

— The workmen employed in making alterations to Messrs. Fry's premises, in the Pithay, Bristol, have, in the course of their operations, come upon interesting relics of ancient Bristol. The buildings on which they are engaged cover the site of Aylward's gate, and during the excavations the men uncovered a portion of an ancient bridge over the river Frome. A large number of old coins has been dug up there, including many specimens of Roman and Flemish coinage.

— A discovery of treasure has just been made at Courbevoie, near Paris. A labourer, while digging the foundation of a wall in the Avenue de St. Denis, near the site of a former convent of Ursulines, found, at a depth of about a foot below the floor of a cellar, two small boxes, one containing 75 gold pieces of 48 livres, bearing the image of Louis XV., and the other 587 silver coins of six livres of the same, and the following reign, the whole forming a value of about 7,000*fr.*, to the half of which the finder is entitled.

— It was a stroke of policy on the part of our government to devise in the trade dollar a coin which should compete with the Mexican dollar and eventually drive it almost out of the Chinese market. After reaching that country it encounters an ignominious fate. The Chinese send it to India for the purchase of opium. They go into the Calcutta mint and come out as rupees, which are stamped with the native characters on the one side, and the value of the piece on the other. The trade of China with India in opium exceeds that of all other commodities, as is shown by the reports of the Chinese customs service. The amount returned for the last eight years, exclusive of the amount smuggled, which would probably double it, is 97,440,930 pounds. The amount of American silver which annually goes to India from China to pay for opium is immense.—*San Francisco Call*.

— The ancient Sanscrit manuscripts are well known to be written on palm-leaf, and according to a recent report to