

OLD IRISH CUSTOMS.

There were curious customs in Ireland a hundred years ago. Duelling was at its height, all controversies being settled by force of arms rather than that of law.

The forcible abduction of a woman was certainly an outrage, but an outrage so agreeable to the spirit of the time, and so congenial to the ardent and romantic character of the people, that it was considered an achievement creditable to the man and a matter of exultation to the woman.

From the time the King of Leinster abolished Duelling, and royalty set the example, it was a constant practice. Obedient parents, who interposed their authority to prevent the course of true love running smooth, found themselves minus their daughter some dark night, thanks to the vigilance and promptitude of the Abduction Club.

As early as 1831 a statute was passed for punishing such as "carried away maidens that are innocent," but this proving ineffectual, in 1707 forcible abduction was made a capital crime.

A memorable case occurred in the Edgeworth family—a name Maria Edgeworth has made one of literary celebrity. Captain Edgeworth, a widower with one son, married a widow with one daughter.

Another case is thus given: Catherine and Anne Kennedy were the daughters of a widow living in the county of Waterford. Catherine was fifteen and Anne fourteen years old.

These two friends had often met the Kennedy girls, and they had fallen in love—Strange with Anne, and Byrne with Catherine. The girls returned the love so entirely that they invited them to abduct them, as there was no hope that the Kennedy family would consent to their marrying penniless men like Strange and Byrne.

It was arranged that the abduction should take place one night—the fourteenth of April, 1779—at a small town in the county of Kilkenny, where the girls had gone to the theatre.

The girls were then restored to their friends, and the strangest part of the matter occurred. Anne had never really forgiven Strange for his brutal blow, and her resentment of the indignity caused her to overcome the reluctance of her elder sister to prosecute the abductors.

On the day of execution, so strong was the excitement among the peasantry that a rescue was feared, and a large force of horse and foot surrounded the scaffold; and such was the deep sympathy for the unfortunate men thus cut off in the flower of manhood, that all business was suspended in Kilkenny and neighbouring towns.

After the execution, whenever the Kennedy girls appeared on the streets in the surrounding cities, they were assailed by the hissing and hooting of a mob who followed them with execrations. To make the detestation stronger against them, they had accepted pensions from the government for their conviction of felons. This was looked upon as blood-money.

They both obtained husbands, however, Catherine married one Sullivan, a man who shared the feelings of the populace. He married her for her money, but ever after was haunted, as he is described, by the ghost of Byrne, and made her life a torments, which amounted almost to madness.

There was none to pity her, for all execrated her while living and abhorred her when dead. The fact of a man basing his life to carry her off was thought a noble and heroic deed, her prosecution a base return, and her marriage a disgrace.

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