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Lottery Hall, Southampton			

LOTTERY HALL, SOUTHAMPTON.

This house, situate in Orchard-place, at the corner of Briton-street, and opposite the Queen's Park, has a somewhat romantic history. About the year 1810, when the state lottery system was in full operation there lived at the corner of Brosd-lane, in the High-street, a basket-maker named Stephens, and one of his two daughters, it was rumoured, dreamed that she had drawn a certain number in the lottery, and that it turned up a prize of £20,000. John Osbaldiston, a baker's son, and a sporting character, got her to tell him the number, and with his own savings, and by borrowing, he managed to scrape together the amount required to purchase a ticket, £23 18s. He applied for the particular number at Mrs. Street's, at the corner of French-street, but was able to obtain only a few of the sixteenths into which the particular number was divided, and the chief office in London was written to, and the whole ticket was eventually secured. John was one evening playing cards at the Red Lion, and stayed there till the small hours of the morning, and the party were about to break up when they were alarmed by a loud knocking at the street door. The landlord went out and was asked by a stranger if Mr. Osbaldiston was there, and being answered in the affirmative he ran into the parlour, and his man being pointed out to him he said "I've been to your house; they told me you were here, and now I have to tell you that your lottery ticket has drawn a prize of twenty thousand pounds." The news was at first received somewhat incredulously, but proofs being forthcoming much enthusiasm was evinced. Stephens's daughter was sent for, and she and Osbaldiston were the heroine and hero of the hour; indeed, it was said they were married that very morning at Holy Rood church. When Osbaldiston came into possession of his fortune he bought a small house in Orchard-place, and upon this site he built for his own occupation the house ever since known as Lottery Hall. Osbaldiston afterwards occupied Botleigh Grange Farm, and worked a mill there, but in later years he became involved in financial difficulties, and died about 1840. Earl Craven, who married Miss Brunton, the actress, and who was the great nephew of the distinguished Lord Craven, the friend of Elizabeth, the unfortunate Queen of Bohemia, once lived at the Hall. His mother was daughter of the 4th Earl of Berkeley. She married the 2nd Earl of Craven, and on his decease became the second wife of the Margrave of Anspach. She lived at Anspach House, West Quay.

NOTES ABOUT YARMOUTH.—XVIII.

Notwithstanding the abundant supply of beer and spirituous liquor and the heavy duties levied on tea and sugar in times gone by, I observe with surprise several lead pumps dated 1809, erected by Mr. W. Barton, in commemoration of the Jubilee of George III. At this period a large fleet of vessels sailed out of and in the harbour to and from Cherbourg, engaged in the smuggling trade. No loitering and mischievous boys dared to venture on board any of these vessels for fear of the rope's end or a good ducking over the quay. An old salt remembering this once said when he was a boy "Men was men and boys was boys, but now the