

Quaint Folklore.

Never walk in the middle of the road; the dead walk there.

If a cat crosses your path start over again.

A snake's tail never dies until the sun goes down.

If a horse's mane gets tangled at night, it's because the witches have tangled it.

A horse chestnut or potato carried in the pocket will cure rheumatism.

A leather shoestring knotted five or nine times and worn around the neck will cure the whooping cough.

If your fence is not erected in the right time of the moon it will fall down.

Things that grow above the ground like peas must be planted in the light of the moon.

If the first butterfly you see in the year is white then you'll have white head (meaning prosperity) that year; if the butterfly is brown you will have brown head.

Bees will not stand habitual profane swearing among the members of a family.

Bees must always be told if there is a death in the family.

It brings very bad luck to count your lambs in the spring.

If your horse is hurt by a nail, if you find the nail and keep it well greased, the horse will recover.

Eggs laid on Good Friday never get stale; butter made on Good Friday has medicinal quality.

When cows become restive and cannot be quieted, it is a sign that bad luck will come to their master.

If it thunders on All-Fools' Day, good crops will be gathered that year.

A carping old woman once said to her pastor, "Dear me, ministers mak' muckle adoo aboot their hard work; but what's twa bits of sermons in the week tae mak' up? I could do't mysel'."

"Weel, Janet," said the minister, good-humouredly, "let's hear you try't."

"Come awa' wi' a text then," quoth she.

He repeated, with emphasis, "It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than with a brawling woman and in a wide house."

Janet fired up instantly.

"What's that ye say, sir? Dae ye intend onything personal?"

"Stop! stop!" broke in her pastor; "you would never do for a minister."

"And what for no?" said she.

"Because, Janet, you come ower soon to the application."

A barrister came into court one day with his wig all awry, which caused a titter among his brother lawyers, on which he turned to Curran and said, "Do you see anything ridiculous in my wig?" Curran dryly answered, "Nothing but your head."

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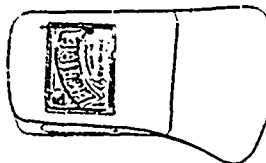
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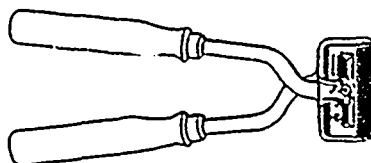
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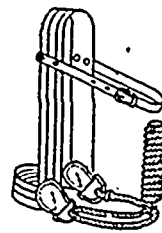
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