

19th century may well go down to posterity as a race of journalists.

XII. THE FAMILY ARMS.

I have been unable to find that the Scripps family ever aspired to armorial bearings. Still, no doubt a coat of arms could be constructed that might, without impropriety, be assumed.

The Crispe and Cripps families have, in all cases that have come to my knowledge, borne the same general armorial devices, viz., a field of gold or silver, bearing a chevron of black or green, charged with five horse shoes of silver or gold—reversing the metal of the field.* In like manner the arms of the different branches of the Pearson family are, I believe, blazoned with a sun in splendor, in gold.

* To illustrate the universality of the horse shoe in the Crisp and Cripps arms, and the great antiquity of the device, I quote nine cases from the records of the Heralds' College:

In the records of the visitation of Kent, in 1574, is found the pedigree of William Crispe, Lieutenant of Dover Castle, son of John Cryspe. His recorded arms are: Or, on a chevron sable five horse shoes argent.

From the visitation of Kent, in 1619, we have a pedigree of ten generations springing from William Cripps, who, I estimate, must have lived at least in the latter half of the 14th century. His descendants are all written as Crispes. Arms: Argent, on a chevron sable five horse shoes or.

In the visitation of Sussex, in 1634, the arms of the Crispes of Ore, in that county, are given as Argent, on a chevron sable five horse shoes or.

In the visitation of London of the same year, two families of Crispes of that city are shown who bear the arms last mentioned.

In the visitation of Sussex, in 1662, a pedigree of four generations of John Crippses is shown at Homestall, in the county mentioned, the arms of whom were: Argent, on a chevron vert, five horse shoes or.

The Crispes of Maidstone appear by the visitation of Kent, in 1663, to have borne arms: Or, on a chevron sable five horse shoes argent.

The same arms are attributed to the Crisps of London by the visitation of that city in 1687.

In 1774, a grant of arms was made to William Crisp, of Hexton, county of Heriford, viz: Or, on a chevron vert between three lions rampant gules, as many horse shoes argent,