

Irish Magic Resources

Against a thorn

Nothing is higher than heaven, nothing is deeper than the sea. By the holy words that Christ spake from His Cross remove from me the thorn, a thorn..... very sharp is Goibniu's science, let Goibniu's goad go out before Goibniu's goad!

This charm is laid in butter which goes not into water and (some) of it is smeared all round the thorn and it (the butter) goes not on the point nor on the wound, and if the thorn be not there one of the two teeth in the front of his head will fall out.

Against disease of the urine

I save myself from this disease of the urine, ...saves us, cunning birds, birdflocks of witches save us.

This is always put in the place in which thou makest thy urine.

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prechnytosan (i.e. praedicient) *omnibus nationibus*

- St. Gall Manuscript 1395 (collection, various dates)
- Includes Irish origin pg, c.800s, 4 healing charms

Against headache

Head of Christ, eye of Isaiah, bridge of the nose of Noah, lips and tongue of Solomon, etc.

This is sung every day about thy head against headache. After singing it thou putteth thy spittle into thy palm and thou putteth it round thy two temples and on thy occiput, and therat thou singest thy paternoster thrice, and thou putteth a cross of thy spittle on the crown of thy head, and then thou makest this sign, U, on thy head.

Against various ailments

I save the dead-alive. Against eructation, against spear-thong (amentum), against sudden tumour, against bleeding caused by iron, against... which fire burns, against.... which a dog eats, ...that withers: three nuts that... three sinews that weave (?). I strike its disease, I vanquish blood...: let it not be a chronic tumour. Whole be that whereon it (Diancecht's salve) goes. I put my trust in the salve which Diancecht left with his family that whole may be that whereon it goes. -- This is laid always in thy palm full of water when washing, and thou putteth it into thy mouth, and thou insertest the two fingers that are next the little-finger into thy mouth, each of them apart.

Exercise

[...Come on Camera/Mic...
...Type Your Answer...]

How would you
make use of those
charms or
incantations in
your own work?

Further Research

- 'Trapping Witches in Wicklow', Eamonn Kelly, Archaeology Ireland.
- 'The Archaeology of Ritual and Magic', Ralph Merrifield, 1987. (UK)
- My Blog, search Magic - <https://LoraOBrien.ie/?s=magic>
- The School's Collection at Dúchas - <https://www.duchas.ie/en/cbes/4622981/4620188/4626819>
- Irish Magic Lore & Learning - 14 Week Self-Study Programme <https://loraobrien.teachable.com/p/magic-weekly>

This Class

Introduction to Irish Magic

LoraOBrien.ie/product/magic-intro/
