

BLACKROCK CASTLE, CORK,
ILLUMINATED

In Cork, at twelve o' clock, the troops in garrison, comprising infantry and artillery, were marched through the city to the New wall, where a feu de joie was fired, and enthusiastic cheers given by both troops and spectators for her Majesty and the Prince and Princess. The joybells of the churches were rung at two o' clock. In Queenstown the rejoicings were equally marked. A grand salute was fired by the men-of-war and gun-boats in port. The yards were manned, and loud cheers were given for her Majesty and the Royal pair. The illuminations were general and varied, many of them manifesting great taste. Of the riotous conduct of a few disaffected persons it is not our purpose now to treat. Blackrock Castle looked magnificent. The main or lighthouse tower, rising to a height of over 100ft. above the level of the river, displayed on the front a star 14ft. in diameter, the centre of which was formed of white, and the edges of parti-coloured, lights. The coloured lights were disposed in two rows, the nearest to the centre consisting of red and the next of green – all radiating into the six arms of the star. The whole design was composed of ships' lanterns, fitted with powerful reflectors. The windows of the castle, which are very numerous, were brilliantly illuminated with wax candles, and from the roof rockets and other fireworks were discharged during the evening. Our illustration is from a sketch by Mr. Hobart Stopford.

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