

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: Many people will not pay out money.
- "Paukake Tuesday" - Shrove Tuesday.
- St. Brigid's Eve: The straw crosses are made in the saint's honour.
- June 2nd: Bonfire night.
- Hallow E'en: Practical jokes on neighbours.
- St. Martin's Eve: Goat killed and blood sprinkled in four corners.
- St. Stephen's day: "Wren Boys"
- On May Day, meadows are gathered & strewed in the lanes.
- Shroving: Visitor must give a candle with the death.
- Funerals take longest route to the graveyard.
- Chairs on which a coffin sets are ripped over flat on ground as soon as coffin is taken out.
- Wakes are held - they are deliciously carried out.
- The bride must not return to her own house for a month after marriage.
- Hair often haircutting sometimes thrust into wall crevice.
- Whiskey for two of a family to eat a kidney.

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