

MANY FAIRIES IN GREEN ISLE

Idea That the Gnomes Have Disappeared Is Declared to Be Altogether Erroneous.

There still are fairies in Ireland, declares the Ulster Folklore, which explains by saying: To many, perhaps, this statement will be really news. Of course, anyone who has never taken any interest in the matter at all knows that in the days gone by there were plenty of them from one end of the green isle to the other—are not their old haunts, the thorn bushes, their raths, forts, coves and souterrains still to be found in every corner of Ireland just as they have existed since time out of mind?

But it has been the general belief that the fairies themselves long ago, in one fashion or another, had forsaken or been driven from their secret places, the last being placed at as modern a period as the middle of the nineteenth century—the night of the big wind, in fact when they were all supposed to have been blown into the sea with the exception of a few that landed in Scotland.

The error of that belief, however, has been scientifically ascertained in a series of investigations pursued by Miss Elizabeth Andrews, F. R. A. I., for a decade or so.

"The belief is general," Miss Andrews says, "that these little people were at one time very numerous throughout the country, but have now disappeared from many of their former haunts. At Ballynahinch I was told they had been blown away 50 years ago by a great storm, and the caretaker at Killeevy said they had gone to Scotland. They are, however, supposed still to inhabit the more remote parts of the country, and the old people have many stories of fairy visitors and of what happened in their own youth and in the time of their fathers and grandfathers."

WAS PIONEER IN WIRELESS

James Bowman Lindsay, Scottish Engineer, Has Not Been Given the Credit He Deserves.

Little is heard about James Bowman Lindsay, and much about wireless telegraphy, yet the career of the one and the history of the other are inseparable, says the Christian Science Monitor. Upwards of sixty years ago Bowman Lindsay operated a system across the River Tay, a distance of one and a half miles, just above the bridge the construction of which ranks as one of the most notable feats in engineering. His efforts failed to attract attention at the time, however, because of his retiring disposition, but the history of electrical research records few names more deserving of respect than his. He was a pioneer in the application of electricity for heating and lighting purposes and bespoke a great future for it.

Apropos of Bowman Lindsay, as he was familiarly known, it is interesting to note that his energies were not wholly directed to the advancement of the mechanical arts. He was a linguist and as such started out to translate the Bible into many different languages. Seven years' labor was expended on the task, and the work was

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far from being finished when it had to be abandoned. The Bible, in incomplete form, may still be seen in the Albert Institute, Dundee, Scotland. It lies open in a glass case and shows that the method employed was to divide the book into the requisite number of columns and in each column place the words in English and their equivalent in each language into which they were translated.

Dangerous Counterfeit.

The most expert means of counterfeiting American greenbacks has been discovered by the state police in the Adirondacks lumber camps, where \$20, \$50 and \$100 notes were being duplicated. Banking experts have pronounced them the most clever counterfeits in existence.

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Malines Carillons Busy.

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