[For the Kent News.]

Legends of = = • • Warwickshire !

THE HEART OF ENGLAND.

In olden times when education was limited to the wealthy classes, the clergy, and monks in monasteries; when books were rare and costly, roaming bards or minstrels with song and music were everywhere welcome and honored guests. They would sing the glories of the past, deeds of heroes, to incite the young to emulation, with hope of future reward in the realms of the blest. A poetic fancy in those days of chivalry would color the valiant deeds of knightly barons and shire squires, and thus in song and story have many remnants of mythical lore been preserved and handed down to us. These legends are often founded on facts, and therefore we are glad of their preservation in monkish chronicle and minstrel lays. As in the wise and provident economy of nature a diamond has been concealed in what has appeared at first only a coarse pebble, so some truth will usually be found at the bottom of popular traditions when sifted.

There exsist in Worwickshire a superstitious belief that about a certain mound of earth, at times, the shadowy figure of a knight, clothed in glistening armor, may be seen moving over the spot. This belief has been found to be the indistinct memory of an actual event in the dim past. A search by antiquarians beneath the mound revealed the remains of a worrier, with portions of his armor. Often the true stories of events are forgotten and other suppositions have taken their place, becoming local traditions. Almost every parish in Warwickshire has its hillock or field, known as "Castle Hill," although no mediaeval castle ever occupied the spot. The name is a fragmentory reminder of still earlier days and a more ancient tongue, and tells us that away back in the dim past, a fortified dwelling of the earliest inhabitants occupied the spot. Among the most interesting relics in this old mother country are those mysterious stone circles or monuments, which puzzle the antiquarians and excite the interest and wonder of all. The people who erected these gray monuments, hoary with the lapse of ages, have long since crumbled into dust, and only traditions and conjectures about them have come down to us. One legend belonging to Warwickshire is thus mentioned by Shakspeare.

He makes Hamlet, when speaking of the time commemorative of Our Saviour's birth, allude to the cock crowing thus—

"This bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then they say, no spirit can walk abroad,
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike
No fairy takes nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is the time."

To the present day, in rural districts, the crowing of the cock is believed to be significant, and many sage remarks are uttered when his shrill voice is heard at unusual times, attributing to him oracular powers, foretelling births, deaths or the arrival of unexpected guests.

Less wildly known is the pretty tradition of our domestic bird, the little robin, how he obtained his brilliant red breast by loving attentions to Our Saviour's wounds on the cross: yet this old legend is most likely at the bottom of the universal regard for the gentle, little creature. One still hears quoted:

"Remember, that Robins and Wrens
Are God Almighty's cocks and hens."

Intimating that they are thus entitled to especial regard.

There is a strange prevalence of a belief that from every old abbey site, or castle, there are subterranean passages leading to unknown secret recesses, or to some place designated. A popular idea still exists that a concealed passage leads from Kenilworth to Coventry. No one has ever succeeded in finding it, but the belief prevails, evidently originating in the fact that Simon de Montjort, becoming the owner of Kenilworth, cut the broad nightway through the forest to Coventry, thus making traveling between the two places much safer and less frequented by brigands or robbers.

There is a strange shaped hill in a small woods not many miles from Stratford on Avon. This hill is symetrical on every side as if artificially constructed and is a conspicuous object in all that part of the country. It is called "Alcock's Arbour," and at one place there is a hole, supposed to be an entrance to a cave. The people in the neighborhood implicitly believe a bandit once lived in the cave, and having accumlaated much booty by his lawless adventures, stored his money treasures in a great iron bound chest securely locked with three keys, which remain in this curious-shaped mound or castle with a phantom cock sitting on top, continually guarding the concealed treasure. An Oxford student it is said once came and uncovered the chest, succeeding in opening two of the fastenings. When at work upon the third the cock on guard suddenly seized him and the student could not be released.

The story farther relates, that if the mysterious person who placed the cock on the mound would return and take him away, the chest would be opened without difficulty.

In the neighborhood of "Rugby" (the seat of the boy's school, made famous in the book on "Tom Brown") a story is believed of a man called "one handed Boughton." He lived in the days of "good Queen Bess" (as the English still fondly speak of Elizabeth) and his home was "Lanyard Hall." The chamber he occupied was said to be haunted, many people trying in vain to sleep in it. Superstitious people reported that the ghost of "one handed Boughton" was in the habit of riding in a phantom coach and six around the neighborhood at night. At length a number of the clergy, residing in the vicinity, met and by their united efforts at last succeeded in imprisoning their neighbor's perturbed spirit in a bottle, which they threw in a deep marl pit. The belief in this legend was so strong that many years subsequent to this time, the marl pit having become a good sized pond some one wanting to fish there the owner of "Lanyard Hall" would not allow the water of the pond to be disturbed, saying that his ancestor, "one handed Boughton," rested there. The pond was at length drained, the bottle believed to have contained the spirit of Boughton being found is still carefully preserved by a descendent. Some very old people dying, not many years ago, believed they had in their youth seen the apparition of the restless ghost. One old gentleman named "Wolfe" said he distinctly remembered, when a child, a man pale and breathless came running into his home declaring "I have just seen 'one handed Boughton." I saw him coming and quickly opened the gate, but he flew over it in his coach and six."

There are traditions here about wells and streams. Some wells are considered holy, as associated with saints and miraculous virtues are attributed to them. There is one called "Sketchly Well," supposed to sharpen the wits of those who drink the water. A man uncommonly jocose is at once told he "must have been to Sketchly." A curious legend is associated with an ancient well near "Radjord." A long time ago when the inhabitants were removing their bell from their primitive church to a newer one, it was brought to this well to be re-consecrated. By some accident the bell was allowed to fall into the well, and gradually disappeared and could never be recovered. The country people when anxious to know future events would cast stones into the well at night asking questions, which would be answered by varying sounds from the submerged bell. This well can no longer be found, but a stream of water near by is still believed to possess wonderful healing properties, and people come long distances to test its virtues.

Many legends are connected with plants and flowers. Among the prettiest is the history of the name of "Pansies" also called "Love in Idleness" and "Heart's Ease." A lady reposing at noontide one pleasant day under a shady tree, noticed an humble flower and with curious hand reached forth and plucked it from its stem, peering among the leaves of this sweet unknown

"She saw in its cradling bloom
A cherub with folded plume
And a bow unstrung,
While arrows were flung
O'er the cup of this opening flower.
And the lady fancied she much had need
Of the light of his waking eyes to read
The name of this unknown flower.

She placed it too near her breast
And the cherub was charmed from his rest.
Then he winged a dart
At the lady's heart
From the leaves of this treacherous flower.
Ah! cruel child—said the lady—I guess
Too late that "Love in Idleness"
Is the name of this unknown flower."

Harriett L. W. Hill.

Dec. 12, 1896.

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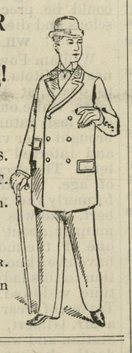

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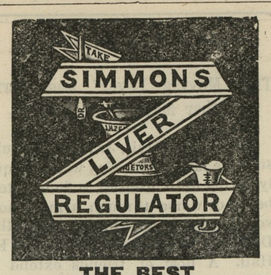

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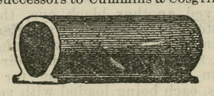

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In the Orphans' Court for Kent County.

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The report states the amount of sales to be $400.00.

SAMUEL BURGESS,
FRANKLIN H. HARPER,
Judges of Orphans' Court.

True copy, Test:
JAMES T. DIXON, Register of Wills.
Jan. 2, 1897—4t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS!

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By order of the Board of Commissioners.

n28-tf. W. H. LAMBERT, Jr., Clerk.

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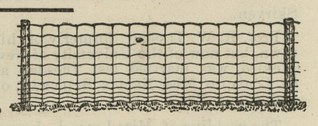

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