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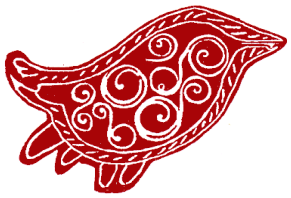

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Claidh Dubh.

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This is a rather remarkable feature, although there is nothing to indicate it to be different to any other old fence. Most of it is artificial and extends from the Co. Limerick to the Nagles Mountains. It is supposed, and probably was, the boundary between two very ancient territories. The popular local idea is that the Claidh extends from sea to sea, one the Atlantic, or that part of it known as Cork Harbour, but tradition is silent as regards the second sea. However, I discovered a Claidh Dubh near Carrigtwohill, close to Barry's Castle, about two years ago, and indeed this may be the Atlantic end of it. There is no doubt but it is very ancient. It divides parishes and townlands. It forms the boundary between Carker and Ballintlea on Ballyhoura Hills, Skahanagh and Clonstoge, Kilconner and Clonstoge, Graig and Shanagh and Waterdyke. Between Waterdyke, Poulleagh and Farahy, Carrigleagh and Ramsborough. It forms the boundary between Carriglea and Ballyvoddy. The east boundary of Carriglea it follows for over half a mile to Lackabrack, which with Ballywater it skirts on the east. Hence it forms the boundary—western of Lisnagoorneen, it separates Ballinvoher from Ballinaltig Beg, Scrarour from Corbally and Ballyadeen, and Kilcummer from Parkacuna, Renny Upper and Lower from Conva to the Blackwater River. About quarter of a mile up stream it starts again on the north side of the Blackwater; this time the feature is a stream for about one and a half miles, when it changes to fence again. It divides Kylenahoory and Ballydague from Castleblagh and ends at the extreme S.W. corner of the latter townland, a short distance north of the barony boundary.

It extends from the S.W. corner of Castleblagh townland to the Ballyhoura Hills, where it forms the eastern boundary of Carker North and Co. Limerick. I cannot say how far into that County it extends. There was a very noted old territory known as " Caoille " which included that plain between the Galtee, Knockmeldown, Nagles Mountains and Ballyhoura Hills, and extended west to somewhere about Mallow. This district was divided into two parts, and the Claidh Dubh very probably was the dividing feature. However, it must be remembered that tradition says it extends to the sea.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

I would very much like to know what is the meaning of Driscoill and what is the crest and the war cry of that sea-roving clan.

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Sego or Seago Family.—Information concerning this family is sought by the American Consul, Cork.

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