

758. Killeen (J. F.): The debility of the Ulstermen: a suggestion.

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The *ces noínden* is not to be interpreted literally as a couvade inflicted upon the entire adult male population of the Ulstermen, but rather the application of the weakness-of-woman-in-labour metaphor, to the theme of supernatural or magic immobilization of groups, found throughout epic literature, folklore and hagiography.

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- ces noínden