

## BIG BASKETBALL SERIES IN STATES

High School Championship  
Tournament Starts To-  
morrow in Chicago.

Chicago, March 31.—(United Press)—A tournament for champions only, to decide the high school basketball championship of the United States, will open here tomorrow when the whistle blows in the first game of the seventh interscholastic basketball tournament. The meet is under the auspices of the University of Chicago.

Winning team from more than thirty States are here for the high school basketball classic. Play will continue until Saturday, April 5, when Alonzo A. Stag, athletic director of the University of Chicago, will present the national winners with a gold-plated basketball, the first trophy.

To avoid disappointment of teams that have traveled thousands of miles only to be eliminated in the first round of the tournament, a consolation tournament is to be held for the first time this year. It will allow each of the teams entered at least two chances to show their stuff.

Interest in many communities has been so great that citizens have raised the money by popular subscription or public benefits to pay railroad fare of the team members to the meet. New Mexico, Tennessee and New York teams were sent to the tourney this way in 1923. In several instances newspapers conducted campaigns to raise the money to send their city's team.

Limited to Champions.

The meet this year is limited for the first time to State champions and teams with exceptional records. Hundreds of letters have come to Chicago University athletic officials asking for invitations to the tourney.

In 1921 the tournament was won by Cedar Rapids High School, Cedar Rapids, Ia., which defeated Crosby High School, Waterbury, Conn., in the finals. In 1922 Lexington High School, Lexington, Ky., captured first honors. Forty teams competed in 1923, representing thirty-one States and including twenty-nine State champions. The first four place winners were Kansas City, Kan.; Rockford, Ill.; Charleston, S. C., and Muskegon, Mich.

State and interscholastic tournaments have been run off during the past two months and the teams arriving here today are coached to the last notch for the big event. Postured by the University of Chicago, the meet has given teams from every section of the country an opportunity to see the skill and ability of teams from other points.

Four Prizes Offered.

Four prizes will be offered, both in the main tourney and in the consolation event. In addition, members of the four highest teams will be given individual medals. The prizes all conform with the "intrinsic value" ruling in effect in the majority of State associations.

Champion teams from Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming were arriving on every train today. Many of the teams were accompanied by enthusiastic supporters and several schools brought along the school band. It is estimated that the big tourney will attract at least 500 playing athletes.

Some schools, rated as strong by experts who have studied the national basketball situation, are Windsor, Col.; Simpson High School, Birmingham, Ala.; Holyoke High School, Holyoke, Mass.; Manchester, N. H.; Woodrow Wilson High, Portsmouth, Va.; Uniontown, Pa.; Wilmington, Del.; Rawlins, Wyo.; Valley City, N. D.; Flint, Mich.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Central High School, Houston, Texas; Charlestown, S. C., and Atlanta, Ga.

**Shakespeare Many Times Trod There**  
London, March 31.—Partly reconstructed nearly 10 years ago, the famous stone bridge over the River at Stratford is again to be widened. This bridge, called Clopton Bridge, after its original builder, Sir Hugh Clopton, Lord Mayor of London, was completed in 1524.

It consists of 14 principal arches and was 16 feet wide. One or two of the arches were destroyed during the Civil War, but the bridge was made good in 1652. The bridge has been described as the "finest piece of its kind." It must have been trodden many times by Shakespeare.

**TWO KILLED ON WAY TO CHURCH**  
West Lorne, Ont., March 30.—Michael Brody, aged 65, and his son, 12, were instantly killed today at Fishers Crossing, when the buggy in which they were riding was struck by a Michigan Central express train. Their horse was killed. Father and son were on their way to church.

**LUMBAGO RELIEVED**  
Rid yourself of those twinges. Apply Sloan's gently without rubbing. It sends straight to the pain-evident tissues the fresh new blood that they need to heal them. Relief is quick and lasting. Get a bottle from your druggist today and have it on hand—35 cents.

**Sloan's Liniment—kills pain!**

## Honored on Ninetieth Birthday



A distinguished group gathered at Harvard University on the occasion of the 90th birthday of President Emeritus Charles W. Eliot. Left to right: Governor Channing H. Cox of Massachusetts; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court William H. Taft; Edward T. Sanford, president Harvard alumni; Charles W. Eliot; Charles T. Grove, president Associated Harvard Clubs; President Abbott L. Lowell of Harvard; President Jam R. Angell of Yale; and Baron James Briggs, dean of the faculty of Arts and Sciences.

## 1-2-3! Sweep!

"The Dance of the Broom" Displaces the Drudgery of Housework With Jaz and Brings Beauty to Wives

By HAROLD MATSON.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—A word to the wives: Bring on the dance and drive drudgery forever out of your lives.

Dance when you sweep, dance when you cook, and you will be healthy, happy and wise.

Thus you make your housework an aesthetic pleasure, as converted by Miss Jean Wold, teacher of classic dancing in Vassar College.

"Housework is drudgery because it lacks rhythm," declares Miss Wold. "The housewife can make her work a remedial exercise, a pleasure, and preserve her health and her beauty," Miss Wold asserts.

She says the spirit of the dance easily fits into the household.

"Housewives are worn out by their work," according to Miss Wold, "because their physical exertion is never done in completed movements. Muscles remain stiff, blood is not properly circulated and body tissues break down through lack of exercise of all of one's body."

Miss Wold declares that if women did their work to time of music they would bring all their body into play, with no effort of time lost, but healthy exercise gained.

She says dancing movements can be used in bed-making, in sweeping, in scrubbing, in washing and in most everything a housewife has to do. First, however, she should know how to walk.

"Few people know how to walk," Miss Wold says. "They come down heavily on their heels and fall to swing their body with the stride. The body should come down lightly on the heel, move forward on the ball of the foot and come up on the toes. It is less tiring and certainly more graceful."

Even in hanging curtains, Miss Wold demonstrates how the work can be done in dance time—perhaps, a spring dance leading up to the actual heights of the curtain rod.

But for applied household dancing here is one of Miss Wold's lessons. Tune in the radio for a waltz, or wind up the phonograph and try this, with a broom as your partner:

Hold the broom with your left hand above the right on the handle. Then see that your feet are about 18 inches apart, left foot forward. Now start: Count 1 and swing the broom in a long easy stroke, swaying shoulders in time, your head erect. Count 2 and step right across left. Count 3 and step left foot forward.

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Concerning the types of suits which are favored for Easter and spring wear columns could be written. There are as many varieties of silhouettes and fabrics as there are hickories. Boyish suits with either double-breasted or single-breasted jackets, are the most popular types for the woman whose figure is slender.

These come in plain colors, such as dark blue, brown, fawn, black and henna, and in pin-stripes, plaids and checks. Plain dark blues are perhaps a trifle smarter than other shades and mixtures, as they lend themselves better to the accessories which belong to this year's tailleur.

In every case the suit must be soft of line and texture if it is to be smart. While its lines are manish, its texture and lines should be soft enough to take away the too masculine effect. The suit of this season reflects the "dandy" rather than the tomboy, and it is the accessories which make or mar its smartness.

A dark blue double-breasted suit, worn with a white tuckered shirt-waist, an Eton collar and a red or black bow-tie, is youthful enough for the little miss in her teens. The same suit worn with a more fastidious neck-trimming, a small fur-piece and a little white gardenia boutonniere becomes a smart tailleur for the young matron.

**For Plump Figures.**  
Plump figures will find that pin-striped materials are more slenderizing than plain ones. Single-breasted jackets are likewise more suitable for rounded figures. Those with the one-button tuxedo closing and cut-away effect are particularly becoming to the more mature figure.

Besides the regular staple colors one sees suits of artichoke green, dull rose, orangish henna, brick red, zinc, etc. These are sometimes piped with black

or metal braid and have a more dressy effect than those of mannish colorings. There are many black satin suits which, though cut on mannish lines, assume a semi-dressy appearance. Buttons are being used in abundance on the more dressy type of suits. Buttons of silver, crystal, jet, cut-stone, carved ivory or colored bone are all being stressed.

Soil skirts are slender in effect and are short enough to make walking comfortable. Plain pumps or buckle-trimmed shoes are more desirable for the tailleur, mode than strapped and cut-out affairs. Shoes that come well up on the instep, with elastic side gores, are also popular with the tailleur.

Accessories for the Suit.  
The suit demands some sort of a necktie. Sometimes it is the cape-back of the jacket which gives the desired finished effect to the suit; again it is a scarf of vivid colors, a self-toned scarf lined in color, or a small animal fur-piece. Scarves are just a bit smarter this season than fur pieces. Large skins, such as fox, are seldom seen, as anything that tends to detract from the trimness of the suit is taboo.

Both short two-button gloves and long gloves are in vogue. White gloves are being used in abundance. Buttons are being used in abundance on the more dressy type of suits. Buttons of silver, crystal, jet, cut-stone, carved ivory or colored bone are all being stressed.

Among the novelty accessories for the suit are monacles on black moire cords, the monacle being tucked in the flared vest-pocket when not in use. Scarfs in gay colors wrap once about the throat and have their ends tucked



Miss Jean Wold in an aesthetic pose with sketches demonstrating the "Dance of the Broom."

Miss Wold claims that this "Dance of the Broom" will make any housewife sorry that she hasn't more floors to sweep.

under the jacket. Sometimes they were with a rhinestone bar-pin holding them together in front.

Plaid top-coats are worn with the early spring suits. Also little fur-top coats of jacket length.

Canes that hang by straps from the elbow are among the smart accessories. They come in lacquer red, dull greens, black and natural wood colorings.

Ribbon-trimmed hats are smarter than flower or feather-trimmed affairs for the street suit.

Bright-colored batick handkerchiefs are used in breast pockets.

**CARPENTERS WILL GET EIGHTY CENTS**  
Hamilton, Ont., March 30.—Hamilton carpenters have signed with their employers for another year at 80 cents an hour, the same scale as last year.

**By No Means Allow Your Bowels To Get Constipated**

If you allow your bowels to become constipated you will have bilious attacks, sick headache, coated tongue, foul breath, hollow complexion, specks floating before the eyes, whites of the eyes dull and yellow, heartburn, water brash, etc.

Keep your bowels regular by using Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills, by doing so you will be able to keep well and have no more trouble with your liver.

Mrs. I. Rubin, Halbrite, Sask., writes, "I was very badly troubled with constipation, often had bad headaches, my tongue was coated, and I felt anything but well."

After taking Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills I have felt much better as they certainly did me a lot of good."

Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills are 25c. a box at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co. Limited, Toronto, Ont.

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## GIRL BANDIT HYSTERIA

Women Police Called Upon to Check Activities of Flapper Yegg as All New York Trembles

By HORTENSE SAUNDERS.

New York—All of Gotham is suffering with a bobbed-hair bandit hysteria. Just let a young woman with shorn locks and her husband, brother or sweetheart stop to look in a store window and the merchant within prepares to greet the Bobbed-Hair Bandit.

Now Mrs. Albert E. Guimares, wife of the young fellow who was brought to public attention through the Dol King murder case, is in the shadow of the law because of this hysteria.

She went into an uptown tailor shop to ask the cost of having her costly fur coat re-lined. A dapper young fellow got out of a big car and entered the shop.

Visions of the Bobbed-Haired Bandit immediately came to Charlie Bernstein, the tailor. He telephoned for the police. The young man, hearing, dashed from the store. Mrs. Guimares remained.

The patrol came and took her to the station house and thousands of women gathered to look at her.

She complacently puffed at a cigarette and told the police she didn't know the young fellow who escaped and that she had not been with him. And the police called in the score of victims of the Bobbed-Hair Bandit to look at their catch.

Most of them said she wasn't the girl. And some of them said maybe she was and maybe she wasn't, that they had been so excited when they were held up that they couldn't tell.

And in the meantime the police are proceeding on the theory that it takes a woman to catch a woman at crooked work. Hundreds of patrolmen and detectives have tried for weeks to catch the young lady who robbed a dozen of New York's big stores in Brooklyn and then jumped to Manhattan to spread the girl bandit hysteria in that borough.

Policewomen have been recruited to catch her.

**Neighbors Raise Kick About Girl Who Warbles Constantly**

Dorchester, Mass., March 28.—A Dorchester landlord is having a petition signed by tenants and neighbors, protesting against the vocal efforts of a young girl who is taking up music.

He visited Herbert L. Ellis, rent adjuster for the City of Boston, and made his preliminary complaint.

According to his story, the girl sings night and day. Her trills and vocal rhapsodies sound out through open

windows at midnight, as well as at daybreak. Protests are pouring in upon him from throughout the neighborhood.

And the landlord finds he can take no action against this particular tenant because her parents have a long term lease. "Help me break the lease or put a stop to her singing," was his appeal to the rent board.

In the meantime, the neighborhood petition is in circulation, to be presented to Mr. Ellis later in the week.

**WAS PROMINENT DAUGHTER OF N. B.**

Dr. Anna Louise Brown, Native of Northumberland Co., is Dead

Toronto, March 30.—Doctor Anna Louise Brown, director of the division of education and research of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association, New York City, died here yesterday. While on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. Loggie, 214 Arlington avenue, during the Christmas holidays, Dr. Brown became ill, due to nervous collapse and gradually declined until the end came this morning.

She was born in Northumberland county, N. B., where she was educated and lived during her early life. She studied medicine at Queen's University, Kingston, and Northwestern University, Chicago, from which she was graduated in 1902. For over 20 years she had been actively associated in Y. M. C. A. work in the United States, first in Boston and later in New York.

where she held important positions on the national board staff of the Young Women's Christian Association.

She is survived by two brothers, John C. of Vancouver, B. C., and W. A. Loggie, a sister, Mrs. W. A. Loggie.

The funeral will take place in Montreal on Monday afternoon to Mount Royal cemetery.

**\$100,000 THEFT IN HAVERHILL, MASS.**  
Haverhill, Mass., March 30.—Stocks and bonds, including 14,749 shares in various companies and corporations with an estimated value of \$100,000, were recently stolen from the office of Dr. William H. Briggs, 334 Main street. State police are now conducting a country-wide search to recover the securities.

The theft was kept secret in the hope that the thieves might be traced more easily.

**ITALIAN ELECTIONS TO BE HELD SOON**  
Rome, March 30.—The election campaign is entering upon its final week. Balloting will begin on April 6, and the leaders of Fascist are making the best of the short time at their disposal. Four of them spoke in various cities today.

Up to the present there has been no announcement of any opposition candidates. There have been speeches by those opposed to the Government, but no official candidates have appeared.

**KU KLUX KLAN RIOT IN DENVER**  
Denver, Colo., March 30.—Police riot squads were called out early this morning to quell a riot at Ninth and Downing streets, in the Capital Hill district. Approximately 200 men and boys were engaged in the fighting during which several shots were fired. It was reported to the police that men distributing handbills favorable to the Ku Klux Klan were attacked by citizens who are opposed to the organization.

**WANTS GOVERNOR TO STAY LONGER**  
Port Louis, Mauritius, March 30.—The Legislature of Mauritius unanimously adopted a resolution praying the King further to extend Sir Hasketh Bell's term as Governor of Mauritius. The civil service is similarly petitioning the King and all classes are joining in the movement. Sir Hasketh has occupied the position since 1915.

**HEBRIDEANS ARE OFF FOR ST. JOHN**  
St. John, N. B., March 30.—Some remarkable scenes attended the arrival and departure of the steamer Marlow, yesterday, at South Uist, to pick up 400 crofters from Barra and South Uist, who are emigrating to Canada. Pipers played appropriate Highland airs as the island emigrants, accompanied by hundreds of natives left aboard at Loch Boidaile pier.

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## SELF POISONING

TODAY'S DANGER

Hurried and improper eating, nervous worry and lack of abdominal exercise clogs up your system and overloads your liver. The result is self-poisoning. No longer can your liver do its work properly and the result is you wake up dull and tired, coated tongue, bad taste and offensive breath. Often you suffer from loss of appetite, bad digestion, gas on a sour, weak stomach, improper movement of the bowels and a run-down condition of your whole system.

Cleanse and tone your liver! Put your system in condition! Feel your very best again! Try just a spoonful of Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup after the next few meals and notice the quick improvement in the way you eat, sleep and feel—the return of your vigor and energy. You will be completely satisfied; otherwise there will be no cost.

Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup is sold and recommended by J. Benson, Mahoney, Cox, Union and Dock; Watson, Company, Ltd., 9 Sydney; A. Chipman Smith & Company, Charlottetown; J. J. Macdonald, Ltd., 542 Main, cor. Portland; D. J. Mowatt, Haymarket square; George A. Cameron, 141 Charlotte, cor. Princess, in St. John; E. R. W. Graham, in West St. John; O. D. Hanson, in Fairville; Compton, the Druggist, in Hampton, and by leading druggists in every city and town.

**COMMUNITY LOYALTY.**  
Have you ever stopped to consider, asks the Chatham Commercial, the fact that loyalty to community interests is the highest form of patriotism? Show us the man who is loyal and true to every interest of his own community and we will show you in that same individual a man in whom his country can repose absolute confidence in any emergency that calls for his allegiance.

On the other hand the man who is careless and unconcerned for the interests of his community is most apt to display the same spirit of indifference toward his government or his country should any serious danger threaten.

Try to imagine our own province of New Brunswick composed of communities welded and cemented into a symmetrical whole, each one striving to excel the others, but each from its own locality developing a broader and deeper loyalty—a loyalty that reaches out to the full—the highest possible form of patriotism.

This would be brought about if we could be brought to see that we owe allegiance to our own people, but that the prosperity and success of others is in no wise a detriment to us, but rather a help, that if each community would develop itself to the utmost—materially, morally and mentally—there would be nought to detract from another's interest.

Let us develop community loyalty to the full—the highest possible form of patriotism.

**FRANCE INCREASES FOREIGN POSTAGE**  
Paris, March 30.—Notice has been given of a 50 per cent. increase in postage on letters from France to foreign countries, effective April 1.

**Intercontinental Transport Services Limited**  
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From West St. John, N. B. TO LONDON  
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S.S. Brant County .....Apr. 12  
TO HAMBURG  
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## Snakes A-Plenty!



Snakes, crocodiles, lizards! You never saw such a venomous looking collection. Leon L. Walters, expert in reptiles, at the Field Museum in Chicago, makes them life-like through a process all his own. First he makes a plaster cast of his subject. Then he paints the interior of the cast with many coats of celluloid, colored to the animals' tint. He breaks off the cast, leaving the celluloid shell. Every line, every curve is preserved in a brilliant life-like luster.

**British Football Results**

London, March 31.—Results of league soccer games played today were:

**ENGLISH LEAGUE.**

**First Division.**  
Cardiff, 0; Everton, 0.  
Liverpool, 1; Tottenham H., 0.  
Middlesbrough, 1; Sunderland, 2.  
Nottingham, 0; Blackburn, 0.  
Preston, 0; Bolton, 2.  
Westham, 1; West Bromwich, 0.

**Second Division.**  
Barnsley, 0; Hull City, 0.  
Bradford City, 0; Charlton, 2.  
Bury, 1; Crystal Palace, 1.  
Clapton, 0; Rochdale, 0.  
Leeds, 1; 0; Blackpool, 0.  
Leicester City, 2; Fulham, 1.  
Manchester City, 1; Stoke, 0.  
Oldham A., 1; Coventry City, 1.  
Port Vale, 1; Darby County, 0.  
South Shields, 1; The Wednesday, 1.  
Stockport, 0; Bristol City, 0.

**Third Division.**  
**Southern Section.**  
Aberdeen, 1; Queen's Park Rangers, 1.  
Brentford, 4; Watford, 1.  
Brighton and Hove, 3; Norwich C., 0.  
Bristol Rovers, 0; Swindon Town, 1.  
Exeter City, 2; Northampton, 1.  
Grimsby Town, 0; Charlton A., 1.  
Hull, 1; Plymouth, 0.  
Hartlepool U., 1; Doncaster R., 1.  
Newington, 1; Darlington, 1.  
Walsall, 1; Lincoln City, 0.  
Wiganborough, 0; Bradford, 1.  
Ayr United, 1; Thurston, 0.  
Volverhampton W., 3; Barrow, 0.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE.**  
**First Division.**  
Rangers, 0; Bath Rovers, 1.  
Partick T., 1; Aberdeen, 0.  
Queen's Park, 1; Clydebank, 1.  
Airdrieonians, 2; Celtic, 0.  
Ayr United, 1; Thurston, 0.  
Clyde, 2; Falkirk, 1.  
Dundee, 1; St. Mirren, 1.

**League Games.**  
Bradford, 0; Hull Kingston, 7.  
Bramley, 8; St. Helen, 18.  
Devonport, 0; Charlton A., 1.  
Hull, 1; Widnes, 2.  
Keighley, 1; Bradford, 0.  
Leeds, 3; St. Helen, 18.  
Rochdale, 10; Swinton, 0.

**Warrington, 10; Wigan Highfield, 12.**  
London, March 30.—Games played in the Rugby Union here Saturday resulted as follows:

Blackheath, 10; Newport, 0.  
London Scottish, 7; Harlequins, 28.  
London Welsh, 11; Moseley, 2.  
Old Leysians, 18; Old Blues, 15.  
Rugby School, 15; Old Merchant Taylors, 0.

Swansea, 6; Guy's Hospital, 12.  
Chatham Services, 1; London Irish, 0.  
Plymouth, 17; St. Bart's, 2.  
Bath, 20; Portsmouth Services, 0.  
Aberthaw, 11; Birmingham, 1.  
Northampton, 19; Crosskeys, 0.  
Leicester, 2; Mountbush, 0.  
Penzance, 6; Old Edwardsians, 0.  
Resolven, 6; Neath, 10.

Swansea, 6; Old Edwardsians, 0.  
Cambridge, 5; Devonport Services, 0.  
Twickenbury, and many of whom lie within noble tombs in the church are counted among them. Indeed, it has been said that, with the exception of Westminster, there is no minister in England containing more beautiful tombs than Tewkesbury, though the unmarked dust of many who made history of their times the fact of those who take part in the commemoration may pass unwittingly, but the traced and tabernacled monuments and chantries, some of them unrivaled, cannot fail of notice. The sepulchre of Sir Hugh Despenser, who was Earl of Worcester, is only less magnificent than that at Warwick to her second husband, the Beauchamp who was Earl of Warwick; the richly tabernacled chantry of Tewkesbury, Flambard's chapel of John Wakenham, the last of the Abbots of Tewkesbury and the first of the Bishops of Gloucester, are as beautiful as the graves skeleton beneath them is gruesome; and the fine screen work of Fitzhamon's chantry and the tracery of Abbot Cheltenham's are so good as to be remarkable.

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**HISTORIC ABBEY**  
On October 23, the eight hundred anniversary of the consecration of Tewkesbury Abbey Church was celebrated with no more ecclesiastical and more magnificent ceremonies. In 1123 the Bishops of Worcester and Landaff, Hereford and Dublin took part in the consecration of this church.

If it were necessary, writes A. J. H. M. Bruce, recorder of Tewkesbury in the London Times, it would be easy to conjure up to today the scene of the twelfth century, for the Abbey Church that was then consecrated is in essence the same church today. True, some of the old Norman work had been replaced or added to by the piety of successive generations of the English, decorated and perpendicular styles, but the cruciform Norman church which was built with great magnificence by Robert Fitzhamon, the nephew of William the Conqueror, consecrated in 1123, stands in all essentials before our eyes today as it stood then, preserved as intact as our great cathedrals, and itself larger than at least a dozen of them.

Tewkesbury Abbey rose in an age of great church builders. Probably the architect of the Norman ministers of Gloucester and Hereford, then building, also designed Tewkesbury. Flambard's chapel of John Wakenham, the last of the Abbots of Tewkesbury and the first of the Bishops of Gloucester, are as beautiful as the graves skeleton beneath them is gruesome; and the fine screen work of Fitzhamon's chantry and the tracery of Abbot Cheltenham's are so good as to be remarkable.

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