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(3). TITLE.:- OLD MOLDAVIAN CUSTOM.

Picture.:- Every year, at this time, the simple folk --
 --of the country districts carry --
 --their household "gods" to the cemetery and lay them out, --
 --with samples of food-stuffs, on the graves. With
 reverence they --
 --await the ceremony of blessing the "passa" which is to bring
 to them --
 --peace and prosperity in the year --
 --to come. They watch the procession --
 --as it wends its way through the cemetery, where it halts at
 each grave.
 The Priest sprinkles the people and their belongings, with
 holy water, so that their hopes --
 --and aspirations have the blessing of the church.The
 ancient ceremony is repeated --
 --time and again, until all have been visited. So they
 face the coming year with faith in their hearts.