

# The Bull

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A long time ago a man died and he only left his wife after him as his heir. There was no one in the house only his wife.

The next Sunday after the man died the parish priest told parishioners that he was a ghost. The woman was present also and she was very vexed and she invited the priest to her house, for she meant to kill him.

The priest knew that she was about to do something so he brought his vestments with him. When the priest went into the house he saw a lot of guns hung round on the wall of the kitchen.

When the priest was in the house about an hour the women got the tea ready. When they were getting their tea the women said to the priest "Why did you tell the people that my husband was a ghost". "And sure he is a ghost" said the priest, "and I will soon show you that he is a ghost."

Then the priest put on his vestments and started reading. When he was reading about a half an hour they heard chains rattling coming up the stairs and a bull came into the room.

The women started screaming to put down the bull. He kept him in the room about a half an hour and then he put him down to hell.

The women could hear the chains rattling once every year.