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and that a broken rib has been pressing on his lungs ever since."

"Well, he has made a pretty picture of the holy Christopher," said the man, leaning against the churchyard wall just outside the village tavern.

It was a favourite place for the men to stand about in those days, not as it is now, only then, you must e member, they had no tobacco to make that was not brought into England till nearly two hundred afterwards -- so they stood around, or sat on the rough benches which were put up outside the tavern or against th wall just under a row of large, shady sycamore trees, and talked of all the village news; and when the lord of Godolgan Manor, or of Rynsk, or Pengersek came back from London, it was here that one of the retainers came to rehearse all the news and discuss all the politics of the time. They were talking to-night of the resignation of King Richard, and how Henry of Bolingbroke was to be king in his

The weakness and extravagance of Richard had gone far towards alienating the affections of his subjects; and since the good Queen Anne of Rohemia had died, everything had seemed to go wrong. Even in this remote corner of England a sort of disaffection had spread among the people, and no one seemed much to regret that the king had handed over the crown to his cousin of Lancaster. Nevertheless, they had plenty say about it, and many crude opinions to express. Then someone gave a turn to the conver-ation by a-king:

"When does the Lord Bishop come to dedicate the altar of our church?" "Nay. I think Sir John Ude knows not yet." replied one. "It will be truly handsome when it is done."

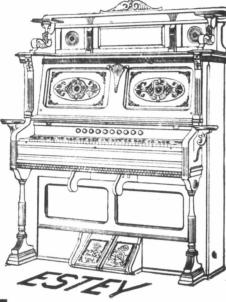
"The good vicar is clever with his ingers as well as in his learning," said another.

"Ay: he carved all the bosses in the chantry, and now he is paintingthe panels of the rood screen," answered the one who had spoken first. He thought of putting all the Cornish saints together there, and he has done St. Breaca, St. Germoe, and Corentine and Winwallo. He is now painting the holy Bishop Levan and then there will be Paul de Leon and Sydency, and I mind me not of the Others,"

"We shall see," said another. "The good vicar will tell us all, and their histories. But when will the Christ be put up on the rood? Is the carving not yet done?"

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