

The wedding breakfast next morning, at seven o'clock, to which we were asked, we tried to avoid by not awakening in time. But it was useless, as before that hour guns were fired off at our windows, so that there was no possible excuse for over-sleeping. When after hurriedly dressing, in answer to this loud summons, we got outside the front door, we found there a fishing girl apiece, waiting to conduct us to the "wedding house." The breakfast consisted of cakes, ale, and spirits of all kinds,—no bread, tea, or coffee. These were common and to be had every day. At eight o'clock, the bride and groom to be started, accompanied by two bridesmaids with their escorts, for Hinderwell, a mile off, where the parish church is, there being only a Baptist chapel in Runswick itself. On their way to Hinderwell they called at the Sheffield Arms, had drinks, and left money in order that any one who might come along during the morning should have a drink too, for luck. By the time of the church service the men must have been a little the worse of wear. Certainly by noon, when they reappeared in Runswick they had to be supported in their uncertain walk by the three girls. This is not surprising, as on the way home after calling at two public houses in Hinderwell and again at the "Sheffield," they had to run the gauntlet of the village itself. From every house in Runswick as they came down the hill there issued a woman with a bowl of hot spiced spirits of some kind or other; gin, brandy, or rum. They call this "meeting them with the pots," and to have refused to drink would have been an insult. The poor, new husband when he got back once more to the "wedding house" had to have his collar cut in case of apoplexy, and be put to bed. However, at five o'clock in the races run on the sands, which form part of the ceremonies, Robinson, the best man, won the ribbons although he was in as bad condition as the bridegroom when he arrived at noon.

The last entertainment in connexion with the wedding took place the next evening, and might be described as a "smoker" with ladies present. It was given by the bride's