

NOTES FROM CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

17TH CENTURY MURAL ORNAMENT.

When undertaking the repair of a house, 42, Cumberland Street, Woodbridge, the workmen stripped the walls of an upper room of eight layers of wall paper, and exposed to view a stud and plaster surface which was covered with heavy stencil ornamentation in black and white distemper. Upon the freize are crude representations of tritons. Over the mantelpiece are the Royal arms of the Stuarts, occupying a space about 3-ft. by 2-ft. The probable date of the ornament is 1670 ; it may have been the work of a royalist whose enthusiasm was aroused by the visit of Charles II. to Woodbridge on the occasion of his journey to Yarmouth Races 1668. It is interesting to note that Peter Pett, shipwright of Woodbridge and Deptford, built and navigated the ship which brought back Charles II. from Holland in 1660.

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