Description of a Marriage and Marriage Feast at St. Kilda.

ing ceremony the banns are proclaimed in church. A week before the marriage day a repast consisting of the chief luxuries of the island is provided for the whole of the islanders in the intended bridegroom's house. The "luxuries," include tea-which is drunk out of bowls-cheese, butter Scotch bannocks, and last, but not least, "a wee drappie o't." But the islanders never disgrace such feasts with drunkenness. A curious feature of the gathering is that the sexes are kept by themselves in different ends of the house. For the comfort of the men tables and chairs are provided, and in the event of the supply running short the women have to remain standing. The "feast" is, of course, a most fune-real affair. What else could it be when the Pope of the place has forbidden even singing and whistling? There is no singing, and, of course, no dancing. The time is passed in general remarks on the coming event and the 'news of the day.' I really do not know what the 'news of the day' means in St. Kilda unless it be that Mor Bhan was publicly reproved in church the Sunday before for sleeping. or that the minister's housekeeper had patched up her latest quarrel with the prettiest woman on the island (commonly called the Queen). When the wedding day comes everybody gathers into the church, including the bride and bridegroom, attended by the best man and bridesmaid. They are rigged out in their summer finery, and privileged with a front seat to the left of the pulpit. Everybody is agog with excitement, for the occasion is a great one. Soon there enters the Rev. Mr. Mackay, Bible in hand. Mounting the precentor's box the minister engages in a Gaelic prayer. Then follows a sermon on the duties of husband and wife. The sermon over, Mr. Mackay goes through the marriage ceremony in the orthodox fashion. There is another prayer and then the curtain falls. After the marriage another jolly feast is provided in one of the houses of the village, but to this only natives are invited. The "strangers" who include the school-master, the old nurse and the minister himself, hie themselves to the manse, where they attempt to make merry in a humble kind of way, and the newly married couple are gracious enough to look in and smile on the proceedings. The husband and wife bring provisions with them, generally mutton, it being considered unlucky that they should come empty handed. Tea is supplied in great abundance. A bumper is drank to the health and prosperity of the newly wedded pair, and this formality over the company breaks up. The couple are seen to rest for the night, and the event is at an end. There is a difficulty usually about the honeymoon. It is the correct thing to spend it from home, but there is only the choice of going to a friend's house ten yards away or one twice the distance.-Cor. Glasgow Herald.

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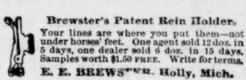
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