

## Archæological Notes

### A HOARD OF ROMAN COINS FROM PRIDE EVANS' HOLE, CHEDDAR GORGE

An account of this cave will be found in *Mendip—Cheddar: Its Gorge and Caves*.<sup>1</sup> The account is, however, not correct in its reference to the hoard of coins. The cave lies in the north side of the Gorge, some 250 yards up the road from Gough's Caves, which are in the south side.

Pride Evans' Hole was visited by a party of explorers along with a number of other caves on January 23rd, 1926, in the course of an investigation of cave sites possibly worth excavating from an archæological aspect. Pride Evans' Hole was seen to have been cleared out to rock bottom, but, as in all caves so treated there are usually to be found small remnants of the former deposits adhering to the walls in cracks and crannies, so it was so in the case of this cave. Two small recesses were found a little above the floor level on the right hand side of the cave going in. One of these yielded only a little black earth. The other yielded the hoard of coins here recorded. It is probable that the hoard was once larger and that the rest of it had been removed when the cave was cleared out.

The hoard is remarkable in that all the coins represent only a period of ten years or less. This point is important as it has been suggested that this hoard represents the random collection of Pride Evans; it is extremely unlikely that an illiterate person, such as the occupant of this cave in modern times, in collecting Roman coins with a view to their ultimate disposal, would have managed to collect specimens covering a period of only ten years.

The coins have been submitted to Mr. Mattingly, of the British Museum, and his report is appended.

*Note.*—No mention is made of the obverse of these coins; they presumably show the head of the emperor named.

L = facing left.

R = facing right.

Rev. = reverse.

Obv. = obverse.

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<sup>1</sup> H. E. Balch, p. 92.

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NO.	COINS	DESCRIPTION
A.PE I	2	<i>Gallienus</i> , c. A.D. 267-268. 1. Rev. Pax Aug. L. Pax L. 2. Rev. Dianæ Cons. Aug. Stag L.
A.PE 2	4	<i>Claudius II</i> , A.D. 268-270. 1. Rev. Spes Publica. Spes L. (2). 2. Rev. Victoria Aug. Victory L. 3. Rev. Iovi Victori. Jupiter L. ?
A.PE 3	3	<i>Claudius II</i> , A.D. 268-270. 1. Rev. Aequitas Aug. Aequitas L. 2. Rev. Felicitas Aug. Felicitas L. 3. Rev. Pax Augusti. Pax L.
A.PE 4	2	<i>Claudius II</i> , after death, A.D. 270. 1. Rev. Consecratio Eagle. 2. Rev. Consecratio Altar.
A.PE 5	1	<i>Quintillus</i> (?) A.D. 270.
A.PE 6	2	<i>Victorinus</i> , in Gaul; c. A.D. 268-270. 1. Rev. Pietas Aug. Pietas L. 2. Rev. Pax Aug. Pax L.
A.PE 7	5	<i>Victorinus</i> , in Gaul, c. A.D. 268-270. (One doubtful.) 1. Rev. Invictus. Sol L. 2. Rev. Providentia Aug. Providentia L. 3. Rev. Virtus Aug. Virtus L. (3).
A.PE 8	1	<i>Victorinus</i> . Imitation? after c. A.D. 270.
A.PE 9	3	<i>Tetricus I</i> ? perhaps, and two imitations, after c. A.D. 275.
A.PE 10	8	<i>Tetricus I</i> , Emperor in Gaul, c. A.D. 270-273. 1. Rev. Pax Augusta. Pax L. (5). 2. Rev. Spes Aug.? Spes L. 3. Rev. Victoria Aug. Victory L. (2).
A.PE 11	5	<i>Tetricus I</i> , Emperor in Gaul, c. A.D. 270-273. 1. Rev. Comes Aug. Victory L. 2. Rev. Laetitia Aug. Laetitia L. (3). 3. Rev. Hilaritas Aug. Hilaritas L.

CATALOGUE NO. OF			
NO.	COINS		DESCRIPTION
A.PE	1	<i>Tetricus II.</i>	
12			Imitation? Unpublished. Rev. Venus Victrix. Venus R, holding sceptre and branch.
A.PE	9	<i>Tetricus II.</i>	in Gaul, c. A.D. 268-270.
13			1. Rev. Pax Aug. Pax L. 2. Rev. Spes Aug. Spes L. (3). 3. Rev. Spes Publica. Spes L. (3). 4. Rev. Princ(eps) Iuvent(utis). Princ L. (2).
A.PE	1	<i>Tetricus II.</i>	
14			Imitation, after c. A.D. 275.
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Total	<u>47</u>		

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## A ROMAN SITE AT TIMSBURY, SOMERSET

During 1937, various Roman remains were found at Timsbury, when the new Council Houses at Pendoggett were constructed.

Somerset Sheet XX N.W., Lat. 2° 28' 8", Longitude 51° 19' 38", gives the approximate site.

The finds were made at a depth of about 1 foot below the surface, and include a large quantity of pottery, grey, black, and reddish, but no Samian ware as far as could be ascertained. Most of the pottery is in the possession of the foreman, Mr. W. Rhymer, of Radstock, the Clerk of Works, Mr. J. Pearse, of Farrington Gurney, and Mr. Alfred Hayward, of Timsbury.

Two unidentifiable coins also came to light.

I am indebted to Mr. St. George Gray, who kindly gave me a list and description of the objects from this site, which are now in the Taunton Museum. They include a bronze pin, 99 mm. in length, the shaft of another bronze pin, and a small fragment of bronze; also a rough spherical lump of stone excentrically perforated, several fragments of pottery, and a piece of mortarium, all characteristic of late third and fourth centuries A.D.

In 1931, a late Roman fibula was found only a few hundred yards from this spot. (*See Proceedings of University of Bristol Spelæological Society*, Vol. 4, No. 3.)

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