

DEMON CAT.—Page 229.

In Ireland one hears much of Demon Cats. The father of one of the present editors of the *Fortnightly* had such a cat, say county Dublin peasantry. One day the priest dined with him, and objecting to see a cat feed before Christians, said something over it that made it go up the chimney in a flame of fire. "I will have the law on you for doing such a thing to my cat," said the father of the editor. "Would you like to see your cat?" said the priest. "I would," said he, and the priest brought it up, covered with chains, through the hearth-rug, straight out of hell. The Irish devil does not object to these undignified shapes. The Irish devil is not a dignified person. He has no whiff of sulphureous majesty about him. A centaur of the ragamuffin, jeering and shaking his tatters, at once the butt and terror of the saints!

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Carleton says—"Of the grey stone mentioned in this legend, there is a very striking and melancholy anecdote to be told. Some twelve or thirteen years ago, a gentleman in the vicinity of the site of it was building a house, and, in defiance of the legend and curse connected with it, he resolved to break it up and use it. It was with some difficulty, however, that he could succeed in getting his labourers to have anything to do with its mutilation. Two men, however, undertook to blast it, but, somehow, the process of ignition being mismanaged, it exploded prematurely, and one of them was killed. This coincidence was held as a fulfilment of the curse mentioned in the legend. I have heard that it remains in that mutilated state to the present day, no other person being found who had the hardihood to touch it. This stone, before it was disfigured, exactly resembled that which the country people term a miscaun of butter, which is precisely the shape of a complete prism, a circumstance, no doubt, which, in the fertile imagination of the old Senachies, gave rise to the superstition annexed to it."

SOME AUTHORITIES ON IRISH FOLK-LORE.

Croker's *Legends of the South of Ireland*. Lady Wilde's *Ancient Legends of Ireland*. Sir William Wilde's *Irish Popular Superstitions*. McAnally's *Irish Wonders*. *Irish Folk-Lore*, by Lageniensis. Lover's *Legends and Stories of the Irish Peasantry*. Patrick Kennedy's *Legendary Fictions of the Irish Celts*, *Banks of the Boro*, *Legends of Mount Leinster*, and *Banks of the Duffrey*; Carleton's *Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry*; and the chap-books, *Royal Fairy Tales*, *Hibernian Tales*, and *Tales of the Fairies*. Besides these there are many books on general subjects, containing stray folk-lore, such as Mr. and Mrs.