

Most of the money is of this description, but, numismatists state that there are several exceedingly rare coins among the number.

It is estimated that the coins were of about the same value as sovereigns are now. There are several theories as to the circumstances under which the coins were buried, but from the dates it is conjectured that they were hidden about the time of the battle of Barra, fought near Inverurie, between the forces of Edward of England and Robert the Bruce.

The spot selected would at that date be on the Aberdeen burgh boundary, near what was known as the Ghaists' Row, on account of the supposed nightly visitation by ghosts. A bishop's residence stood near the spot, and from the fact that there was no covering on the urn it is conjectured that it was buried hurriedly during a time of panic. Another theory is that the coin formed part of the money used to pay British soldiers, and that it was left in the flight which followed the engagement with Bruce at Barra.

**A CRUSHER.**

I sent a letter to my love  
And all my passion told,  
I called her "darling," "sweetheart," "dove"—  
For distance made me bold. \*

I vowed to her that sad and drear  
Would be my wretched life,  
Unless she turned a friendly ear  
And said she'd be my wife.

I begged that she would let me know  
Without delay my fate.  
That was a month or more ago—  
Still anxiously I wait.

How can my love so cruel be?  
How can she try me so?  
And her delay in answering me,  
Does it mean "yes" or "no?"

What's that? The bell? The postman's ring?  
"A letter, sir, for you."

Ten thousand hallelujahs sing:  
My darlings heart is true!

Hu no! What's this? "Your letter, sir",  
I see beneath the lamp

The very note I wrote to her,  
And mailed without a stamp!

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