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Merlin's Bridge

St. Cradock's Well 3336

The famous well of St. Caradoc is just below the road at the end of and outside the town lands of the Portfield, which once contained 900 acres, and was enclosed in 1838. St. Cradock's Fair was held annually on Easter Monday until the enclosure, chiefly in a field market as a quarry on the ordnance map. The well had medicinal virtues, and was especially honoured for showing in its water the reflection of the future partners of those who loved truly and had thrown three pins into it on the morning of the fair day. For St. Caradoc see Gerald the Welshman, 2nd ed. p. 67. His hermitage was probably a little to the west of his well.