

Manx Notes 683 (2024)

“MANX SUPERSTITION” (1867)

A curious instance of superstition occurred in this town a few days ago. It appears that on Thursday week, a man named John Kaighan, employed at the Landing Pier Works, was hammering an iron rod, when he missed his stroke, and the rod pierced one of the arteries in his left arm. The blood flowed freely from the wound, and he was taken to the hospital, but all efforts to stop the blood were fruitless, and it was feared the man would bleed to death. In this state of affairs his relatives had recourse to a certain person who bears the reputation of being a blood charmer, and when this person had repeated his incantation over the wound strange to say the flow of blood shortly afterwards ceased.

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