A REMARKABLE GROAT OF HENRY VII.

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At the Montagu sale of May, 1896, I acquired the following groat of Henry VII., which is illustrated as fig. 15 on the plate of Miscellaneous Exhibits, p. 378. It is described in the sale catalogue as:

Lot 684; second coinage, with arched crown. Groat of London, differing from any published type, m. m. obv. scallop, rev. heraldic cinquefoil; the hair of the bust is brushed straight away from the face, the arches are not fleured, open ßs in legend and rosette after each word; rev. trefoils after words except POSVI, two after CIVITAS and LONDON, well preserved, unique (?) and unpublished [Pl. V.1.]

* * * From the Webb Collection (Lot 224).

The complete legend on the obverse is, mint mark scallop, REX RIC' * DI' * GRAT' * REX * INGL[IA * Z * ] FRATR' and on the reverse, POSVI DEVON * PAVIVORTE * MEVM * • • CIVITAS • • • • • • LONDON • • The open ßs are only on the obverse; those on the reverse being closed; again the Þs on the obverse are open, and both the ßs on the reverse are closed. In the crown there are two complete fleurs-de-lys with a cross fourchee between, differing altogether from the crowns, either of the first coinage or of the usual second coinage, where there is only one complete, and central, lys. The coin is well executed and ought to be called fine rather than well preserved: it weighs 45'6 grains troy.

1 This reference is to the Montagu Catalogue.
Although I have now possessed this coin for nearly eight years, I can offer no explanation of its peculiarities, for I know no more concerning it than when it came into my possession, and I should be glad if any reader could give me some information about it.
PATTERNS AND COINS OF HENRY VIII.