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Although **1**..... British are more health-conscious than they used to be, many of them still like to eat **2**..... bacon for breakfast once or twice **3**..... week. But most are unaware that there is **4**..... unusual custom surrounding bacon. **5**..... custom is known to date back hundreds of years to **6**..... 13th century or even earlier.

According to tradition, **7**..... married couple could win a large piece of bacon if they could prove to a judge that they had not regretted their marriage or had **8**..... argument for at least **9**..... year and **10**..... day. In one town, Dunmow, **11**..... couple had to kneel on sharp stones and say **12**..... special poem which ended with the lines: 'For this is our custom at Dunmow well known, Though the pleasure be ours, the bacon's your own.' After **13**..... poem, there was a noisy parade around town. Dunmow claims to be the only town in **14**..... Britain which still continues **15**..... tradition to this day.