

Silhouette cutting. Example of ladies home-occupation work  
in early part of 19<sup>th</sup> century. See also p. 156



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1802 Fees of the City of Pray. shared  
 to Wm. S. McClure  
 July 17 Liniment ----- 1.00  
 18 Green Dragon ----- 0.3  
 July 3 Salls ----- Cuts  
 1803  
 May 12 Director Doses No 2. ----- 2.00  
 1804  
 Jan 2 Medicines attendance 12.00  
 de de -----  
 Le Sun Biscuits ----- 2.00  
 23/2 at 1/3 per -----  
 L. 17/10

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W. S. McClure

P. by W. S. McClure 19th 1804

Bill for Funeral  
 Biscuits, 1804.

Repeated in 1/371



**Mrs. J. ROBINSON,  
CONFECTIONER,**

DUKE STREET, SETTLE,

Requests her patrons to accept her sincere thanks for the encouragement with which she has been favoured since commencing the above business, and desires to announce that she has determined to open a

**Register Office for Servants.**

Persons applying by letter are requested to send two stamps for reply.

**BRIDES' CAKES and FUNERAL BISCUITS** made on the shortest notice.

**APARTMENTS TO LET. 1861**



**"FUNERAL BISCUITS."**

In this locality it was formerly the custom, after a death, to send to the friends of the family a Cake or Biscuit, together with a card bearing the name of the deceased, and to this day it is very usual to see small glasses of wine and little elongated sponge-cakes, known as "funeral biscuits," handed round to the mourners. The biscuits were formerly known as *arvel bread*, *arvel* or *arval* being the *ale* or feast of the heir when he succeeded to his father's property. This custom is a relic of the old pagan funeral-feasts, and is not unknown in other parts of England. Mrs. Ralph, of Kirkgate, was the last person in this locality to make these cakes, which were some 5 inches long by 4 broad, and an inch thick. The following is a specimen of the leaflets or cards that used to be sent with, or wrapped round, the biscuit:—

BISCUITS for the FUNERAL of  
**MRS. OLIVER,**

*Died November 7th 1828. Aged 52.*

Thee we adore, eternal Name,  
And humbly own to thee,  
How feeble is our mortal frame!  
What dying worms we be.

Our waisting lives grow shorter still,  
As days and months increase;  
And every beating pulse we tell,  
Leaves but the number less.

The year rolls round and steals away,  
The breath that first it gave;  
Whate'er we do, where'er we be,  
We're travelling to the grave.

PREPARED BY  
T. ROBINSON, Surgeon, Settle.

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# To be Let

## BY TICKET,

### AT THE HOUSE OF MR. E. HARGER,

THE NAKED MAN INN, IN SETTLE,

On **MONDAY**, the 23rd, Day of November, 1818; Either altogether or in the following Lots,

LOT I. A

## TAN-YARD,

To enter to at Pleasure, containing 69 Pits, One Bark Mill, and all other convenient Buildings; and also, constant supply of very good Water in any severe Frost or extreme Drought; and with or without one Dwelling-House in the Occupation of *Mr. Thomas Procter*, of Mearbeck, in the Township of *Long-Preston*.

LOT II.

Lowson Wood Croft adjoining the Tan-Yard, Lowson Wood Close, Wigglesworth Wood Close, Wheat Close, Great Field and Shivering Wood Close, all adjoining to the same, all of rich Grazing and Meadow Land, altogether by admeasurement 30A. 2R. 10P. one Barn, and Stable, to enter upon next Spring, in the Occupation of *Mr. Thomas Procter*.

LOT III.

The Great Field, *Sergantson Close*, Waterlands, Little Close and *Sproat Wray*, one Dwelling-House, and a Barn, by admeasurement 27A. 1R. 27P. in the Occupation of *Jonathan Moffet*.

LOT IV.

Branster Close, Bullock Close, and Holgate Wood Close, one Barn, in the Occupation of *Mr. Thomas Procter*, 14A. 1R. 4P.

LOT V.

One Grazing Pasture, Called Riding Banks, in the Occupation of *Mr. Thomas Procter*, 31A.

LOT VI.

One Grazing Pasture, called Higher Hows, in the Occupation of *Mr. Thomas Procter*, 55A. 0R. 11P.

LOT VII.

One Grazing Pasture, called Scaleber Copy, and three Lings Copys, within the Township of **SETTLE**, in the Occupation of *Thomas Ellison*, and *Mr. T. Procter*, by admsurement 44A. 2R. 8P. all the Lots be the same more or less.

Mearbeck is about 2 Miles from the Market Town of Settle, 14 from Skipton, 18 from Colne, and 19 from Kirkby-Lonsdale, and is about 9 Miles from the Leeds and Liverpool Canal at Gargrave, where Goods may be forwarded by Water, to any part, and is a desirable Situation for any Person that is wishful to go into the Tanning Business.

Mearbeck is adjoining the High-Road leading from Settle to Skipton, where there are Fairs holden every Fortnight for Fat Cattle and Sheep, and Gisburne and Clitheroe, every alternate Week.

Mr. PROCTER, of Mearbeck, the Owner, will shew the Premises, of whom further Particulars may be had, or at the Office of Mr. LEEMING, Solicitor, Settle.

W. WALKER, PRINTER, SETTLE.

1858  
MORNING

SHROVE TUESDAY.—This is the day most honoured in the year by the apprentices who take care to remind their masters that Pancake Tuesday afternoon is their holiday. In former days football was the general occupation, there are some who recollect the ball being tossed up at Settle Bridge, and a stiff game followed on the road betwixt the players of Giggleswick and Settle. This year however another scene took place. The gentry and trades-people having neglected to celebrate the marriage of the Princess Royal, the hands of Mr. Procter's Mill with some others originated a plan to provide a Public Tea and fixed on Pancake Tuesday for the celebration of the Royal Marriage in their own way and shewed that they could get up and manage a "stir" and exhibit their loyalty in a right joyous and sober way. About three o'clock the fife and drum band preceded by the getters up of the Tea drinking, somewhat ridiculously followed by some queer figures on horseback proceeded round the Town, halting occasionally to refresh at the different Inns. We wondered what the figures were intended to represent and guessed one of them to be humpbacked Dick of Royal memory, but we were sadly out of it, for on enquiry we learned they were far more modern personages and men whose fame and warlike deeds have made them the heroes of the working classes. Surely there is not so loyal and warlike a people on the face of the earth as the English are. Sir Colin Campbell, Havelock, the late Lord Raglan, and General Sir C. Napier, who was last, and was dignified with a hump; (he was a queer fellow on horseback that late General of Scinde) these were all mounted on horses which seemed to have been picked up from the four quarters of the globe, and followed the band, guided by three important and serious looking individuals, who seemed to carry in their heads the whole weight of the concern. The locomotive of the temperance society had been brewing Tea for sometime in the large room at the Joiners' Arms, kindly lent by Mr. Preston, for the occasion; and at four o'clock the room was filled with a very respectable company. About 300 partook of the Chinese leaf admirably decocted. The charge of 2d. each to Mr. Procter's hands and 4d. to others had drawn together one of the largest Tea drinkings ever held in Settle. After Tea dancing commenced which was kept up till about eleven o'clock, and the parties separated highly delighted with the social gathering. It is due to Mr. Thomas Knowles to say that he had the principal management and getting up of this social feast and well had he performed his part.

The Kneeling Oxen. One of them says that four-year-old oxen, at midnight on Christmas Eve, fall upon their knees. The writer has never met with any farmer who had really seen the oxen do this, but he has heard many farmers say that they knew men who had. One would like to ask: Have you not seen the oxen do this on other eves as well as Christmas Eve? did it take place *at* or *about* twelve o'clock? did they all do it, and do it all at once? and for one Christmas Eve on which you have known them do this, on how many have you known them fail to do it? We have very keen memories for those occasions on which our theories *hit*, but very short memories for those on which they *miss*. But why should the big, rough oxen be thus associated with Christmas? It was not the herds, but the flocks, that the shepherds were watching when the angel appeared. Yet the place of honour is given to the oxen, and the sheep are left out in the cold.

The Virgin Swarm. Then there is the legend about the bees. It is said that a virgin-swarm sings on Christmas Eve. We have met with a few bee-keepers who were sure that they had heard the bees do this; but we could never learn what the music was—whether the favourite four-lines-sevens, or the *Gloria in excelsis*, or the Hallelujah Chorus. Logic is not of much account in such matters; or we might ask why should a virgin-swarm sing, rather than any other swarm? A swarm's swarm is called a virgin or maiden-swarm. If a good hive throw off a swarm in May, it is likely that that swarm will itself throw off a swarm in July. This is called a virgin-swarm. But

what has it to do with Christmas? It has built comb, it has raised brood, it has stored honey. Its queen may be one of the oldest in the apiary, the mother of perhaps two or three other hives. It is the *old* queen that leads out the swarm. So that the queen of the virgin-swarm is the queen that left the old hive in May. Then the bees that are in the hive with the queen at Christmas are not the same bees that swarmed with her in July. The average life of the bee in summer is not more than three months. The work of the long days wears them out. The bees that are in the hive at Christmas are bees that were bred during the late summer and early autumn. There seems to be no reason, then, save in the name it bears, why a virgin-swarm should, rather than any other hive, sing on Christmas Eve. If in winter, when the bees are dormant, we give a tap on the side of the hive, there is a subdued buzz. This *is* music to the bee-keeper's ear; for it tells him that the bees, though they have been confined to their hive for weeks, are still alive and well. Can this be the music that is heard on Christmas Eve? Any slight disturbance of the hive would cause this soft hum, and an expectant ear might construe it into Christmas-music. An expectant imagination can do a great deal, and we strongly suspect the Christmas-music is in the head of the listener, rather than in the hive of the bees.

The Virgin Chimes. In the first Christmas we spent at Giggleswick we were surprised to hear, directly after midnight, what seemed like the soft chiming of bells. We were, no doubt, in a drowsy, dreamy state; but there it was, as sure as could be,—

*cont<sup>d</sup> on p. 273*

#### A Duke a Century Ago.

An interesting document is just being published about the Duke of Devonshire in 1797, and it shows that the good name attaching to this dukedom was then upheld, as he afforded much pleasure on his domain to those who properly sought it. A quaint circular of that date says:—

His GRACE the Duke of Devonshire from his munificent disposition has resolved to devote certain MOORS for Grouse Shooting to Gentlemen resident in the neighbourhood thereof on applying to Mr Swale of Settle for tickets and using them with DISCRETION.

Under such Indulgence it is much wished that no Person will go upon any of his manors without a Ticket and that Gentlemen will exert themselves to detect POACHERS. Proper persons are appointed to look after the moors and discharge such as go upon His Grace's liberties without tickets.

His Grace thinks this mode the most likely to afford pleasure to his Friends, and hopes they'll consider it right in him to DISCHARGE such as refuse to ask permission, however qualified.

POACHERS AND DOG BREAKERS will be prosecuted, of which they have this NOTICE.



*The "Pound"  
Upper Settle.*



George Earl of CUMBERLAND Knight of the Order and Privy Counselor to Queen ELIZABETH famous for Five Voyages he made at his own Charge his first in 1587 was to SLUYSE against the Duke of PARMIA his second in 1588 against the SPANISH Armada wherein he did great Service; his third to the Isles of TEREERA and AZORES where he took the Fort FIALSA his fourth to the Coast of SPAIN his last to S<sup>t</sup> JOHN DE PORTA RICO where he won the Town with great Honour and returned safe into ENGLAND, and lies buried with his Ancestors at SKIPTON in CRAVEN in YORKSHIRE.  
Published by W. Richardson Castle Street Leicester Fields.

34 Lord of the Manor of Egglestonwick.

# TAKE NOTICE,

THAT his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting for the West Division of Staincliffe in the West Riding of Yorkshire, at the General Annual Licencing Meeting holden at SETTLE, in and for the said Division, in the Riding aforesaid, on Monday the twenty-fourth day of August last, have pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, passed in the ninth year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled "An Act to regulate the granting of Licences to Keepers of Inns, Alehouses and Victualling Houses in England," appointed Special Sessions, for the purpose of Licencing such persons intending to Keep Inns, heretofore kept by other persons being about to remove, and for other purposes in the said act specified; to be holden in and for the said Division, in the said West-Riding of Yorkshire, on the several Days, and at the several Hours and Places following, that is to say:—

- At the Golden Lion Inn, in Settle, on the 26th Day of October, 1835.
  - At the Golden Lion Inn, in Settle, on the first Monday in January, 1836.
  - At the Golden Lion Inn, in Settle, on the last Monday in March, 1836.
  - At the Golden Lion Inn, in Settle, on the first Monday in July, 1836.
- At the Hour of Eleven in the Forenoon of each of the said Days.

Dated this Day of September, 1835.

Signed,

Constable of

N. B. Any Person intending to transfer his or her Licence at any of the said Special Sessions is desired to give Notice of such his intention to the Clerk to the Justices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding such Special Sessions.

Your proportion of the Assessment for Corn Tythes } 2. 1. 0  
 & Mortuaries is } 0. 7. 6  
 Rectory Rent and Arrears } 1. 6. 3  
 £1. 13. 9  
 1-13-9  
 0-0-0

**Notice is hereby given,**

1819 July 6. *Then recd. per Mr. J. Hartley*  
**T**HAT the COMMITTEE appointed at a Vestry Meeting held at SETTLE, On the 26th. Day of APRIL 1814, for effectuating the purchase of the CORN TYTHES and MORTUARIES of the Township of Settle, and for raising a Fund for answering the future Payment of the Rectory Rents, payable in respect thereof, and of the Tythes of CALF, WOOL, and LAMB; have prepared an Assessment for carrying these objects into effect, which they wish to submit for the Inspection and Approval of the Proprietors, and for which purpose they will attend at the JOINERS' ARMS INN, in SETTLE, on MONDAY the 21st. Day of JUNE Instant, at Six o'Clock in the Evening, when it is particularly requested that all Parties interested will attend by themselves, or their Agents.

By order of the Committee.

J. & W. HARTLEY, Solicitors.

SETTLE, 10th. JUNE, 1819.

(WALKER, PRINTER.)

*Miss Lande.  
 Hackhouse.*

*Mudon*

Settle, <sup>the</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1820.

**Y**OUR proportion of the Assessment for effectuating the purchase of the CORN TYTHES and MORTUARIES, within the Township of SETTLE, amounting to 0-4-2 being yet unpaid, we are directed by the Committee to call your Attention to it, and to request that the same may be forthwith discharged, otherwise you will be excluded the benefit of the Trust, and be called upon for all the Arrears of those payments in respect of the Property you now hold within the Township.

We are *Mudon*.  
 Yours very Respectfully,

J. & W. HARTLEY.

1820  
 Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> - *Then received of Mr. B. ...*  
 the above mentioned sum of  
 Four Shillings 1/2  
*J. W. Hartley*





WOOD near SETTLE.

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TO BE SOLD,  
BY AUCTION,

AT THE HOUSE OF

Mr. William Fate, Joiner's Arms,

in Settle, on Tuesday the 27th Day of  
FEBRUARY, 1810, AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON;

Subject to such conditions as will be then and there produced.

A quantity of good Ash and Oak wood

With the Bark, in the following Lots, or such other;  
as may be then thought proper.

Lot 1st.— 114. Oak Trees, now standing & growing in

MEARBECK WOOD

and Parks; as numbered from

110 to 114.

LOT 2nd.— 71 ASH TREES, NOW STANDING IN MEAR.  
BECK WOOD AND MEADOW GROUND; AS NUMBERED

from 1 to 71

Lot 3rd.— 64 Ash Trees, now standing in  
MEARBECK WOOD PARKS, MEADOW GROUND AND

CROFT; AS NUMBERED FROM 72 TO. — 135.

Mr. John, Preston, of Mearbeck the Owner, will show the Wood,  
and of him further Particulars may be had. As the Wood and Bark  
is of an excellent quality, and stands near the Turnpike Road  
from Settle to Skipton: it will be well worth the attention  
of the public.

HAYES, PRINTER, SETTLE.

not known specimen  
of a Settle-printed "broadside"  
Ballad.

Hayes' press was in operation  
from about 1805 to 1815 (it is  
conjectured.)

For rules of his circulating  
Library see p. 223 of this vol.

See sale-bill (a.d. 1810)  
from his press, on p. 240.

Hayes followed Jackson,  
and was in turn succeeded  
by Aked

Market Place Settle *Apr 25 1854*  
BOY OF JAMES THOMSON



Lock & 2 Keys - 7/

Thomson

False Hearted  
**LOVER.**

was early early in the spring,  
went on board to save the King,  
my MY dearest dear behind,  
I told me her heart was mine,  
when I had her all in my arms,  
with solemn vows and kisses sweet (meet  
we, we will be married next time we  
toe I sail'd on the raging seas.  
that I spy'd my opportunity.  
writing letters to my dearest dear  
not a word could from her heart  
when I came to her fathers hall,  
and for my Vain one aloud did call  
my father made this reply,  
My all Men she does you deny,  
when I ask'd him what he meant  
he told me married she had been,  
my daughter is married for a term of life  
pray young Man seek another wife  
curse your gold and riches, bright,  
I have lost my hearts delight. (make  
all false lovers that such vows doth  
it may break their vows for riches sake  
you sent I tell into this town,  
do declare I have had none but one,  
he faults my fathers it is none of mine,  
do not blame young women kind,  
I declare I must leave this town  
I have a fortune on me frown,  
I'll staid all womens company  
stay O stay young man said she,  
there is far handsomer girls than me  
there is far handsomer girls than I  
go no more where the bullets fly,  
when as he walk'd up London streets,  
he knock'd a letter before his feet.  
The bottom these lines was wrote  
I have seldom SEEN and soon forgot.  
Hayes, Printer, Scitl.



Farewel to Old  
**ENGLAND.**

Farewel to Old England since we must leave the  
shore,  
And perhaps never see our dear island no more,  
Leaving father and mother and sister to moan,  
And all for the sake of our dear darling twain,  
Here is something to relate which grieves my heart  
fore,  
That's to go and leave my charmer whom I adore.

In fair London city I took great delight,  
Both in pleasure and pastime by day and by night  
For the music in Hyde-Park so sweetly did play,  
Ten thousand strange faces we SEE every DAY  
But now it's all over we must play there no more  
We must go to hear the music where the cannons  
do roar.

Come, come my brave lads LET us never repine,  
With honor and glory our army WE'LL join,  
With our 36 pounders we'll face our proud FOE,  
We'll make them surrender wherever WE go,  
If it BE our lot to fall in THE FIELD  
My lads BE not daunted we NEVER will yield.

And if to Old England WE return back again,  
FREE from all sorrow vexation and pain  
Our fathers shall sing and our mothers REJOICE  
And it's all for the sake of their own dear long boys  
Our names shall be recorded amongst those who  
are great.  
And for ages to come shall read of our fate.

BISCUITS for the FUNERAL of  
**MRS. OLIVER,**

Died November 7th 1828. Aged 52.

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And humbly own to thee,  
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What dying worms we be.  
Our waisting lives grow shorter still,  
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And every beating pulse we tell,  
Leaves but the number less.  
The year rolls round and steals away,  
The breath that first it gave;  
Whate'er we do, where'er we be,  
We're travelling to the grave.

PREPARED BY  
T. ROBINSON, Surgeon, Settle.



Settle post-mark of 1845.

**MR. EDWD. HARRISON,**  
Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London; and Licentiate of  
the Honourable Company of Apothecaries,  
Respectfully begs leave to inform the Inhabitants of SETTLE and its Vicinity,  
that in consequence of the lamented death of the late Mr. ROGERS, he has com-  
menced practice as Surgeon, Apothecary and Accoucheur; and hopes by assidu-  
ity and attention to the duties of his Profession to merit a share of confidence  
and support. *Residence Mrs. Willmott's*  
JAN. 1. 1827.  
Arthur Foster, Kirby Lonsdale.

Mechanics' Hall  
SETTLE, March 1855  
Mr. R. Hargreaves  
To the Settle Water Works' Company.  
Water from Jan. 1st to 30th June 1855 in advance £ S. D.  
Do. from 30th June to 31st Dec. 1855 in advance  
Received 29th day of December 1855 7/6 15/7  
JOHN LISTER { Collector to the Company.  
The Taps of those Parties who do not discharge the Account, within  
twenty-one days, will be cut off.