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KING GEORGE'S SEAL.

Each Great Stamp of the Realm Only Lasts About Ten Years.

Whenever a new monarch ascends the throne it becomes necessary to provide a new Great Seal of Great Britain, the emblem of sovereignty, which is appended to the most important class of public documents, such as writs for summoning Parliament, treaties, and official acts of state. The Great Seal, like the new coinage, is struck at the Mint, and is usually made of silver, although there have been occasions when gold has been used.

The Great Seal of King Edward was of silver, 6 inches in diameter, and cost just over \$2,000. It was the minute work involved in designing the Great Seal which made it so costly.

Generally speaking, the Great Seal lasts for about ten years, by which time it becomes somewhat worn, the consequence being that the impression is imperfect. No fewer than four Great Seals were made for Queen Victoria, several of them being in use for a considerable time. A new one was made for Her late Majesty in 1838, after her accession, others being necessary in 1860, 1878, and finally in 1900, the last three costing \$2,050, \$2,550, and \$2,000 respectively.

The old Great Seal is one of the requisites of the Lord Chancellor's office, and is handed over to him after being slightly defaced by the reigning monarch. On the delivery of the Great Seal by the Mint, a meeting of the King in Council is summoned, at which it is handed over to the charge of the Lord Chancellor by the King. The old Great Seal then undergoes a process of demasking. The King simply gives it a gentle blow with a hammer, just sufficient to make a slight but distinguishing mark, after which His Majesty presents it to the Lord Chancellor.

The new Great Seal, which in May, 1900, was substituted for the old one that had been in use since 1878, was given to Lord Halsbury, who was then Lord Chancellor, by Queen Victoria. The death of Her Majesty eight months afterwards rendered another Great Seal necessary--the first and only Seal of the late King Edward--and when this was ready, late in the last Great Seal of Queen Victoria also fell to Lord Halsbury, after it had been only three and a half years in use.

Fishing in Sydney Harbor. A tenant of most of the shores around Sydney is the toad-fish, which looks like a toad elongated into a fish, with a tough, leathery, scaleless skin, and a blotchy, dark-mottled brown above, and white beneath. It is usually about five inches long, and disproportionately broad, but swims very swiftly, and is, for its size, as bold and voracious as the shark.

The toad-fish, which swarm everywhere, no sooner sees a bait dropped into the water than they dart towards it by dozens, and fight among themselves for the honor of swallowing your hook, generally taking the precaution to bite off your line at the same time. The extreme anxiety to be caught might perhaps be pardoned were the greedy little wretches fit to eat, but they are highly poisonous. As they thus effectually put a stop to angling by biting off every hook dropped in the water before any other fish had time to look at it, they especially enjoy the bait of the fishing spear, upon which many hundreds, if not thousands, are frequently impaled in succession. This sounds wantonly cruel, but let no one pronounce it so who is not well acquainted with the toad-fish; from those who are, I fear no report. When speared, they directly inflate their leathery skins like a balloon, and eject a stream of liquid from their mouths, with a report as if they had burst. If flung again into the water, however wounded, they instantly swim about, and begin eating; and should one be a little less active than his fellows, they forthwith attack him and eat him up.

King Edward and Labor Guest. King Edward had--a fact which is recalled by the recent indisposition of Mr. Henry Broadhurst--a most courteous and considerate manner towards the old type of Labor politician. Mr. Broadhurst was a member of Mr. Gladstone's Ministry. He was, indeed, the first Labor member to be admitted to Ministerial distinction; thus the then Prince of Wales invited him to spend the week-end at Sandringham. On the night of his arrival, the prince and his guest sat up over a cigar until the "wee sma' hours ayont the twal." As a fact, when the pair proceeded to retire the entire household was a rest. The prince escorted his guest to his room. "Ah, Broadhurst," said he, as he supplied a light, "I thought I'd like to see you safe in bed." Is there any other Labor Parliamentarian who can say he has been "lucked in" thus by Mr. Broadhurst describes the incident--by a King-expectant?

Where Will Manuel Live? Where will the ex-King of Portugal live? In older times Twickenham was a refuge for dispossessed royalties, and it was here that Louis Philippe and the Prince de Joinville came after the Revolution of 1848 had driven them from France, says The London Chronicle. Orleans House--Louis Philippe's Twickenham home--is now "to let." By the park gates there is a public-house known as the Crown. Many years ago a former landlord of this hostelry saluted the ex-King of the French as he was walking through the streets of Twickenham. "What were you when I lived here?" asked Louis Philippe. "Please your Royal Highness," replied the man, "I kept the Crown." "Did you?" said the ex-King. "Well, you were lucky; you did what I was unable to do!"

Egyptian Boats 4,500 Years Old. Some Egyptian boats made of cedar, probably in use 4,500 years ago, have been found buried near the banks of the Nile, and furnish an interesting proof of the power of that wood to withstand the ravages of time.

CROSS ON FLODDEN FIELD.

Misapprehensions Concerning "King's Stone."

Although Flodden was fought close upon 400 years ago it is only during the last month that there has been unveiled a monument erected upon the site approximately of the centre of the battlefield. "To the Brave of Both Nations"--Olim Hostes, Nunc Fratres.

Much confusion, writes a correspondent, has arisen heretofore from the presence of the reputed Sybil's Well with its inscription on Flodden Hill among the trees above Blinkbonny, where it had been placed, or rather misplaced, by the late Marchioness of Waterford with entire disregard of historical accuracy.

The prevailing misapprehension concerning "King's Stone," another supposed site memorial consisting of an unheaven column, has probably been perpetuated by if it did not originate in Scott's notes to "Marmion," in which it is alleged to mark the spot where James fell. As a matter of fact this was a very ancient tribal gathering or trying stone transported from some distance either mechanically or by glacial action, and is situated about three-quarters of a mile northward from the locality of the final scene of the battle. The memorial cross, which was unveiled by Sir George Douglas, is the outcome of a giant effort by Englishmen and Scotsmen from both sides of the border. The idea of making the site near where the closing tragedy of the battle took place originated three years ago with the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club.

With regard to the numbers that took part in Flodden, although the Scottish army assembled in August on the Borough Moor of Edinburgh it computed to have numbered in all 100,000, the camp of James on the morning of September 9 did not contain probably more than 35,000. But these comprised the flower of the Scots' army. The numbers of the two forces which faced one another, though at first largely in favor of the Scots, were probably pretty well equalized after the dramatic disappearance of Home and Huntly's division of 8,000 in 1593, the last men shortly after the beginning of the battle.

The arm mostly used by the Scots was a keen and sharp spear fifteen feet long. Targets also were carried by them, and when the spears failed they fought with "great and sharp swords." Flodden was the last field upon which the bows of yew, and cloth-yard shafts were employed by the English.--Westminster Gazette.

The Hen Derby.

It is said that the crowning triumph of Sir John Astley, that inventor of absurd contests, whose forte it was to arrange races between animals which nature apparently had made most unsuitable for the purpose, was the institution of the only races that ever took place between chickens.

The story is that the idea came to Sir John during a visit to a friend who kept a large number of hens. He noticed how rapidly the chickens used to scurry to their mother when food was thrown to her. This furnished the ingenious Sir John with a clever notion, and, at once, he had the being quarried at Windsor, and accordingly unfolded to his brother officers his plans for a great chicken race.

He bought from a farmer a hen and a brood of chickens. Each officer was to choose a chicken and mark it with a ribbon, so that he could easily recognize it. The chickens were to be placed about fifty yards away from their mother, and whichever of them reached her first in answer to her cackle when food was thrown to her was to be adjudged the winner.

And so this ridiculous "hen Derby" came off in the barracks at Windsor, and was witnessed by nearly the whole brigade of guards, who traveled down from London especially to see it.

The race was such a success that it was arranged to repeat it the following week. It might possibly have become a regular institution and a revenue source if the chickens had not been added to the attractions at Windsor had not St. John's chicken won on each occasion with such ease as to cause suspicion in the minds of his competitors. Indeed, it was found, it is said, that in both races Sir John had selected a sturdy young cockerel who was much too speedy for his sisters. When victory was a certainty for one particular competitor the contest, of course, lost interest, and so the chicken races at Windsor came to a sudden end.

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Official Ignorance.

One of the best of the many stories of English official ignorance of the colonies is recalled by P. A. Silburn in "The Governance of Empire." Lord Palmerston was forming a new Ministry and in a preliminary council was arranging its composition. He had filled up all the portfolios with the exception of the Colonial Office. First one name and then another was suggested and thrown aside. At last he said to Sir Arthur Helps: "I suppose I must take the thing myself. Come upstairs with me and show me where these places are on the maps."

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