ~~it~~ ~~immovable~~ ~~While~~ ~~a~~ ~~Catholic~~ ~~need~~ ~~only~~ ~~touch~~ ~~it~~ ~~with~~ ~~his~~ ~~fingers~~ ~~it~~ ~~moves~~!!
- ② Hegalilhis tomb at Drumfollagh - This magnificent and imposing tomb of the Bronze Age is now roofed over with thatch and used as a cowhouse!! See under Antiquities page 2, No. 14.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

- ① Bunmore Well - See under Antiquities page 6, No. 10.
- ② Tubber Fintany, Claggan - This is within the old graveyard at the east gate of Rock House, Claggan. The well is very defaced and now appears as a swampy pool full of frogs. However it is still frequented for cures for various diseases but especially for those of the eyes. The pilgrim walks 7 times round the well and then bathes the affected part in water from the well. The prayers are "Hail Marys" & "Our Fathers".
- ③ Bullaura Stone or Want well - This is situated just south of the rocking stone outside the graveyard described in No. 2 above. It is a boulder set in the ground in which is a circular hollow artificially made. This remains full of water. People who have warts on the hands come and wash in this water which is believed to cause the disappearance of these blemishes. Over the ~~at~~ Bullaura and almost completely hiding it is a ~~white~~ - thorn bush.

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