

usually made of Grace O'Malley, who is represented in our "historians" much more like a savage than the high-bred and high-spirited gentlewoman that she was.

Page 274, (68). "Rath Inayn."

Now Rathangan, County Kildare.

Page 275, (69). "Dan."

The art of poetry.

Page 275, (70). A. D., 1414. "The O'Higgins, on account of Nial, then satirized John Stanley, who only lived for five weeks after the satirizing, having died of the verom of the satire; this was the second instance of the influence of Nial O'Higgins' satires, the first having been the clan Conway turning gray the night they plundered Nial of Claidan."—*Annals of the Four Masters*.

Page 277, (71). "Da Sinchel."

The two Sinchels—Saints of the land of Offaly.

Page 277, (72). "Margaret O'Carroll."

Duald M'Fibis, the last antiquary of Lecan, in his MS. *Annals*, quoted by O'Donovan (*Four Masters*, page 944), gives several details of the great Irish Pilgrimage "towards the Citie of Saint James, in Spain," undertaken in the year 1445, when the "goodlie companie" numbered the chiefs of the name of M'Dermott, M'Geoghegan, O'Driscoll, several of the Munster Geraldines, Eveleen, wife of Pierce D'Alton, and a great number of others, "noble and ignoble." The admirable Margaret O'Carroll was a principal person in this pilgrimage.

Page 282, (73). "The Irish Wife."

In 1376 the statute of Kilkenny forbade the English settlers in Ireland to intermarry with the old Irish, under penalty of outlawry. James, Earl of Desmond, and Almaric, Baron Grace, were the first to violate this law. One married an O'Meagher; the other a M'Connack. Earl Desmond, who was an accomplished poet, may have made the defence for his marriage.

Page 284, (74). "Or how Earl Gerald watch'd with kings."

Gerald, eighth Earl of Kildare, whose splendor almost rivalled that of the King his master at the famous "Field of the Cloth of Gold."

Page 286, (75). "One went out by night to gather
Vervain by the summer star."

Vervain—a healing plant, in great repute among the ancient Irish; it should be gathered under the dog-star, by night, barefoot, and with the left hand.