not notice the word. The older commentary of Arnald I have not got.

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The word is duly noted by the late learned Dr. Ebersheim, in his commentary on Ecclesiastics in the 'Speaker's Commentary

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"The Fattest Hog in Epicurus' sty" (7th S. xii. 265).—Has Astarte forgotten the well-known lines in the fourth Epistle of the first Book of Horace?

Me pinguem et nitidum bene curata cute vises,
Cum ridere voles, Epicuri de grege porcum.

The change of expression from fat hog to "fattest" is only of degree, and does not alter the idea.

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Astarte will pardon me for reminding her that the original of this quotation is to be found in Horace (see 1 Ep. iv. 16): "Epicuri de grege porcum."

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Thunderstorm in Winter (7th S. xii. 87, 110, 167).—The following appears in Brand's 'Popular Antiquities,' vol. iii. p. 246, 1882:

"Willesford, in his 'Nature's Secrets,' p. 113, says: 'Thunder and lightning in winter in hot countries is usual, and hath the same effects; but in those northern climates it is held ominous, portending factions, tumults, and bloody wars, and a thing seldome seen, according to the old adigy, 'Winter's thunder is summer's wonder.'"

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Canterbury Schools (7th S. xii. 249).—Probably the only school existing nowadays in Canterbury with an origin anterior to A.D. 1740 is the King's School in the cathedral precincts—the old grammar-school, whose most illustrious scholars are Marlowe and Harvey, the celebrated physician who discovered the circulation of the blood.

T. P. Armstrong.

De Leyburn Family (7th S. xii. 49, 133, 270).—Hermeltrude's communications are always full, and generally accurate; but I venture to think she has made a few slips in her account of the De Leyburns.

1. Roger de Leyburn is said to be son of Robert, who died about 1198-9. Now as Roger died in 1271 this gives an unusually long life for an active warrior. Supposing he was a baby on Robert's death, he could hardly have been serving in Rochester in 1215, when a Roger was taken prisoner; and as he paid a heavy sum (250 marka) for his redemption he must have been Robert's son. There is no trace of two Rogers at this time. Again, he paid six pounds for redemption in 1221.

Surely this belligerent youth cannot be the same as the Roger who killed Erald de Munteny at Walden tournament in 1252, and was nearly captured in the Welsh war in 1257, when Stephen Bancan was killed, and was in active service in the Barons' war in 1265. To live to seventy was very uncommon, but such activity as Roger's, if he were one person, was almost impossible. I believe that Robert had a son Roger, who married as early as 1219 Eleanor, daughter and coheiress of Stephen de Turnham (Exc. e Rot. Fin., 3 Hen. III). These I believe to have been parents of Roger, who died in 1271.

2. Roger, who died 1271, must have married twice. His first wife, I believe, was Agnes, widow of Henry de Miners. William, his heir, must have been son of an earlier wife than Alienor Ferrers, for he was old enough to do homage for his father's lands in 1271, directly after his father's death. And Alienor, who is recognized as widow of Roger, but is not called mother of William in the entry in the Fine Roll, could not have married Roger before 1264, when her second husband died. A boy of five could not have done homage or had livery.

3. Alienor de Ferrers's second husband was Roger de Quincy, and not William. No William occurs in the pedigree that I know of. The alliance of the de Ferrers and de Quincys was a queer one, for this lady's step-daughter was her father's second wife.

4. Roger (the third, as I read them) was son of Roger and Alienor de Ferrers, and half-brother of Baron William, the "man without a but or if" of the siege of Caerlaverock. This Roger, by Idonea de Vipont, had two sons, Robert and Henry.

5. Was William's father-in-law Robert de Sandwich? That her name was Juliana is clear (Quo. War. 21 Edw. I.); but was the father Robert? Ralph de Sandwich had a daughter Juliana. Did she marry William, and on his death John de Segreve? This would explain how her nephews got into trouble about the Segreaves.

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Inquirer will find much information, and a pedigree of the Westmorland branch of the family, in the Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society, vol. x. pp. 124-157. The Westmorland Note-Book gives further information and references. Q. V.

The utility of indexing one's information is exemplified by the facility with which I am able to note a few items relating to this family. My notices relate to three persons (tempore Hen. III. and Edw. I.). I take them in due order.

Roger de Leyburn, first on the list, appears to have been very frequently in a state of impe-