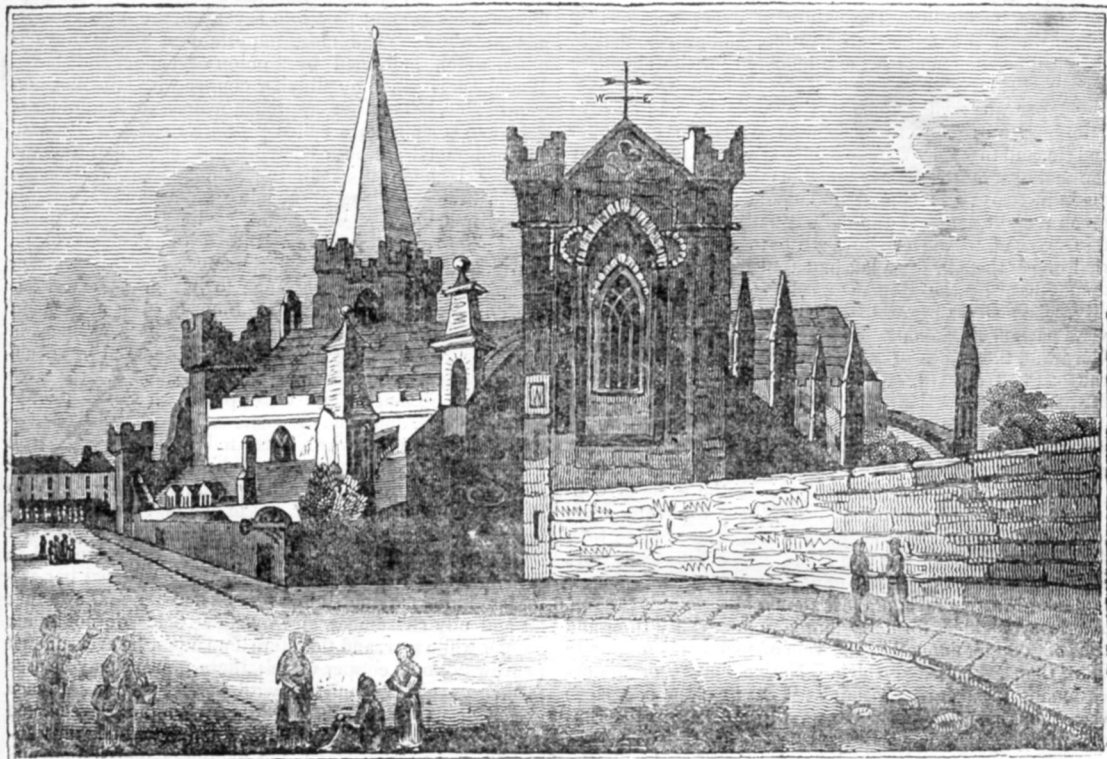


dying child. She rose quickly, and rushed towards her daughter, who held out her hand as if to cheer her sinking spirits.

"Mother, dearest mother," said she, "do not embitter my last moments with your affliction; why should you lament my departure—shall we not meet in a happier—

Here her voice suddenly failed—her eyes remained steadily fixed—and after a few moments a violent convulsion seized her shattered frame—intense suffering was depicted in her distorted features—all became tranquil again—a placid smile supervened, and the hand of death was upon her.

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SOUTH-EAST VIEW OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN.

HALLOWE'EN.

In the olden time, as Walter Scott would say, the evening of the 31st October (this day) was always spent in revelry and mirth, and we really think there was something very pleasant in seeing the young people and domestics of the family enjoying themselves on such occasions.

The observance of set days in this way might be compared to resting places on a tiresome road, which are looked forward to with a kind of pleasurable feeling—and are calculated to keep up the spirits that would otherwise droop beneath the continued drudgery of servitude or business. To the young especially, we conceive such innocent recreations as those which were formerly allowed on Easter, Hallowe'en, or Christmas, imparted a degree of pleasurable enjoyment of which it was almost cruel to deprive them. The very anticipation afforded a kind of solace to the daily task. They were in fact bright spots at which the eye of hope gazed with a feeling something similar to that which is said to be experienced by the traveller in the dreary deserts of the East, on beholding at a distance the verdant summit of some far distant hill.

By some the superstitious observances of Hallowe'en have been traced to a heathen origin, and are therefore conceived to be improper. There were, no doubt, formerly many charms and incantations practised which were highly censurable; such as those performed in the name of the devil, &c.; but as we imagine nothing of that kind is now attempted, the tricks practised being merely a species of innocent diversion, we think the individual must be fastidious indeed who would object to them.

In Graham's, "British Georgics," the various tricks practised on this night are thus described:—

Then round the fire full many a cottage ring,
Cheerful convenes to burn the boding nuts;
'Till wasting into embers grey, sign of long life
Together spent, they cause sometimes th' event

Believed to be foretold; some, when thrown in,
Exploding, bound away, as if they spurned
Their proffered partner. Marrion to the wood,
Thus slighted, hied, from rowan-tree two-stemmed,
A sprig to pull; with quaking heart she passed
The gloomy firs, the lightning shivered oak,
The ruined mill, all silent 'neath the moon
Oft did she pause, and once she would have turned,
As cross her path the startled howlet flew;
Sailing along, but, from an aged thorn,
The stock-dove faintly cooed beside his mate;—
Forward she sped, and with the dear won prize,
Breathless returned, nor waited long, 'till, lo,
A sister-spray adorned her true love's breast.
And now by turns the laughing circle strives,
Plunging, to catch the floating fruit, that still
Eludes the attempt; nor is the triple spell
Of dishes, ranged to cheat the groping hand,
Forgot, nor aught of all the various sports,
Which hoar tradition hands from age to age.

GOOD AND CHEAP FILTERING MACHINE.

Procure a large stone bottle with the bottom knocked out, stop up the neck with small stones, over these form a layer of small pebbles, then another of gravel, increasing every layer in fineness, and putting on, lastly, a stratum of fine sand of the depth of several inches. The sand, gravel, &c. should of course be previously well washed, until the water runs off clear and tasteless. The common filtering stones are soon rendered unserviceable by the filling up of the pores; this apparatus on the contrary is a perpetual Filtering Machine, by merely taking out, occasionally, the upper stratum of sand, and washing it: it will also filter large quantities of water in a short time, of which the common filtering stones are wholly incapable.