

Wishing Customs.

In whatever grade of society or position of prosperity we are placed, we shall hope for something better, and as mankind is never in this world perfectly happy, we find ourselves constantly wishing for some future blessedness superlative to that we at present enjoy.

- A husband, St. Catherine; A handsome one, St. Catherine; A rich one, St. Catherine; A nice one, St. Catherine; And soon, St. Catherine.

At Abbotsbury they used to go on a certain day of the year to the Norman chapel of St. Catherine, at Milton Abbey and make the same prayer. It is somewhat singular that on the Continent this saint should be considered the special patroness of spinsters.

During the season when the cuckoo's note is heard many curious customs are observed. Thus, in England, as well as Germany, it is believed by the peasantry that, if asked, it will tell you how many years you have to live by the repetition of its cry; so they say:

Cuckoo, cherry-tree, Good bird, tell me How many years have I to live?

As soon as the Danish village girls hear this bird they kiss their hand and ask, 'Cuckoo, cuckoo! when shall I be married?' Among the Swedes, too, the girls exclaim:

Cuckoo gray, tell to me, Up in the tree, true and free, How many years must I live and go unmarried?

Superstitions in connection with the appearance of the moon are very numerous. It generally presides over lovers' wishes. In Devonshire the young people, as soon as they see the first new moon after midsummer, go to a stile, turn their backs to it, and say:

All hail, new moon, all hail to thee! I pry thee, good moon, reveal to me This night who shall my true love be; Who is he and what he wears, And what he does all months and years.

In Ireland they sometimes show the new moon a knife, and, invoking the Holy Trinity they say:

New moon, true moon, be true now to me, That I ere the morrow my true love may see. After placing the knife under the pillow and keeping strict silence lest the charm should be broken. In Berkshire, at the new moon, the maidens go into the fields and, looking at it, say:

New moon, new moon, I hail thee! By all the virtue in thy body, Grant this truth that I may see He who my true love is to be.

In Devonshire the girls believe that if they pluck yarrow from a man's grave and place it under their pillow, repeating these lines, they will dream of their lovers:

Yarrow, sweet yarrow, the first that I have found, And in the name of Jesus I pluck it from the ground. As Joseph loved sweet Mary and took her for his dear, So in a dream this night I hope my true love will appear.

In Lancashire, if the inquirer wishes to know the abode of a lover, an apple pippin is taken between the thumb and finger, and, while moving round, squeeze out, when it is supposed to fly in the direction of the lover's house. These words are said at the same time:

Peppin, pippin, paradise, Tell me where my true love lies; East, west, north, or south, Pilling Brig or Cocker-mouth.

Halliwell, in his 'Popular Rhymes' (1849), says that girls practised divination with a 'St. Thomas onion,' which they peeled, wrapped in a clean handkerchief, and laid under their heads, saying the following rhyme:

Good St. Thomas, do me right, And see my true love come to night, That I may see him in the face, And him in my kind arms embrace.

In Shropshire, to find one's future partner the bladebone of a lamb must be pricked at midnight with a penknife, and these words repeated:

'Tis not this bone I mean to pick, But my love's heart I wish to prick; If he comes not and speaks to night I'll prick and prick till it be light.

In Derbyshire they have a method which it would take a bold heart to perform. The young woman to find out her future husband, runs round the church at midnight, as the clock strikes twelve, repeating the following:

I sow hempseed, hempeed I sow; He that loves me best Come and after me mow.

After which her destined partner is believed to follow her.

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Mortgage Sale.

TO be Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Court House in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, in Prince Edward Island, on Tuesday, the second day of December Next, 1879, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, by Virtue of a Power of Sale in an Indenture of Mortgage dated the eight day of May, 1873, and made between Alexander Martin, of the one part, and Edward Jarvis Hodgson, of the other part,—

ALL that tract, piece and parcel of land situate, lying and being on Township number Sixty-two, in Queen's County, in the said Island, and bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing at a stake fixed at the edge of the Creek making John Nicholson's southern boundary line and running from thence due east fifteen chains, fifty links; thence south three degrees east thirty-four chains; thence west ten degrees north sixteen chains and fifty links; thence west fifteen degrees north to the edge of the dry land along the inner edge of the marsh northerly and easterly to the place of commencement, containing eighty-seven and a half acres of land, a little more or less, together with the appurtenances thereto belonging. For further particulars apply at the office of Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod, Solicitors, Charlottetown.

Dated the 27th of August, 1879. EDWARD J. HODGSON. [aug 28, oaw till sale]—mon

Mortgage Sale.

TO be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Friday, the Tenth day of October next, at the hour of Twelve o'clock, noon, at the Court House in Summerside, Prince County, under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the 2nd day of August A.D. 1875, and made between James Darby, of the one part, and Benjamin Kennedy of the other part,—

ALL that tract, piece and parcel of land situate, lying and being in Lot Seventeen, in Prince County, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a stake fixed in the division line between the lands of the said Benjamin Kennedy and James Darby, and in the north-west angle of a lot of land owned by the late Harry Tuplin, and running from thence along said division north thirty degrees east twenty-five chains and twenty-six links; thence east thirty degrees, south ten chains, or to the south boundary of the said Benjamin Kennedy's land; thence along said boundary south thirty degrees, west twenty-five chains and twenty-six links to said Harry Tuplin's north line; thence westwardly along said line to the point of commencement, containing twenty-six acres of land, a little more or less, together with all rights and appurtenances thereto belonging. For further particulars apply at the office of Messrs. HODGSON & McLEOD, Solicitors, Charlottetown. Dated this Seventh day of August, A. D. 1879.

BENJAMIN KENNEDY, Mortgagee [aug 9, oaw till sale]—mon

DR. P. W. G. CANNING, Licentiate Royal Colleges Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh. LICENTIATE MIDWIFERY. RESIDENCE: Upper Hillsborough St., corner Hillsborough and Euston Streets, Charlottetown. OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 to 11 a.m.; 7 to 9 p.m. Charlottetown, June 24, 1879.—eod

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January 24, 1879.

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TRAINS GOING WEST.

Table with columns: STATIONS, Nos. 1 & 3 Express, No. 5 Mixed, No. 7 Mixed. Rows include Georgetown, Cardigan, Mt Stwt Jc, Royalty Jc, Ch'town, Royalty Jc, N'Wiltsh're, Hunter R'r, Breadal'n, C'ty Line, Kensington, S'mm'rside, Wellington, Port Hill, O'Leary, Alberton, Tignish.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

Table with columns: STATIONS, Nos. 2 & 4 Express, No. 6 Mixed, No. 8 Mixed. Rows include Tignish, Alberton, O'Leary, Port Hill, Wellington, S'mm'rside, Kensington, C'ty Line, Breadal'n, Hunter R'r, N'Wiltsh're, Royalty Jc, Ch'town, Royalty Jc, M. Stwt Jc, Cardigan, Geo'town.

SOURIS BRANCH. Trains Going West.

Table with columns: STATIONS, No. 9 Express, No. 11 Mixed. Rows include Souris, Harmony, St. Peter's, Morell, Mt. St'w't Jnc.

Trains Going East.

Table with columns: STATIONS, No. 10 Express, No. 12 Mixed. Rows include Mt. St'w't Junc, Morell, St. Peter's, Harmony, Souris.

ALEX. MACNAB, Sup't and Engineer. Railway Office, Charlton, May 22, 1879. —pat pres h a ne sp sj kea 6i

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TO THE SICK. DR. D. MACRAE,

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