



KISS-WICKETS

Kiss-Wickets – To a small gate commanding a path forming the readiest means of communication between the villages of Codford St. Mary and Stockton a tradition attached that any man meeting a woman at the spot had a right to exact a kiss – hence the description “A Kiss-Wicket.”

Does the phrase owe its origin to a sporadic outburst of rustic chivalry or is it a testimony to the survival of the kiss of peace to be interchanged between dwellers in adjoining parishes at the moment of meeting ? Are any other Kiss-Wickets known to your readers ?

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