

Pseudokarst formations and other specific rock formations in Finnish folklore

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Abstract

A great deal of information has been preserved in Finnish oral folklore about superstitions linked to pseudokarst formations and other specific rock formations and their use during various historical periods. It is probable that a great number of the formations would not have been preserved in the national consciousness without the stories attached to them. At present, most of the stories have been preserved in the National Poetry Archive of the Finnish Literature Society, which has collected tales and other traditional material for over 150 years.

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