

THE WITCH'S CURSE.

A Bucksport Legend of Colonial Days in Maine.

Close by the road on the outskirts of the old seaport town of Bucksport, on the Penobscot river, is a small family cemetery. Within its inclosure sleep the Bucks, the blue blooded folk who first settled the town and bequeathed it their name and a legend.

The largest and most conspicuous monument in the cemetery is a tall granite shaft, which is in plain sight of the highway. On one side is the inscription: "Col. John Buck, the Founder of Bucksport, A. D. 1762. Born in Haverhill, Mass., 1718. Died March 18, 1795."

On the other side is the single word "Buck," and also something not wrought by the marble worker. On the smooth surface of the pedestal is a curious outline, which can be easily imagined to be a foot of normal size. The people who say that it is a foot believe in the legend which has oft been told in Bucksport.

The story is that Colonel Jonathan Buck was a very harsh man and the leading spirit in his day and generation. He was the highest in civil authority, and his word was law in the community in which he resided. He was an out and out Puritan, and to him witchcraft was the incarnation of blasphemy. Thus, so the story goes, when a certain woman was accused of witchcraft, at the first clamorings of the populace Colonel Buck ordered that she be imprisoned, and later she was sentenced to be executed as a witch.

The execution day came, and the woman went to the gallows, cursing her judge with such terrible words that the people shuddered, but the magistrate stood unmoved. All was

ready, and the hangman was about to perform his duty, when the woman turned to Colonel Buck, and, raising one hand toward heaven, she said:

"Jonathan Buck, listen to these words, the last my tongue shall utter. It is the spirit of the only living God which bids me speak to you. You will soon die, and over your grave they will erect a stone, that all may know the spot where your bones lie and crumble to dust.

"Upon that stone the imprint of my foot shall appear, and for all time, after your accursed race has vanished from the face of the earth, will the people from far and near know that you murdered a woman."

She then turned to her executioners, and another act transpired to make a part of American colonial history. The "witch curse" had been almost forgotten until the monument was erected to the founder of Bucksport.

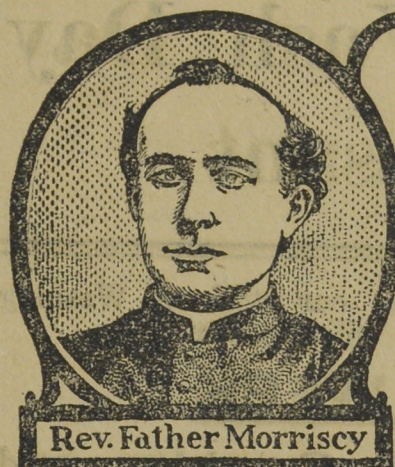
It had been in position hardly a month when a faint outline was discovered on it. It grew more and more distinct, until some person made the discovery that it was the outline of a foot. The old legend was revived.

They said that the "witch's curse" had been fulfilled. An attempt was made to remove the stain, but every effort only tended to make it plainer.

The imprint of the foot is there today as plain as ever. Amateur photographers have taken pictures of it, and a visit to the Buck cemetery to see the "witch's foot" is one of the pastimes of every summer visitor to the pretty little town.—New York World.

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A HUGE PARADE.

St. Jean Baptiste Day Is Honored by French in Montreal.

Montreal, June 25.—Passing through the closely-packed streets, accompanied by bands and representatives of almost every society in Montreal, the big St. Jean Baptiste Day parade was watched by nearly fifty thousand people along the different streets of the city. The parade, which was of almost unparalleled length and magnificence, took an hour and a half to pass a given point, and was invested with the pomp and solemnity which French Canada lends to its greatest public feast day.

A succession of artisan societies and lodges, intermingled with bands of gorgeous horsemen with the scarlet green or gold cape, and the hat with regal ostrich plumes, preceded by a number of cars, showed artisans at work. An allegorical car with the Chevalier De Laval seated upon an ornate canopy, surrounded by a body of snowshoos, singing their club song, followed by the representation of the early days in Canada with the cottage of the settler, the primitive log cabin and old spinning wheel. Warriors of old Ponce De Leon's days followed. Representations of the priests' teaching the Indians with Saurat, the first schoolmaster in Canada, were well received.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Miss Sarah Orne Pewett, the authoress, is dead.

The Cunarder Slavonia is a total wreck in the Azores.

Eighty employees of the I.C.R. at Moncton have been laid off.

The U. S. Congress have appropriated \$10,000,000 for the next census.

Nelson Anger of Corinth was struck by lightning, and his condition is critical.

Walter Taylor, aged 63, a farmer near Lexington, committed suicide with carbolic acid.

J. E. Morgan is making personal efforts to have U. S. Steel stock listed on the Paris Bourse.

Fort William is now using its Loch Lomond water service, which is gravitated a distance of seven miles.

Sgt. Wilkinson was badly wounded by the explosion of a 12-pound shell at Workpoint Barracks, B.C.

The establishment of the Government drydock at Quebec is said to be for the purpose of accommodating war ships when necessary.

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