Burial by Torch-light (Vol. xi., p. 27.)—I can say nothing as to the legality or illegality of torch-light burials; but that they were frequent in Newcastle-on-Tyne during the continuance of the cholera, in September and October, 1853, I can vouch. The necessity during that fearful time may, perhaps, have made its own law.

Mr. Fraser's Query reminds me also of the funeral of the Duchess of Northumberland in 1782, which says a correspondent of Mr. Urban in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1817, vol. lxxxvii. part ii. p. 33,—

"Took place by torch-light at four in the morning, to avoid the mischief of too great a number of persons interrupting the same; which, however, was not the case, as the concourse of people was so numerous at the screens to the small chapels surrounding the south aisle of the choir (in the farther end of which is the Percy vault), that many had their arms and legs broken, and were otherwise much bruised. . . . From this time no burials have been performed by torch-light except royal ones, a sufficient guard attending to keep order on the occasion."

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Robert S. Salmon.

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O U T spells out—
And so you are fairly out."

Ruby.

Seals, Books relating to (Vol. x., p. 485.).—I observe that several correspondents have replied to Adrian Adninan's Query relative to books on seals, by referring him to various English, Scotch, and French works bearing on that subject. As Adrian Adninan, however, specially wishes to know "whether there is any work which contains engravings of the common seals of the London City Livery Companies?" I beg to refer him, simpliciter, to a copy of Bailey's Dictionary of the English Language, folio, London, 1736 (with illustrations), where he will find what he is in pursuit of, all "cut and dry" to his hand.

John Thomas.

Glasgow.

Sea Spiders (Vol. xi., p. 11.).—Sea spiders (Nymphon gracile?) are found in the Moray Frith, but they are very rare. I have found only two specimens. One or two more only have been observed. They were found in deep water, being brought up amongst the refuse of the fishermen's lines.

W. G.


"At Broomfield, near Chelmsford, is a Bible which belonged to King Charles the First, the date a.d. 1629, Norton and Bell printers. It is a folio, bound in purple velvet; the arms of England richly embroidered on both covers; and on a fly-leaf is written: 'This Bible was King Charles the First's, afterwards it was my grandfather's, Patrick Young's, Esq., who was Library Keeper to his Majesty; now given to the Church at Broomfield by me, Sarah Atwood, August 4th, 1723.' The Bible is perfect, but there is no signature to sheet 1: the pages run from 84 to 87, there being no 85 and 86. I do not find the book mentioned in Morant's History of Essex, or any modern publication; and I think it is a relic little known."

This paragraph I copy from my commonplace-book, to which it was transferred from an old number of The Athenæum. I cannot give the reference to page or volume.

C. F. P.

Normanton-on-Soar, Notts.

Lord Audley's Attendants at Poictiers (Vol. viii., p. 494.).—Under the head of "Mackworth, Bart.," Mr. Burke mentions that the representatives of the four esquires of Lord Audley served together during the Peninsular War as aides-de-camp to Lord Hill. Who were these latter four, and which of Lord Audley's esquires was the ancestor of each?

Y. S. M.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

That funerals by night are illegal, must be a vulgar and local error; for, by the 68th Canon, "No minister can refuse to bury a corpse that is brought, &c. (warning having been given), except in the three instances well known. There is no limit as to time; I have buried hundreds by candle-light in my last parish. Indeed, cases of many had their arms and legs broken, and were otherwise much bruised . . . . From this time no burials have been performed by torch-light except royal ones, a sufficient guard attending to keep order on the occasion."

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