

the crown of thorns. When these treasures arrived, he and his whole court went to meet them, barefooted, as far as Vincennes.

Henry the Lion—another King of France—brought a lot of relics to Brunswick, the most valuable of which was a thumb of St. Marcus, for which the city of Venice in vain offered 100,000 gold ducats. One almost ceases to sympathize with the people of that day. They were so stupid that the priests would have had to be angels not to take advantage of their stupidity.

The whole wardrobe of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and other saints, turned up. The holy lance was found with which Longinus wounded Jesus in the side, and the handkerchief with which St. Veronica wiped the perspiration from Jesus' face on his way to Golgotha, and into which he pressed his likeness in memory of the event. Of this handkerchief existed so many pieces that it must have been fifty yards long—a good-sized handkerchief.

The wine jugs used at the wedding of Cana were found also, and they contained a little wine yet, which never decreased. At first there were only six, but they were soon augmented, and they were shown at Cologne and Magdeburg. Of splinters of the cross there were enough to build a large man-of-war; nails, hundreds of pounds; and thorns grew on every hedge,—some of these had the habit of bleeding on Good Friday. The cup was discovered, also, out of which Jesus drank at the Last Supper; also some of the bread which was left over on the same occasion. They found, also, the dice with which the soldiers played for the coat of Christ. This coat was seamless, and it was shown simultaneously in five different places. As late as 1845 the whole civilized world was disgusted to see an exhibition of the only genuine coat at Treves, in Germany. All these coats were guaranteed by a Papal Bull to be genuine; and as one only could possibly be so, we find here a *wilful* deception on the part of the Pope.

Shirts of Mary were found large enough to serve as an overcoat for a stout man; also a precious ring was shown at Perusa, which was Mary's wedding ring. Her pretty small