# HISTORIC UISNEACH.

The Central Hill of Ancient Ireland.

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The following description of Useneach Hill appears in the Freeman's Journal;

Ulsneech is one of the most historic hills in Ireland, yet there are probably not five per can of the people of free hard that have over heart of it, and not one per cent of them that have ever seen it. Apart oven from its historic interest, it is well worth seeing, for it is not only a beautiful hill but it aftered from its summit one of the most extensive and lovely views in Ireland. The hill of Uisneach is in the barony of Ratheon rath, county Westmeath, and only about four Irish miles from Steamstown station, on the Midhard Great Western Italiway, so that it is easily reached. There is, unfortunately, no hotel whore togital rish miles from it; and Mullingar is about the same distance. The village of Ballymore is five miles from the hill, but as there is no hoted there, Moste and Mullingar are the only tewns within any chorate distance of it where tourists could get either lodgings or meals. It is not certain if even a car comid be lired at Streamstown or near it, consequently those wishing to visit Ussneach should either have a private conveyance or make up their minds to "do it" on feet.

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A PECULIAR SHAPED HILL.
Useneach is one of the most peculiarly shaped hills in Ireland. It is enly about five hundred leet in height—a fair elevation in a part of the country where there are no mountains—but no matter from what side it is approached, cannot be seen until one is almost at it. base. The country immediately around it is so broken and so cut up by many hills and hollows, of almost all the hills near it, can hardly be noticed until one is just at it. A public road runs close to its base, so there is no difficulty in reaching it, and the ascent is by no means steep. It is not until one is on the top of Usenach that he finds out how high it is, for the view from its summit is extensive, and heautiful almost beyond power of description. The country on overy side of it consists of some of the richest pasture lands, not only in Ireland, that in the world. No matter in what direction one looks, a vast undulated expanse of green meets the cyo. If the work from Usenach at he cyour gazed on. "The country for scores of miles on every side is so rich, so green, and so varied with hill, dalo, wood and water, that the Biblical phrase that is applied to parts of Falestine, "the garden of the Lord," might well to applied to the land round this hill. But it is safe to say that no Israelite over gazed from Gibon or Carmed on such a prospect. The vast extent of the original proportion with its moderate height, "the garden of the Lord," might well to applied to the land round this hill. But it is safe to say that no Israelite or proportion with its moderate height, "the garden of the Lord," might well to applied to the land round this hill. But it is safe to say that no Israelite or proportion with its moderate height. The work of the country of th

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A PLACE OF ANCIENT ASSEMBLY.

There is probably not another hill in all Ireland so well adopted for a place for assembling and a site for building as Uinneach. Its summit is more than a hundred acres in extent, and there are springs of the purest water on it. Pleuty of stones of almost every size abound, and the soid, even in the most clorated parts, is of great fortility. In the twoblesome times of the past Uisneach possissed an advantage that was most impossible for its clovation and the exceuter, prospect from it made it impossible for a hostilehost or an army to Typiczeci it from any side without being soen by the watchers on its better. A PLACE OF ANCIENT ASSEMBLY.

extraordinary hill possesses it seems strange that it was not chosen by the ancient firsh for a place of central government. It would have been much better suited for such a purpose than Tara, and probably would have been the heliof seat of ancient firsh sovereignty if it had not been that the meatake needs in selecting Tara accents: it has occurred so far back in what may be said to be probabled; there are also and antiquity had given it such a prestige that it continued to be, until it was abandoned as the seat of government in the sixth century, the nost important place in Ireland. But Usacach also was often used as a place of residence by the Irish over lings. That they often residently a provide they do not report they form many passages in ancient they often residently a provide from many passages in ancient they often residently a for the province of Meath by the over king I radial in the carly part of the second century of our era, the four provinces med at Usacach hill. It is currous what a close guess the ancients inside to locate the geographical centre of the island. They seem, but he island in the control have piaced absorb the side of the province of the control of the island. They seem they only the province of the control of the side of the province of the control of the side of the province of the province of Meath was formed by taking parts of the other four provinces, the Hill of Snock Coop is in the almost exact quaternal division of Ireland In far back ancient times, before the province of Section and the recording the land the province of the other four provinces, the Hill of Snock Coop is in the almost exact quaternal division of Ireland In In far back ancient times, before the province must be the other four provinces, the Hill of Snock the section of the decidency of the other four provinces that the same and the receiving at a point that was supposed to be the evact centre of the island, is a very curious and interesting feature of Meath was formed by taking parts of the other four pro

ity up to recent times, and is probably known by that name by some of them still.

All na Mireaum, or, as it is now called, the Cat shome, it ties questest currestly on Usanach Hill. It is not on the top of the hill, but on its wide. It is, perhaps, the most puzzling rock in Ireland, for it is hard to say whether it was placed in its present position by an ice-berg in the glacial age, or whether it was placed there by human agency, and intended for a rude cromucle. Here is what the eminent scholar and antiquarian, John O'Donovan, says about it in his yet unpublished letters when he was on the Government Survey of Ireland in 1837: "The huge rock on this hill of Usisnacch, a part of which was split and formed into a cromlech, is now called the Cat Stone, from a supposed resemblance to a cat sitting and wetching a mouse." If this stone is a cru nelch, or Druid's altar, it is unlike anything of the kind found closwhere in Ireland or other countries, for the four upright stones which usually support the flat are not to be seen born. The weight of this normous mass of stone can hardly be less than 20 tons, and if it was put in its present position by human agency, it is by far the most current languary thing of the substillar for peculiar shape. For my part, I would rather not hazard an opinion as to whether it is a cromched it is a more extraordinary one, and if it is a cromched it is a more extraordinary one still."

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There are many interesting things besides the crowlech to be seen on the vast undulated samunit of Usancach. There is a hollow known as St. Patrick's bed, and the remains of the walls of a large stone building on the most elevated part of the hill. There is also one of the finest ratis in Iroland, which must have been a place of great strength, for the finest ratis in Iroland, which must have been a place of great strength, for height, and are overgrown with haw there has been a place of great strength, for the place of the strength, for the strength, for the place of the strength, for the strengt

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My stay a. Alexandria was bries The priests of the discess with the excellent man who wields the opscopal scoptre, were in refreat, and I thought the opportunity a splendid one, of retenting apon Cornwell. This manouver I executed in a masterly manner, outer ing the factory town, on the cast, by way of Coteau.

One sarreeds need of visiting Cornwall. The town is old, and primitive looking; yet young, robust and progressive, shifts the people are pleasin, in their manners, democratic in their tractes, yet prend as peaceks, sittlent the proceival as peaceks, sittlent the

tion?

Cornwall has a canal—indeed it is searcely ever without one—a deep, wide theh, with gates, chains and locks, and all the paraphernalis of a first class canal which, owing to certain phenomena, is destined to fill e place in the public mind: even if it is not always filled itself; equal to that other triumph of art—the "Tay Canal, sometines ir rovercutly called "Haggart's Dutch." The strange peculiarity about the dikth in front of Co invall is that it is always quick, the other goes on a "regular tear" and vice versa or similar words; and as to the gates they are so impartial in their leanings that they fall on one side as often as on the other. Altogother this Cornwall Canal question is an interesting, as it is a broad and deep subject fits, and I would urgo upon the Government the necessity of appointing a commission of selentiale mon—many of vision are always at large in this Crawall Canal question is an interesting, as it is a broad and deep subject of study, and I would urgo upon the Government the necessity of appointing a commission of selentiale mon—many of vision are always at large in this Cranda of ours—to investigate the cause of the strange performances to which I have made allusion.

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