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SIR HENRY BELLINGHAM, BART., AT BELLINGHAM CASTLE

1. Leather Liqueur Casket (6 bottles of Dutch shape), embossed with roses and thistles, and royal initials, and crown. Given by King William III. to Col. Thomas Bellingham, who was his guide at the Battle of the Boyne.
2. Silver knife, fork, and spoon in leather case. Used by King William III. when he passed through Castlebellingham (then called Gernonstown) the day before the battle. Tradition says he passed the night there, and lunched under a tree in the demesne. This is probable, but he could not have slept at the Castle, for it had already been burnt by James' soldiers, a fact that is mentioned in Colonel Bellingham's Diary.
3. Diary kept by the Colonel during the eventful years of 1688, 1689, and 1690. The Diary contains a description of the change of Government in Lancashire where he was quartered with his regiment, his two expeditions to Ireland from there, the Battle of the Boyne, and many incidents that took place after it.
4. Some old Irish pins and brooches, found by Sir Henry and Father M'Fadden, P.P., of Gweedore, on the shores of the Atlantic on coast of Donegal.
5. A pike head of 1798 dug up in the demesne.
6. An old iron candlestick dug up in the village.
7. Many coins dating as far back as the reign of Henry VIII., Mary and Elizabeth, many local tokens and local money, some St. Patrick's Half-pennies, and two very old silver penny pieces of Edward the Elder, 901, taken over by the Vikings, and indentified at the British Museum. All these coins were dug up in the demesne between the years 1850 and 1900.
8. An exact replica of the celebrated Ardagh Chalice in the Museum at Dublin. Made by Johnson of Grafton Street.
9. An old Irish silver reliquary, found in the Island of Achill 1874.
10. An old Irish Rosary with large silver beads and crucifix, about the year 1600.
11. An old Irish silver crucifix with flat figure and hollow cross from Connaught.
12. A Cromwellian pipe.
13. Autograph letter of the last Speaker of Irish House of Commons.
14. Two pictures, engravings of Irish House of Parliament, with lists of members.
15. *Belfast News Letter* 1738, *Freemans' Journal* 1772.
16. Irish Debates, two vols., bound in crimson Morocco 1763-4.
17. Buckle and portions of old Irish militia belts.
18. Etui case with hair of Peg Woffington (the celebrated actress) in 1780.
19. Glass picture of Peg Woffington.
20. Pastel of Peg Woffington's sister, the Hon. Mrs. Cholmondeley, mother of Frances Lady Bellingham..
21. Engraving of Napper Tandy.
22. Black miniature of Daniel O'Connell.
23. Old Irish chippendale sideboard, buckets and wine cooler.
24. Several Waterford cut glass decanters and bottles.
25. Bog oak casket.
26. Head and horns of old Irish elk, dug up in demesne.