England in 1635. They were passengers in the ship Abigail, Capt. Maxwell, which vessel sailed from London in the early part of August in that year, and arrived at Boston October 6 following. It is matter of conjecture, though there is reason for believing, that the Folgers came from Norwich in England. Dr. Benjamin Franklin, whose origin and ancestry of the emigrant John Folger.

There was a Richard Foulger living in Norwich, whose wife Susan was interred in 1665 in the south aisle of St. Wthin's Church in that city, where there is (or was) a stone to her memory. I shall be glad of any information respecting the origin and ancestry of the emigrant John Folger.

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The Cuirass of the Life Guards.—Although our soldiers had no such armour, they overcame the Cuirassiers at Waterloo, who wore it, thus showing it was of no benefit in a hand-to-hand contest, notwithstanding which, soon after the battle, some of the English cavalry were armed with it, and are so still. In 1833 Colonel Lygons was asked by a Committee of the House of Commons what was the cost of the newly introduced accoutrement. He answered, "I apprehend they cost nothing; they have been lying in the Tower for years, and were worn at the battle of Dettingen." Query, are they the same we see at the present day?

George Ellis.

St. John's Wood.

Sir William Pigott, Bart.—I find on referring to the Irish Teachers' Journal, vol. xiii. p. 292, that Sir William Pigott, Bart., was the author of a pamphlet entitled Is England an Enemy to Irish Progress Considered; or, Political Disturbances in Ireland Remedied. Of what family was this Pigott, and did he write other works?

John Pigott.

Birton Agnes, Yorkshire, the Seat of the Boynton Family.—Sir Wm. Betham, in his Baronetage, 1801, says, "The house has been fully described by Sir Wm. Dugdale," but does not say in which of Dugdale's works the passage occurs. Any one having access to Dugdale's works and able to find this description would greatly oblige by sending a copy of the passage to

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Horsley, Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Campbell and Polignac.—The Prince de Polignac, ambassador in London in 1823, married in 1816 Barbara, daughter of Duncan Campbell, Esq. Where can I find any account of these Campbells, and what were their quarterings?

Constance Russell.

Swallowfield Park, Reading.

The Rev. Nathaniel Hinde, LL.B., in 1822 was Vicar of Shifnal, Salop, Rector of Swinford Regis, Staffordshire, and Vicar of Boulton-le-Fylde, in Lancashire. At none of these places can I ascertain where he died or if he left descendants. He married Sophia, the daughter of Sir Thomas Dalrymple Henkett, Bart., of Rufford, in Lancashire. Reference to any surviving member of his family will oblige. He was, I believe, a Staffordshire man.

H. Fishwick.

The Heights, Rochdale.

A Squire of Middlesex.—In a description of an ancient minstrel who was brought before Queen Elizabeth by the Earl of Leicester, quoted but without reference, in Old Sports of England (C. Knight, 1845, pp. 82-4), I find the following words, the allusion in which I do not understand:—

"Under the gorget of his gown a fair flagon chain.....as a squire minstrel of Middlesex that travelled the country this summer season unto fair and worshipful men’s houses." Why "a squire of Middlesex?"

E. Walford, M.A.

Hampstead, N.W.

Richard Howitt, Brother of William Howitt.—Is he still living? He wrote Autodidactic Sketches, and other Poems, 1830, and The Gipsy King, and other Poems, 1840. He emigrated to Australia, and published a work relating to that country between thirty and forty years ago. There is no biographical notice of him in Mr. Heaton's Australian Dictionary of Dales and Men of the Time, published in 1879.

R. Inglis.

A Game Related to Chess.—I possess an old board of ebony, the interior portion divided into 100 equal squares, 10 x 10, each alternate compartment composed of opaque and of transparent squares of amber. Under each of the alternating clearer squares are laid plates of brass foil, and the sunk back of the clear amber is beautifully engraved with French emblems and mottoes relating to love. For instance, on one is a seated Cupid, with his bow, and inscribed, "L'Ameur trouve des moyens"; another has Cupid casting a net over birds, "Aucun ne s'echappera"; on another, an old light-tower with its burning cresset, "Il eclaire la mer et la terre"; Cupid firing at a heart on a column, "Je contrains les plus hautes"; the sun shining on a plant, "Sans toi je meurs." It appears designed for playing some game like chess. Can any of