

FIND OF XVII AND EARLY XVIII CENTURY
COINS AT BURNLEY.

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IN digging a trench for some water-pipes to some houses in course of erection on a plot of land, recently separated for building purposes from Marles Farm, Burnley, on the 31st of August, 1905, the workmen unearthed a small hoard of twenty-four silver coins about 14 inches below the surface. With two or three exceptions they were in poor condition, being much worn by circulation. An inquest was held by the Borough Coroner on the 18th of September following, when the jury found that the coins were treasure trove, but left it to the rival claimants, the Lords of the Honor of Clitheroe and the Duchy of Lancaster, to decide between themselves who were entitled to them. The Coroner stated that for the people who found treasure trove there was a regular scale of payment, and that they were better paid by the Treasury than they would be by selling them elsewhere. The foreman of the jury instanced the case of a find of Saxon coins from which the British Museum Authorities selected about 60, for which they paid out of Government funds the sum of £15 to the finders, although a collector would have given about £1,500 for them.

The find consisted of the following coins :—

Charles II.	Crown :	1662, rose under bust.
	Halfcrowns :	1671 (one) and 1679 (two).
James II.	„	1685 and 1686.

William III.	Halfcrowns :	1696 (one) and 1697 (two).
	„	1696, B under bust.
	„	1696, Y under bust.
	„	1697, N under bust (two).
	Shillings :	1696 and 1697, and three illegible.
Anne.	„	1708, B under bust.
	„	1708, E* under bust.
	„	1711 (two).
George I.	„	1715. Rose and plumes on reverse.
	„	1723. S.S.C. on reverse.