172. glancing. Shining.

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- 183. break covert. Come out into the open.
- 189. vizor. That part of the helmet which covers the face.
- 210. abolish. Destroy. Generally used of institutions, customs, etc.
- 213. Wroth to be wroth. Angry with himself for being angry.
- 217. earths. Holes in the earth.
- 220. for pledge. Which may be had if security is given for their return.
 - 223. So that. Provided that.
- 235. at the vile occasion. Because the cause of this delay was so contemptible.
- 260. The Sparrow-hawk. A term of contempt. The sparrow-hawk is despised as a bird of prey; but it was the emblem of the knight whom Geraint was pursuing.
 - 261. an ancient churl. An old peasant.
 - 262. sloping beam. The slanting rays of the sun.
 - 273. sudden spleen. A burst of anger.
 - 274. pips. Diseases. A disease of fowls.
 - 275. Tits. The titmouse, or tomtit, a small bird.
 - 296. frayed. Worn by rubbing.
 - 319. wilding. Wild; a poetical form.
 - 325. beneath. Near the ground. aloft. Higher up on the wall.
 - 337. When it first returns to Britain in the spring.
- 346. Fortune and her wheel. The wheel, which Fortune is represented as turning, denotes instability. The substance of the song is that the singer is indifferent to Fortune and will be content whatever she may bring.
- 354. Even if fortune seems against us, yet we will smile, for we are still able to use our hands to work.
- 363. dim brocade. Faded silk, woven with gold and silver thread or with ornamental designs.
 - 364. vermeil-white. Reddish-white.
 - 368. rood. Cross.
 - 386. costrel. A wooden or earthenware bottle.
 - 389. manchet. Fine white bread.
 - 396. trencher. A large wooden plate.