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profession, such as Miss Arnold was at this time?

I shall be most obliged to any readers who can assist me in my quest.

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DECORATED SHOE-HORNS BY R. MINDUM.—In the *Proceedings* of the Society of Antiquaries, Second Series, vol. vii. pp. 121–2 (1877), Sir John Evans publishes notes on three shoe-horns bearing dates 1593, 1600, and 1604, and inscriptions showing that they were made by one "Robart Mindum." Another, in the Saffron Walden Museum, is inscribed round the edge, "Robart Mindum made this shooring-horn for Bridget Dearsley, 1605." The decorations are carried out in dots and incised lines, into which some dark substance has been worked. The crowned Tudor rose is the principal ornament employed in the last specimen.

Who or what Robart Mindum may have been was not known to Sir J. Evans, who states that the above three were the only decorated specimens of the period which he had been able to trace.

I should be glad to know if any light has been cast on the matter since 1877, and also to hear of any other signed or dated specimens of English make.

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DEAN SWIFT AND THE REV. — GERY.—In the 'Journal to Stella,' Letter XLVI., p. 28, vol. iii. of the 'Works of Swift,' edited by Sir Walter Scott, 1824, Swift writes:—

May 10th, 1712.

Did I tell you that young Parson Gery is going to be married, and asked my advice when it was too late to break off?

And at p. 78 of same volume, Letter LVII., Swift continues:—

London, Dec. 18, 1712.

Lord-Keeper promised me yesterday the first convenient living to poor Mr. Gery, who is married, and wants some addition to what he has. He is a very worthy creature, &c.

In vol. xix. p. 336, there is a rather long letter from the Dean to Vanessa. It is sent from "Upper Letcomb, near Wantage, in Berkshire," and addressed to Mrs. Esther Vanhomrigh, 8 June, 1714. Here are a few sentences:—

"I have been a week settled in the house where I am.... I am at a clergyman's house, an old friend and acquaintance, whom I love very well.... We dine exactly between twelve and one; at eight we have some bread and butter, and a glass of ale, and at ten he goes to bed. Wine is a stranger, except a little I sent him, of which,

one evening in two, we have a pint between us.... I give a guinea a-week for my board, and can eat anything."

Has Mr. Gery ever been identified, or is anything known about him?

I cannot trace a reference to the name in any of the ten General Indexes of 'N. & Q.,' numerous as are the entries under Swift.

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SIR WILLIAM DAVENANT'S 'ENTERTAINMENT AT RUTLAND HOUSE.'—In 'N. & Q.' for 20 March, 1858 (2 S. v. 231), MR. RAYMOND DELACOURT made an inquiry regarding Sir William Davenant's 'Entertainment at Rutland House,' &c., and quoted a description of the scene "from a contemporaneous MS." MR. DELACOURT further stated that "five shillings a head was the charge for admission, and 400 persons were expected, but we learn that there appeared no more than 150 auditors."

Can any one furnish me with information respecting the MS. referred to?

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J. R.: LETTERS TO LORD ORRERY.—"Observations upon Lord Orrery's Remarks on the Life and Writings of Dr. Jonathan Swift. By J. R., Dublin, 1754," sm. 8vo. Who was the writer of the above, which are of considerable interest and value?

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MINER FAMILY. (See 2 S. iii. 170.)—According to an old pedigree now in the library of the Connecticut Historical Society, the descent of the Miners of Chew, Somerset, is as follows: Henry Bullman, of Mendippe Hills, Somerset, having proffered himself and his "domesticall and menial servants," armed with battleaxes and in number a hundred, for service in the French wars, was rewarded by Edward III. with the name of Miner and the coat of arms Gules, a fesse argent between three plates. The crest now borne by the family, a mailed hand holding a battleaxe armed at both ends, all proper, and the motto "Fortis qui prudens," are, I believe, of later date. Henry died in 1359, leaving issue Henry, Edward, Thomas, and George. Henry married Henretta, daughter of Edward Hicks of Gloucester, and had issue William and Henry. William married — Hobbs of Wiltshire, and had issue Thomas and George. Thomas (1399) married "Gressley, daughter of Cotton" of Staffordshire, and had issue Lodovick, George, and Mary. Lodovick

married Anna, daughter of Thomas Dyer of Stoughton, Huntingdonshire, and had issue Thomas, born 1436, George and Arthur (twins), born 1458, who served the House of Austria. Arthur married Henretta de la Villa Odorosa. Thomas married Bridget, second daughter to Sir George Hervie de St. Martin's, Middlesex, and died 1480, leaving issue William and Anna. William married Isabella Harcope de Frolibay, and "lived to revenge the death of the young Princes murdered in the Tower of London upon their inhuman uncle, Richard III." He was called "Flos Militiæ." He left ten sons—William, George, Thomas, Robert, Nathaniel, and John (the rest not recorded). George lived in Shropshire, Thomas in Hereford. Nathaniel and John settled in Ireland. William, the eldest son, had issue Clement and Elizabeth, and was buried in the chancel at Chew Magna, Somerset, 23 Feb., 1585. Clement had issue Clement, Thomas, Elizabeth, and Mary, died 31 March, 1640, and is buried at Chew Magna.

Thomas emigrated to New England in 1630, and is the ancestor of the Connecticut Miners. Thomas's brother Clement married Sarah, daughter of John Pope of Norton-Small-Reward, Somerset, and had issue William and Israel. He was buried at Burslingtown, Somerset. William married Sarah, daughter of John Batting of Clifton, Gloucestershire, and in 1683 was living in Christmas Street, Bristol, having issue William and Sarah. Israel married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Jones of Burslingtown, and had issue Clement, Thomas, Sarah, Jean, and Elizabeth.

I should be grateful for any information regarding the early history of the family or its present branches in England.

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PATRICK ARCHER OF LONDON, MERCHANT, TEMP. CAR. II.—I should be glad of any information relating to the parentage and family of Patrick Archer of London, merchant, died *circa* 1686, whose Irish adventures are told at some length in the 'Calendar of State Papers, Irish Series, September, 1669, to December, 1670' (1910).

In 1660 Archer was petitioning the King that he would give his ambassadors instructions to get him redress for the following grievance.

In 1652 Archer, by the King's orders, sent a small vessel to Ireland, the *St. Ann*, with arms and ammunition upon his own account for the King's service. The value of the

cargo was 1,200*l.*, and it was to be delivered to the Earl of Clancarty, then Lord Muskerry, who was besieged in Ross by the usurper's army. When the vessel arrived at the mouth of the Valentia river the master heard that Ross had capitulated on terms, so he tried to get away to sea to find some place where the King's forces lay. Meeting with a storm, he was driven on the coast of Brittany, where he put in for safety to a place called Aberbracke, and there was seized on by orders from the Duc de Vendôme, Lord High Admiral of France, who distributed all the arms and ammunition among the French ships of war, without giving any manner of satisfaction to the petitioner.

By letters patent dated 28 Jan., 1664, Charles II. acknowledged his indebtedness to Patrick Archer for the sum of 6,294*l.* 5*s.*, and ordered it to be paid within three years by six equal instalments.

In June, 1670, Archer brought an action in the Irish Chancery Court against one John Preston.

Seven years before, the plaintiff had agreed with John Dawes and others in England for the purchase of two Irish villages, Riverstown and Castletown, being 911 acres, and had paid a good part of the purchase money. Afterwards Dawes and the rest sold the same lands amongst others to John Preston, Alderman of Dublin, and Archer brought this action to enforce his prior claim, after an action in the English Chancery Court had failed, by reason of the defendant retiring to Ireland. Patrick Archer appears to have dispossessed Preston and to have settled at Riverstown, which is in the co. Meath. His will, in the Prerogative Wills of Ireland, is dated 1686. He married Catherine Dillon, and left a son, John Archer of Riverstown, who married, probably *circa* 1700, Margaret, daughter of Jonas and Mary Archer of Kiltimon, co. Wicklow. Nothing is known of any previous relationship between the Riverstown and Kiltimon Archers. The will of Anthony Archer of Keeloge, co. Wicklow, dated 27 Jan., 1707/8, a brother of Mrs. Margaret Archer, contains bequests to the latter and to John Archer, and also to their two daughters, named Alice and Christian Archer.

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MRS. GORDON, ACTRESS.—*The Theatrical Times*, 17 April, 1847, published a woodcut of 'Mrs. Gordon, as Imogen in "Bertram." Who was she, and what was her husband?

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Cheat Sheet for "Notes and Queries" on the Minor/Miner family of Chew Magna

Generation			Spouse	Known Children
1		Henry		2Henry, 2Edward, 2Thomas, 2George
born		"Bullman"		
died	1359			
2		Henry	Henrietta Hicks	3William, 3Henry
born				
died				
3		William	Unknown Hobbs	4Thomas, 4George
born				
died				
4		Thomas	Unknown Gressley	5Lodovick, 5George, 5Mary
born	1399			
died				
5		Lodovick	Anna Dyer	6Thomas, 6George and 6Arthur [twins]
born				
died				
6		Arthur	Henretta de la Villa Odorosa	
born				
died				
6		Thomas	Bridget Hervie	7William, 7Anna
born	1436			
died	1480			
7		William	Isabella Harcope de Frolibay	8William, 8George, 8Thomas, 8Robert, 8Nathaniel, 8John
born				
died				
8		William		9Clement, 9Elizabeth
born				
died				
buried	23 Feb 1585			
9		Clement		10Clement, 10Thomas, 10 Elizabeth, 10Mary
born				
died	31 Mar 1640			
10		Clement	Sarah Pope b.1578	11William, 11 Israel
born				
died				
10		Thomas	Grace Palmer	<i>ancestor of the Connecticut Minors</i>
born	23 Apr 1608			11John, more..
emigrated	1630			
died	23 Oct 1690			
11		William	Sarah Batting	12William, 12Sarah
born				
married	1683			
died				
11		Israel	Elizabeth Jones	12Clement, 12Thomas, 12Sarah, 12Jean, 12Elizabeth
born				
died				