

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.

Jan. 1st: money not paid out by some people.

Shrove Tuesday = Pancake night.

St. Bridget's Eve: a few people make the straw crosses.

May Day: Some people & children dress may flowers on their houses, milk will not be sold, lent or given away on this day.

June 23rd: Bonfire's night.

St. Martin's Eve: a fowl is killed and its blood sprinkled in the corners of the house.

Nov. 5. Eve or Hallow E'en: Practical jokes played on the neighbours.

St. Stephen's Day: The "Green Boys" go around from house to house dressed in fantastic clothing - they sing and play.

The visitor should give a hand with the churning.

The bride must not return to her own house for a month after marriage. Funerals take the lowest route to the graveyard.

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

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