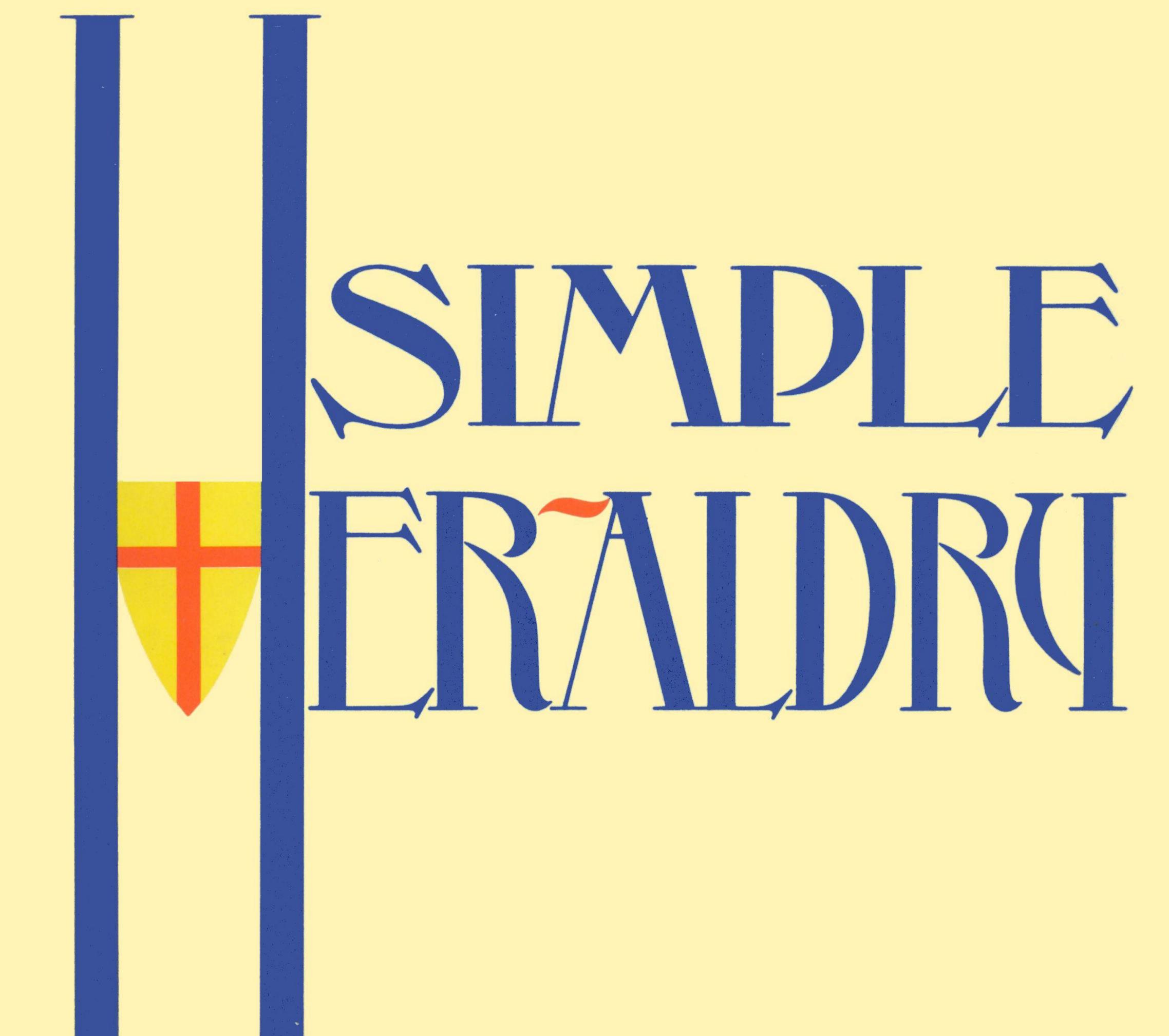
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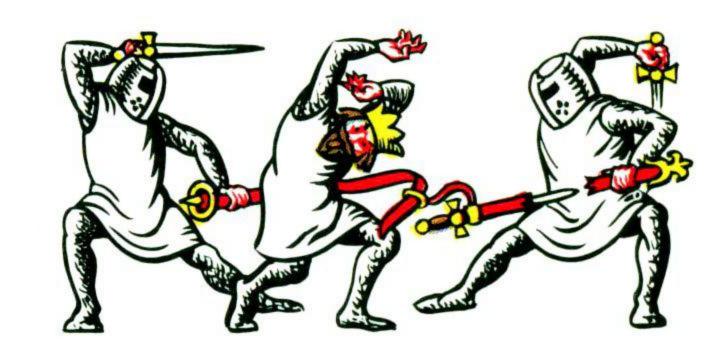
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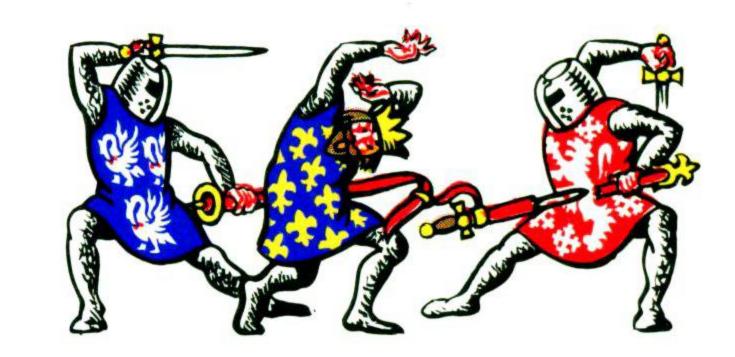
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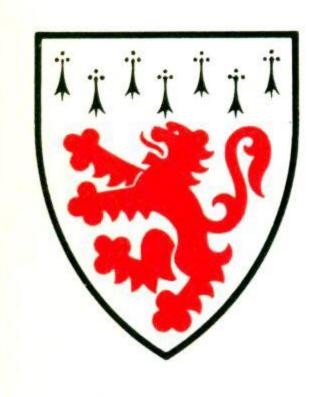
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#### PREFACE





Heraldry, the floral border in the garden of history, is of its very nature colourful and gay. But it is not just a border of the tallest tulips with a background of ancient laurels: a picturesque record of the achievements and courage of past leaders of the people. It is also part of the flowered pageantry that brightens the living present for the ordinary man. He may not own his

own "trademark" or coat of arms—though there is often no reason why he should not, as he will find later in this book—but he certainly belongs to a nation, and probably also to some club, Service unit or other organisation, which does bear arms. For heraldry symbolises communities as well as individual men.

There has been a tremendous revival of interest in heraldry during the last two decades. Lyon Clerk tells us that more new coats of arms have been registered in Scotland since 1930 than in the previous three hundred years—while in England an ever-widening group belongs to the new Heraldry Society founded by Mr J. P. Brooke-Little. Our simple guide is therefore intended to be instructive as well as cheerful.

It is difficult to be brief about so wide a subject without generalising. But our guide would lack simplicity if we invariably tried to safeguard ourselves from captious pedants by qualifying general statements almost to the point of ambiguity. Scholarship requires that we should now add the usual warning that there may be exceptions to any general rule. Thus there are no heraldic rules about shades of colour—any blue is *azure* to a herald. The exception to this rule is the rare sky-blue or *bleu celeste* of some Continental armorists.

For the sake of brevity, we have often given the owner's surname alone or simplest style, when depicting a coat of arms belonging to the head of an historic family. Similarly, since there are no strict conventions about the artistic treatment of heraldic devices, we have tried in practice to use the simplest forms of outline. We have also tended to omit details such as crests and mantlings irrelevant to the particular points illustrated, and a number of conventionalised anachronisms in costume have been found convenient. Thus we depict knights at Flodden in chain-mail instead of plate armour. But our illustrations are not all as fanciful

as some may perhaps seem. For example, an armorial elephant rug (see p. 25) was actually to be seen at the Heraldic Exhibition which we organised in Edinburgh for the 1951 Festival.

Of course it has not been possible to cram everything into this short book. For instance, we had no space to say that an orle is the hem of a coat of arms—that a bezant is a gold roundel—that a fountain is a roundel of blue and white waves (see p. 24)—or that in England the Sovereign is the only woman to have a crest, though a few great Scots heiresses are allowed them. Nor could we mention the Scots practice of "nomination", whereby arms may be specially settled on any line chosen from "the Blood and Name", subject to Lyon's approval. Also, there was little room in Part Five to interpret the Norman-French (with a touch of Saracen) that was used in blazon by Western chivalry—and still less for the many technical refinements of modern heraldry, to which Sir Christopher and Adrian Lynch-Robinson's Intelligible Heraldry serves as an introduction.

There are many books in which our readers can widen their knowledge. They should certainly start with the late Oswald Barron's masterpiece on Heraldry in the Encyclopædia Britannica, 11th ed. Other books include Sir Anthony Wagner's Heraldry in England and his later invaluable works; J.P. Brooke-Little's revised editions of Boutell's Heraldry and Fox-Davies's Complete Guide to Heraldry; Sir Thomas Innes of Learney's Scots Heraldry; Sir Francis Grant's Manual of Heraldry, and for reference, besides Debrett and Burke, the standard reprints of Papworth's Ordinary of British Armorials, Burke's General Armory (supplemented by C.R. Humphery-Smith's General Armory Two), Fairbairn's Book of Crests and Elvin's A Dictionary of Heraldry.

However, there are now so many able writers on heraldry that those who are interested would be wise to join the *Heraldry Society*, 28 Museum Street, London WC1A 1LH, take its quarterly magazine 'The Coat of Arms', and consult its officials. The *Heraldry Society of Scotland* (c/o Charles J. Burnett, 1 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JD) also publishes a newsletter, 'The Double Tressure'. From these bodies can be obtained the current address of such fellow institutions as the *Canadian Heraldry Society*, *Heraldry Society of New Zealand, American College of Heraldry, Scandinavian Heraldry Society* and the *Commonwealth Heraldry Board*.

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A Knight of another Order of Chivalry, to whom we are also indebted for a point of illustrative detail, is America's unofficial ambassador of goodwill: Commander Douglas Fairbanks, Jnr., whose arms appropriately symbolise the

two hemispheres united across the blue Atlantic by the silken knot of friendship. Indeed, the modern upsurge of enthusiasm for our colourful science owes much to the interest shown in heraldry by Americans, many of whom have recently recorded arms of their own in the United Kingdom.



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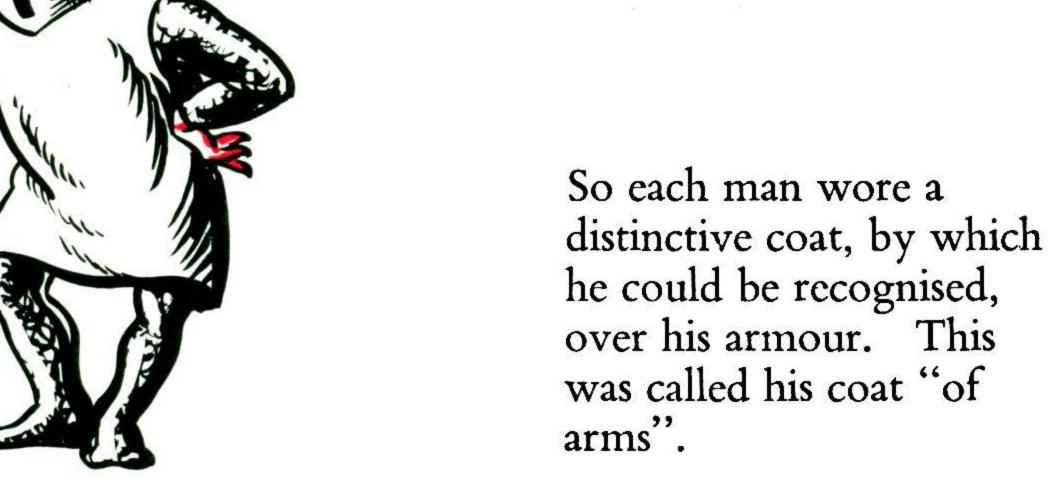
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# PART ONE ARMS AND THE MAN

#### HIS COAT OF ARMS



man in full armour was unrecognisable.







These "arms" were displayed on his banner, shield and horsecloth, as well as on his coat—



and came to be worn in civil life too.

s no two men in the same region could wear exactly the same coat of arms, these "arms" were soon used separately as personal symbols—and especially to mark their owners' possessions, because few people could read in those days. Such a coat of arms is usually depicted on a shield.



Drummond

#### HIS HELMET AND CREST



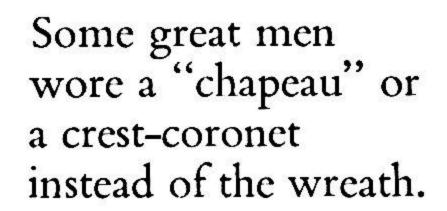
personal "crest" of light wood or boiled leather came to be worn—like a cock's comb—on top of the helmet.

Below the crest a silken mantle hung down to keep the heat of the sun off the back of the armour.





This "mantling" was kept in place by a wreath of twisted silk.









Helmet, crest and mantling are usually depicted above the shield.

With the addition of a motto on a scroll, this forms the normal heraldic "achievement" of an ordinary gentleman.



#### HISBADGE

he crest is often depicted for convenience on the wreath alone, without the helmet, as a mark of ownership.

> In Scotland, a metal plate showing a chief's crest and motto used to be suspended by a strap and buckle around the necks of his retainers.

So nowadays a chief's crest, when encircled by a strap and buckle bearing his motto, may be worn as a badge by all his staff and family or clan.

> Many chiefs have plant-badges as well, which may also be worn by their clan.

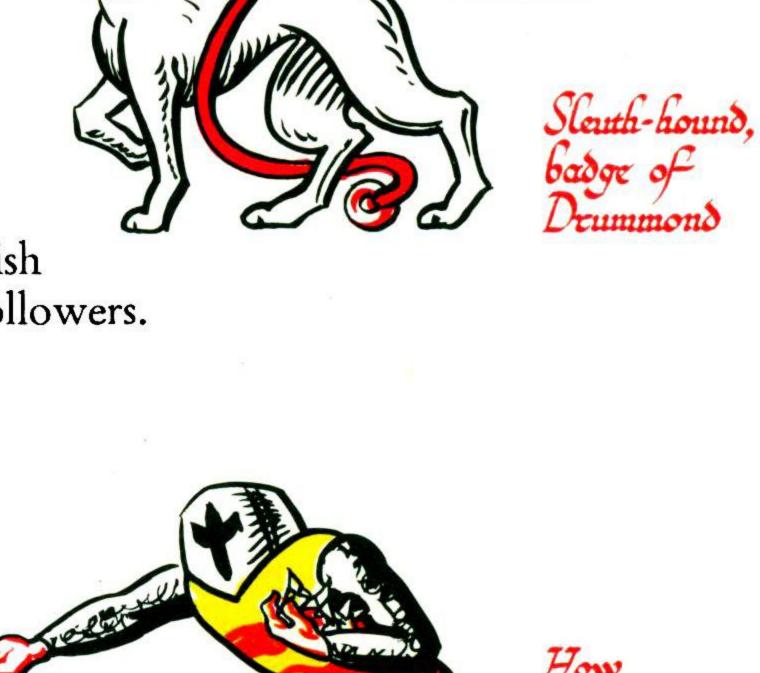






A small shield of the arms was worn as a badge in some countries, and a number of great men have other heraldic badges—used

> to mark their property and to distinguish





#### HIS CHOLE ACHIEVE OENT

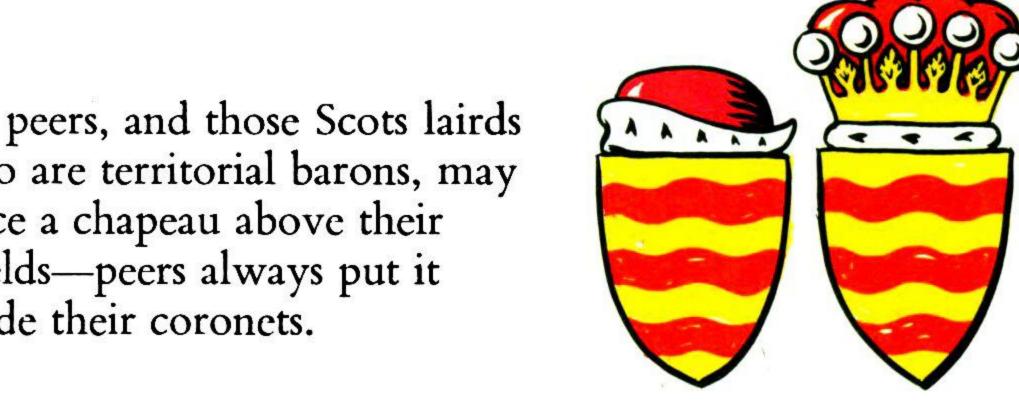
hese badges are sometimes displayed on a background of the "liveries" (usually the two principal tinctures of the shield), on a headquarters flag called the "standard".



Trummond.



All peers, and those Scots lairds who are territorial barons, may place a chapeau above their shields—peers always put it inside their coronets.



Mantlings are normally of the livery colours, but the Sovereign's is gold, lined with ermine, and those of Scots peers and certain Officers of State are red, lined with ermine.

Certain prominent men are also allowed to depict their shields held up by "supporters", which stand on a mound called a "compartment".

So the full achievement of a peer is made up of his coat of arms, chapeau, coronet, helmet, crest, mantling, motto, supporters, and compartment.



Achievement Drummond

#### HIS USE OF HERALDRY

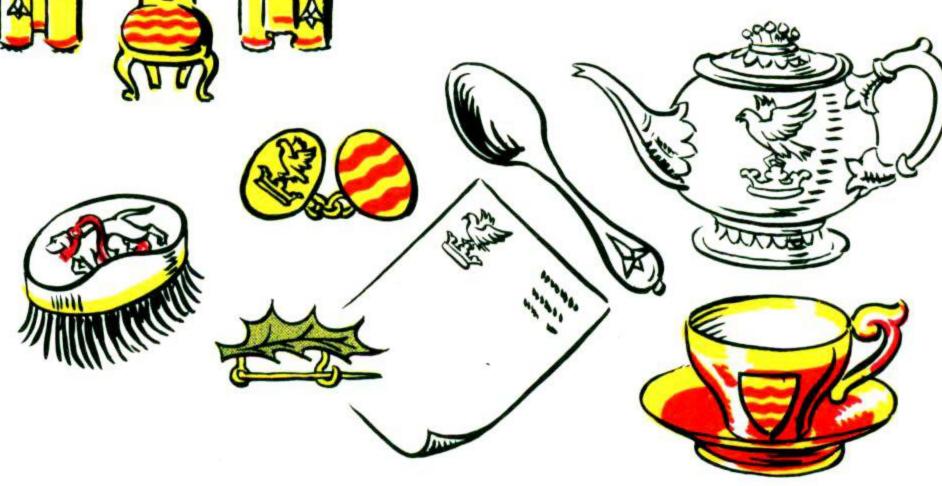
is heraldic emblems can be used in innumerable ways to mark his property.



brushes, cuff-links, buttons, brooches, silver, china and writing paper.

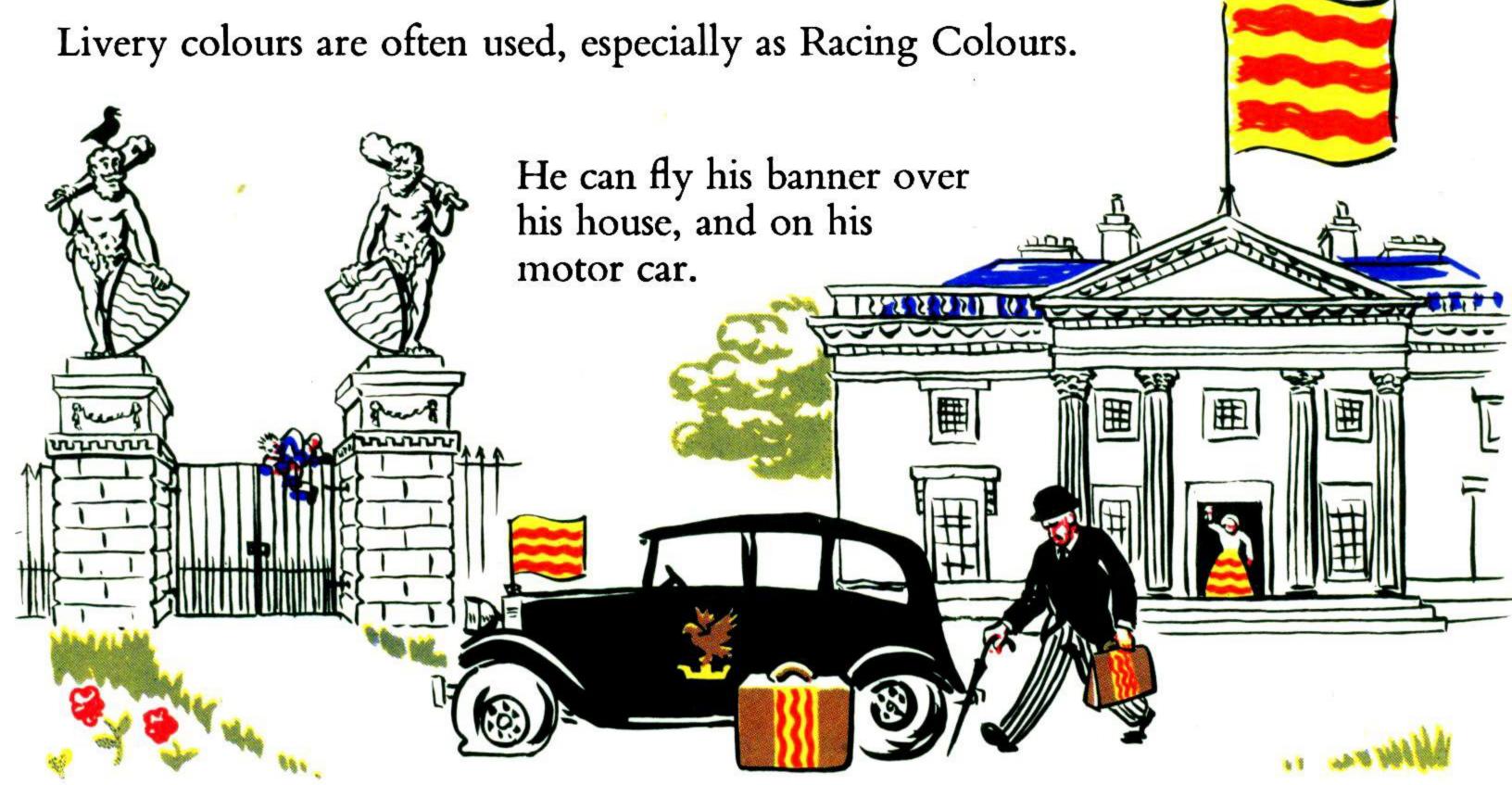


They can appear on such things as curtains, furniture,



They are also used to identify him. Scotsmen wear their own personal crest or their chief's crest-badge in their bonnets (chiefs add three eagle's feathers and chieftains two).





# PART TUO AROS AND THE FACILY

#### CHVES AND DAUGHTERS



aughters are allowed by courtesy to use their fathers' coats, which they conventionally depict on a diamond-shaped "lozenge".







When they marry, they place their own family coat beside their husband's, on his shield.
This is called "impaling".

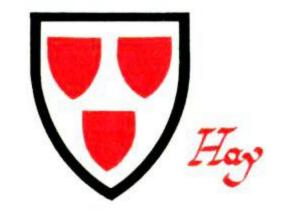




If their father has no sons, they become heraldic heiresses when he dies. Then they may place their own family shield in the middle of their husband's shield, and it is called an "escutcheon of pretence".











#### ELDEST SONS



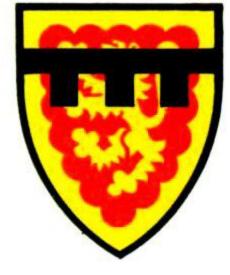
ecause no two men may wear the same coat of arms simultaneously, even the eldest son must use a special mark during his father's lifetime.

his mark is called a "label".



Old Talbot, 1st Earl of Shrewsbury

(In Scotland, this mark may be used by whoever is next in succession to the coat of arms).



Young Talbot, his

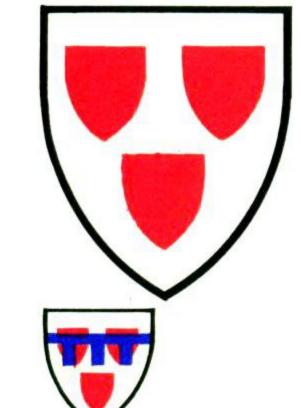
When his father dies, he inherits the plain coat of arms from him, and removes the label.



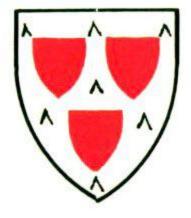
Young Talbot, 2nd Earl of Surewsbury

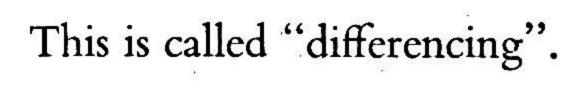
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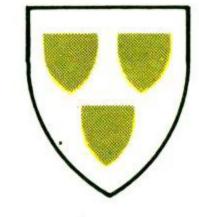
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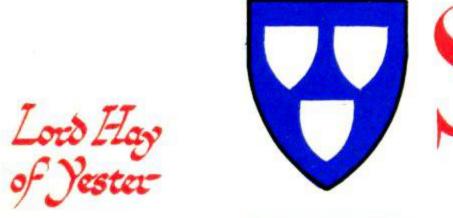
ounger sons and their descendants had to make some permanent change in their fathers' arms.





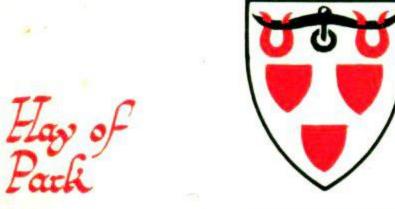


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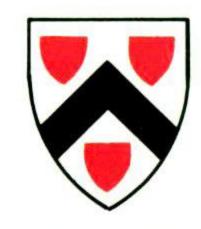


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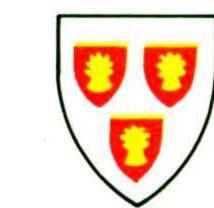


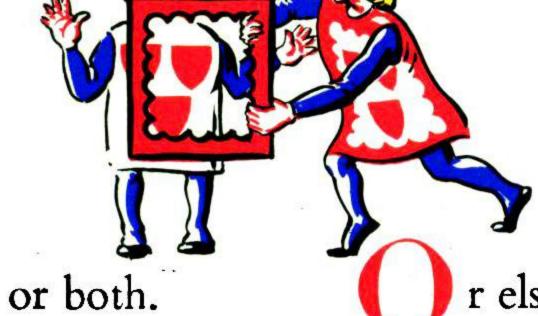


sometimes they added new devices to the coat—

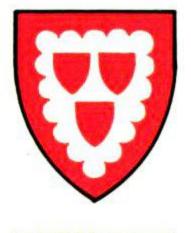


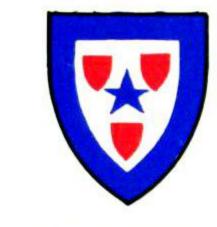
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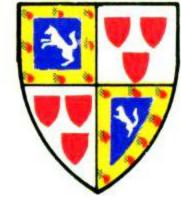


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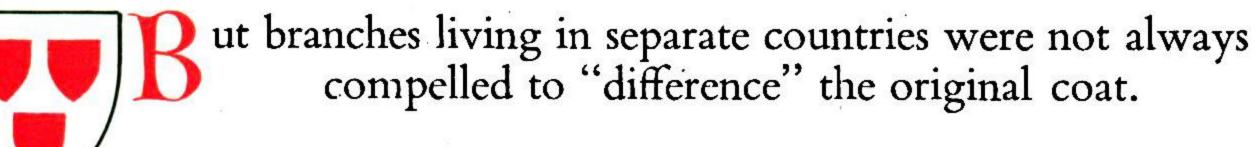
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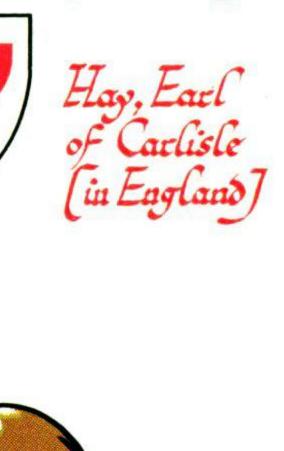
Hay, Earl of Kinnoull



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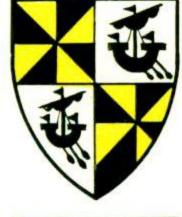




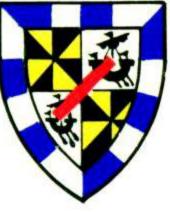
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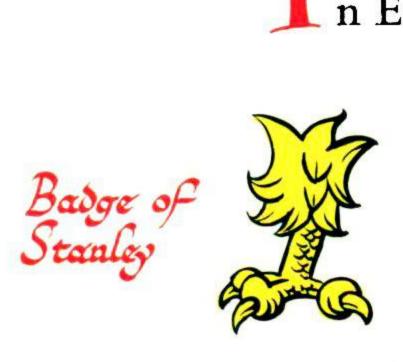
n Scotland, natural children are entitled to arms by right, but are given special marks of difference.



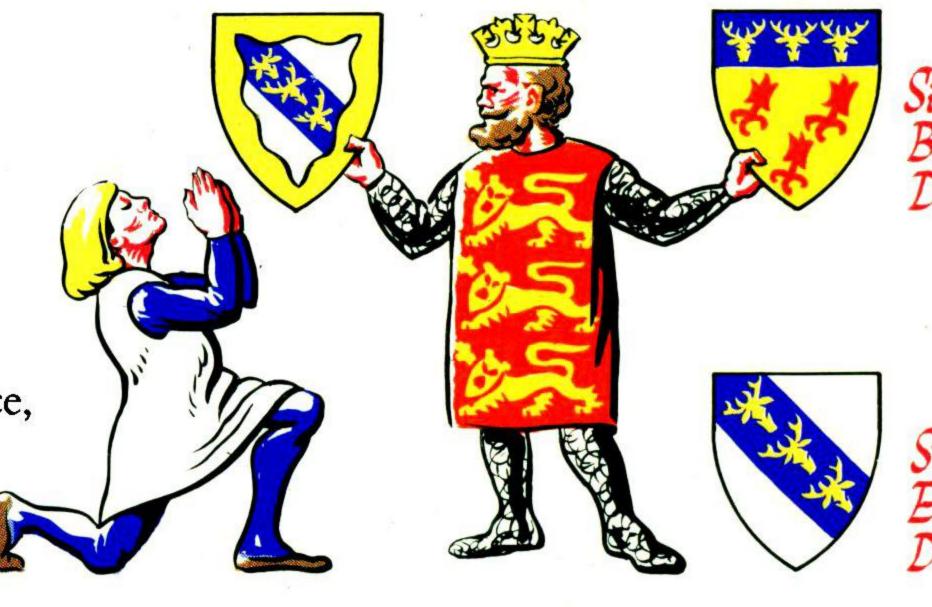
Campbell, Duke of Argyll



William Campbell, Bastard of Argyll



they have to seek
a new grant of arms
from the Crown.
This may be either the
original coat with a
special mark of difference,
or an entirely new coat,
often alluding to the
father's.



Sir John Stanley, Bastard of Derby

Stauley, Earl of Dorby

Like other differences, these marks are retained by descendants. So a man who has such a mark on his coat is not necessarily illegitimate himself.

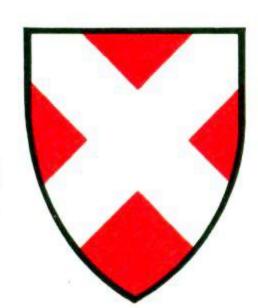


#### ENGLISH CHILDREN

n England, there has been since Tudor times a regular system of differencing the coats of arms of younger sons.



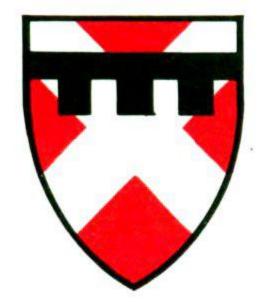




It consists of a special mark for each legitimate son in order of birth. The eldest son has his label. The second son has a crescent, the third a star, the fourth a bird called a "martlet", the fifth a ring, the sixth a fleur-de-lys, the seventh a rose, the eighth a certain kind of Cross called a "Cross moline", and the ninth an eight-petalled flower. These marks may be of any heraldic tincture.





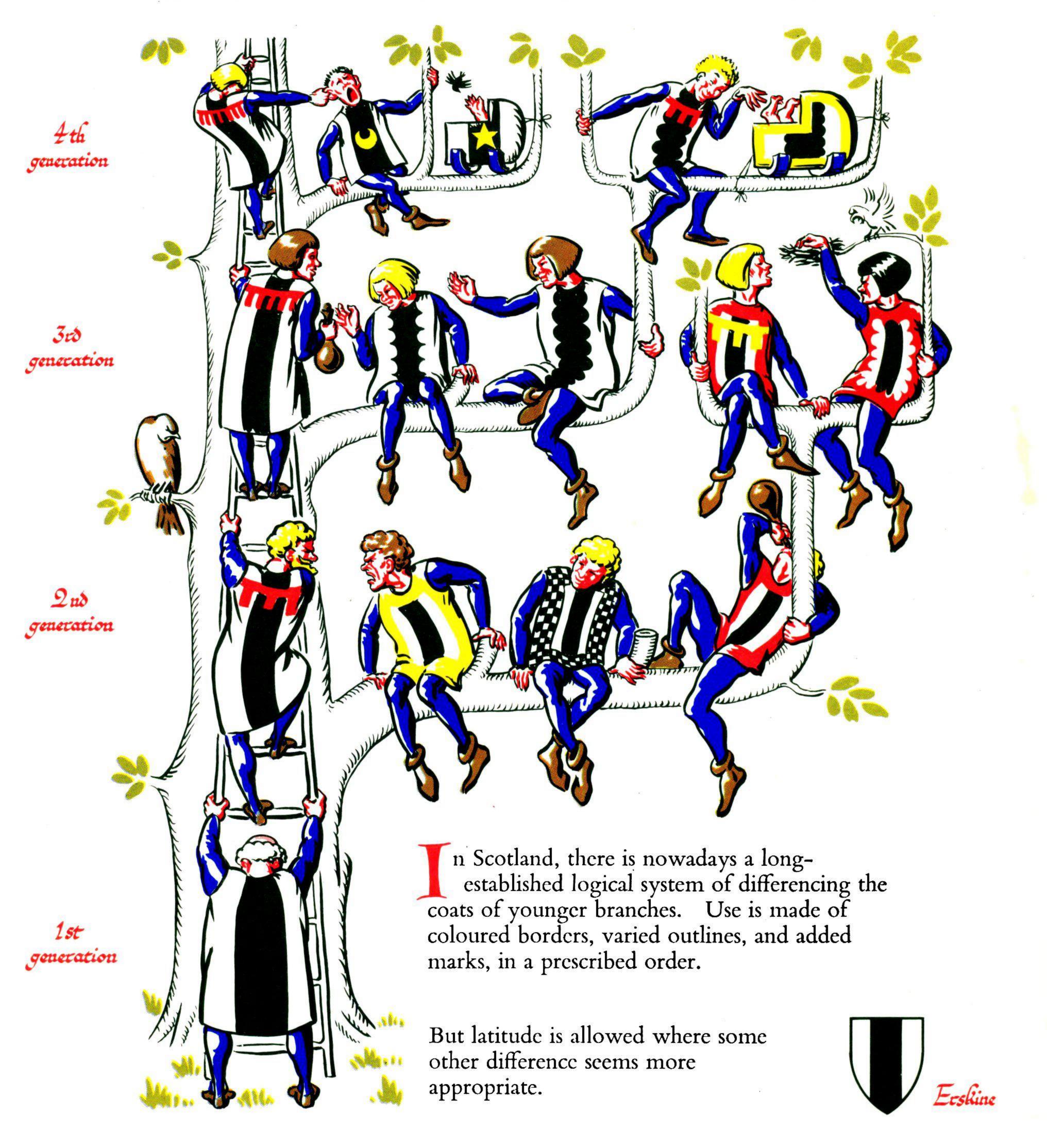


The eldest son drops his label on succeeding to the family coat. But the younger sons retain their individual marks, and pass them on to their descendants—whose younger sons in turn add further differences.





#### SCOTTISH CHILDREN

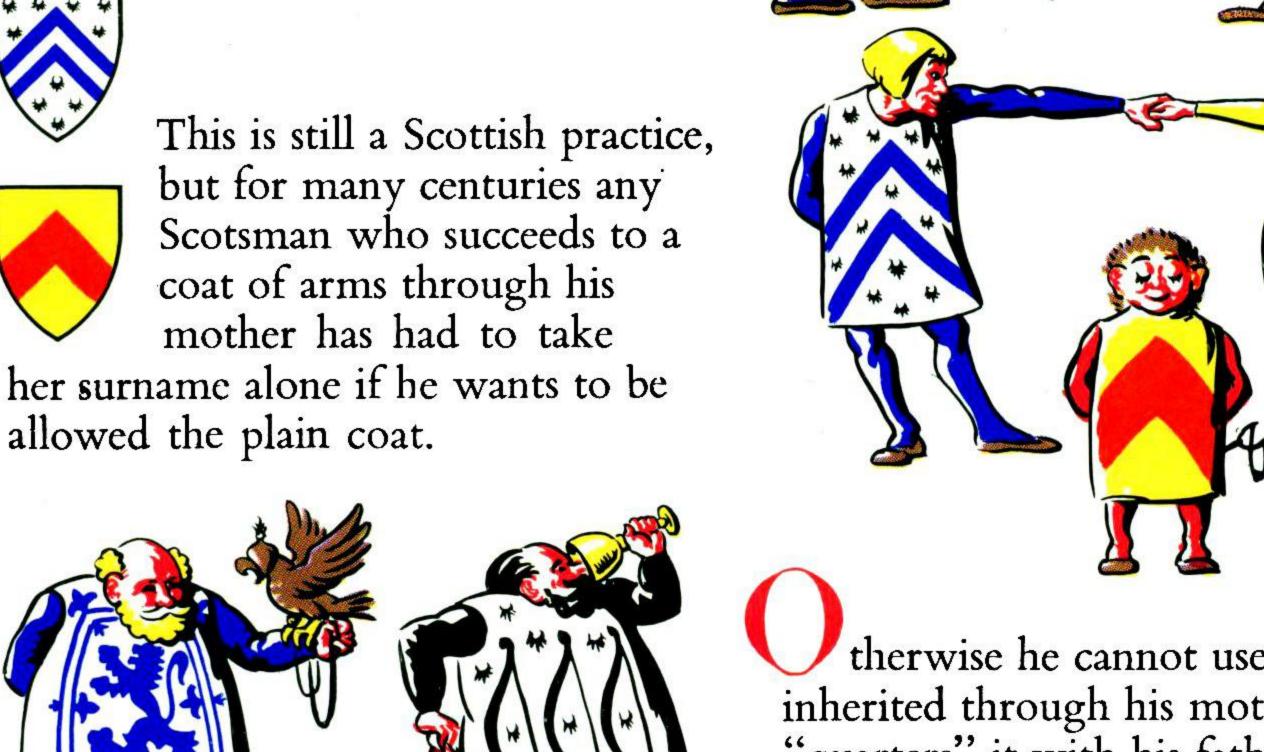


#### HEIRS

n the Middle Ages coats of arms
were often passed down in the same
way as land. Thus if a man had no
sons, his property—land and arms alike
—passed to his daughter and
then to her son.

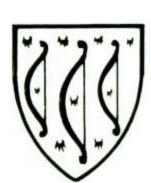
Bagot

Stafford



therwise he cannot use a coat inherited through his mother unless he "quarters" it with his father's coat—and indeed this has been the only method normally allowed in England since at least Tudor times.

"Quartering" takes place when a shield is divided into equal "quarters", in which are placed the various coats of arms its owner has



Bowes

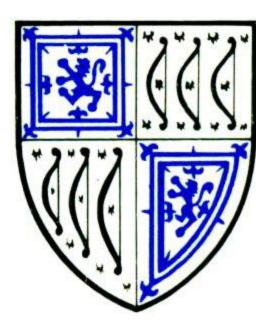


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Of course if a man with no sons had several daughters, all his

inherited.

grandchildren could eventually "quarter" his arms with their own fathers' coats.

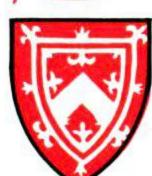


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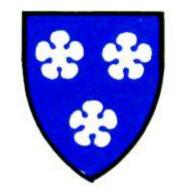
#### MORE HEIRS

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everal generations of marriages to heiresses can bring a large number of "quarterings" into a family.



Floming



They are still called "quarterings" even when there are more than four of them.

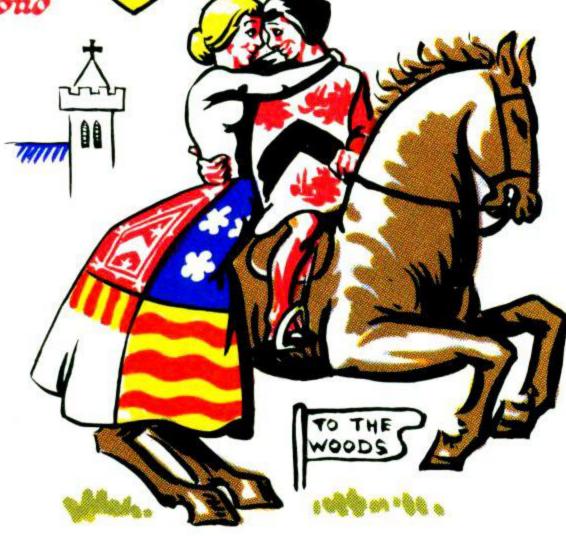




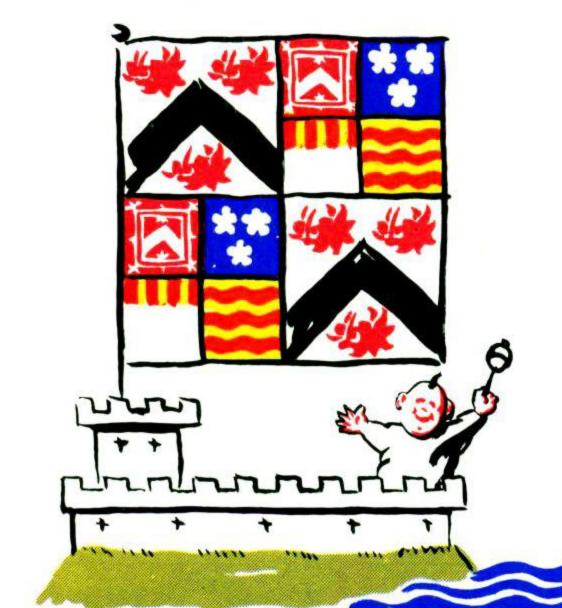
Up to four coats may be placed one in each quarter of the shield (vacant quarters being filled by repetitions).



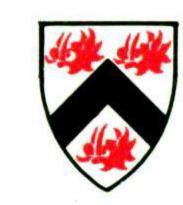
Drummond



bove this number, the four quarters of the shield may become "grand quarters", one or more of them being sub-divided into lesser quarters to accommodate the extra coats.



"Grand quartering" is still the rule in Scotland (where a convenient selection of the more significant quarterings may be made by official authority, sometimes omitting the coats of intervening heiresses).



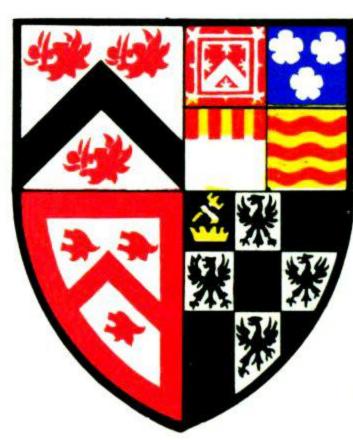
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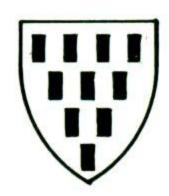


🖊 n England, since Tudor times, any number of new coats may be added to the shield consecutively without sub-division into fours. A shield then becomes "quarterly of six" or "quarterly of ten", or whatever the number of coats may be.





LeMoyne







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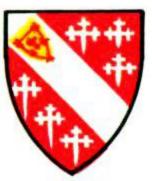


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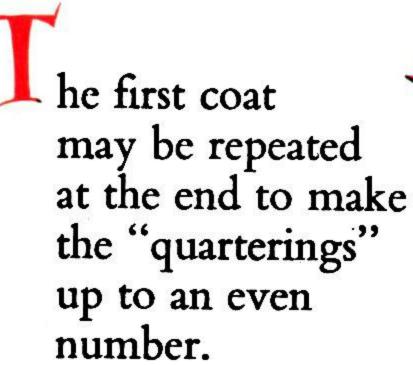


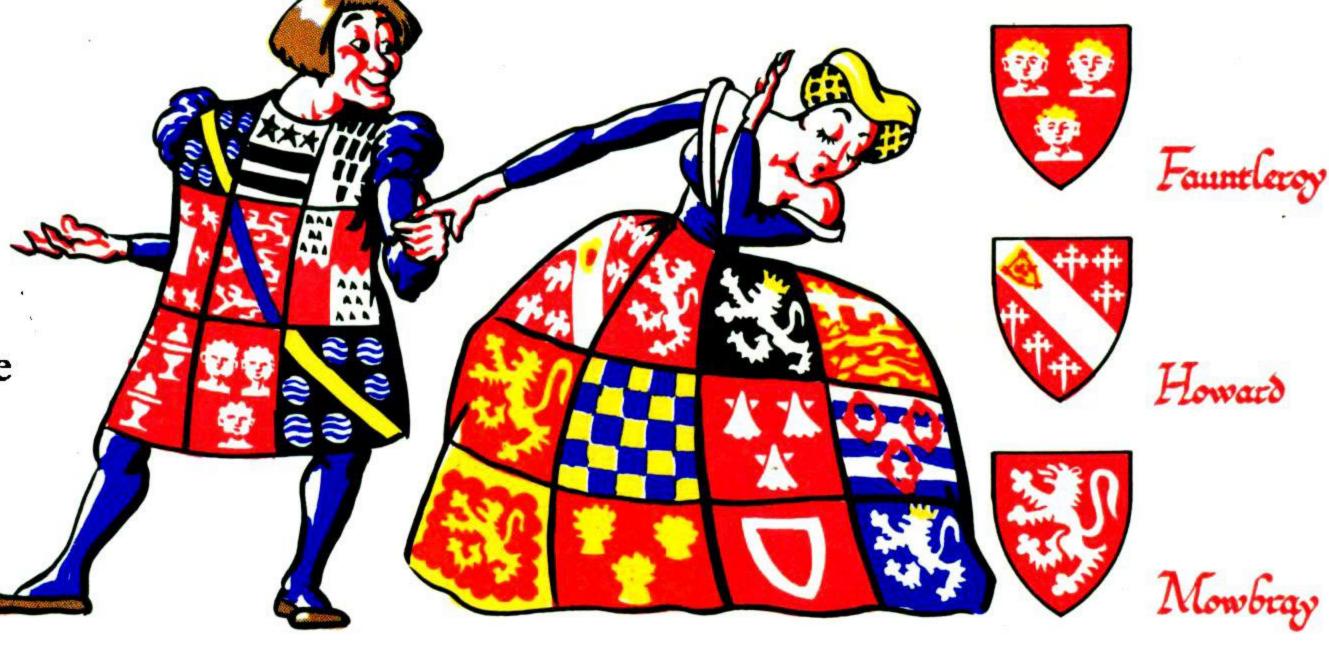
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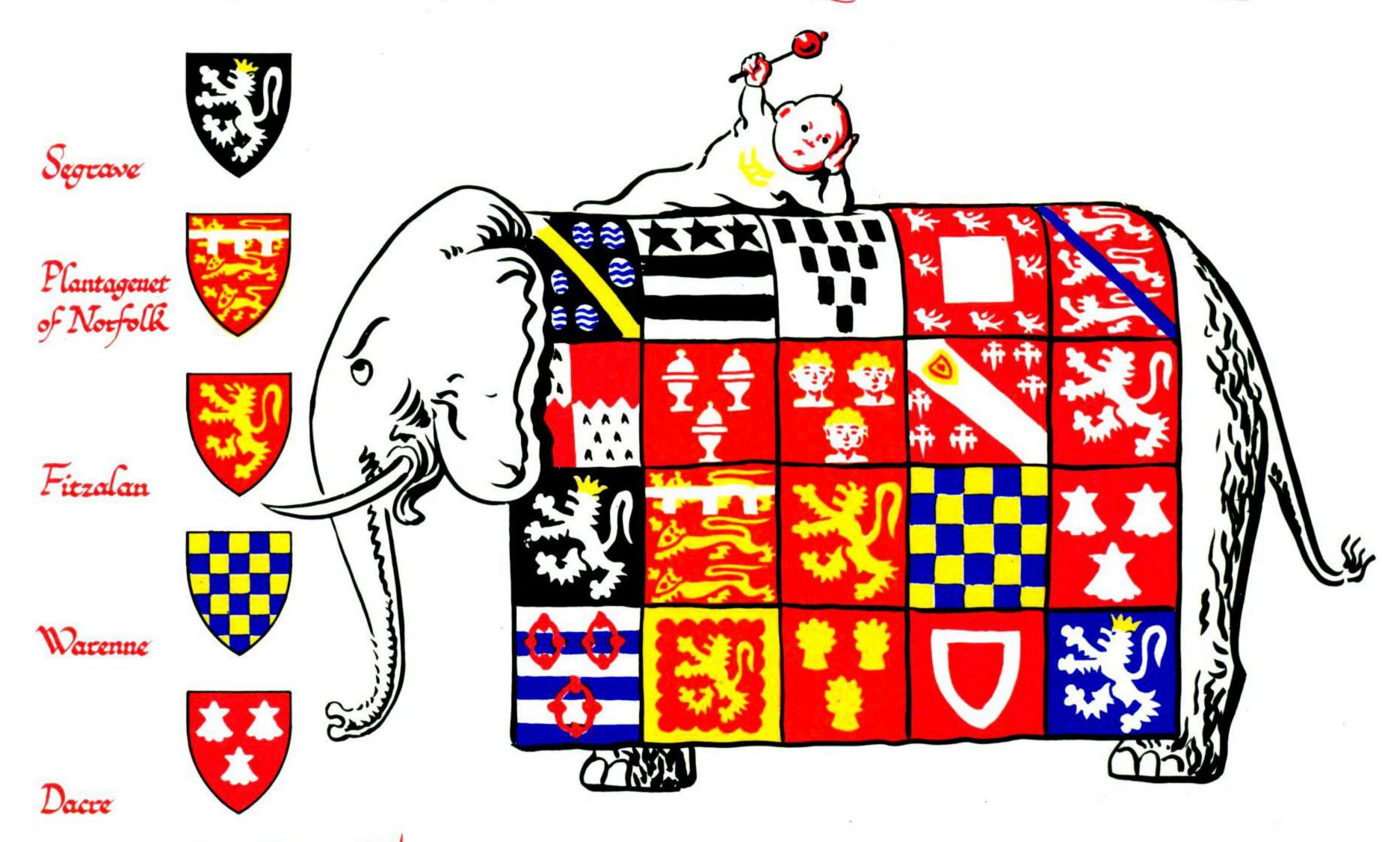
Howard







#### STILL MORE HEIRS



Freystolie

o many quarterings can be accumulated by an old English family during several centuries that a quarterly coat sometimes becomes so large that it would almost require an elephant to carry it.

Talbot



It is not necessary to show all the accumulated quarterings, provided that junior branches show any which they use as differences to their plain family coat (where they have "differenced by quartering").

Cummin



For convenience, only about half a dozen quarterings are usually shown.

Baliol



But if a quartering is shown which has descended through more than one woman, then the coats of all intervening heiresses must also be shown.

Falloway



Stoutton

#### SAME NAME

aving the same surname does not entitle a man to use another's arms.

If he can prove a blood relationship he is entitled to a differenced version of those arms. But he may be unable to prove it—or may not be related at all, in which case he has no right whatever to any form of those arms.



Thomas B. Browne



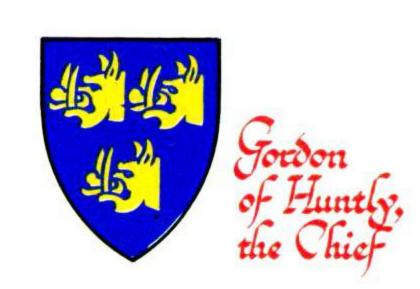
n England, therefore, unrelated families who happen to have the same surname are usually given utterly dissimilar plain coats of arms.







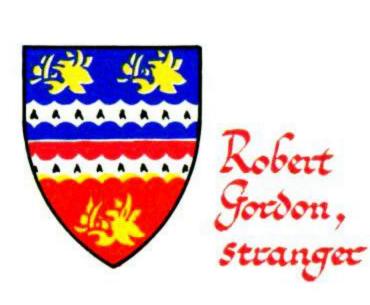
B ut in clannish Scotland, where plain arms are the mark of a Chief, there can be only one Chief of any surname—and so any man who bears (or takes) that surname comes beneath that Chief's banner. He is therefore only granted arms which allude in some way to those of his Chief.

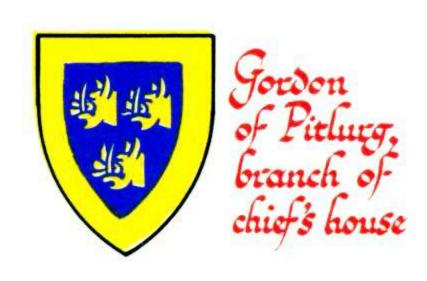






But such coats are quite unlike the systematically differenced coats of proved branches of the Chief's house.





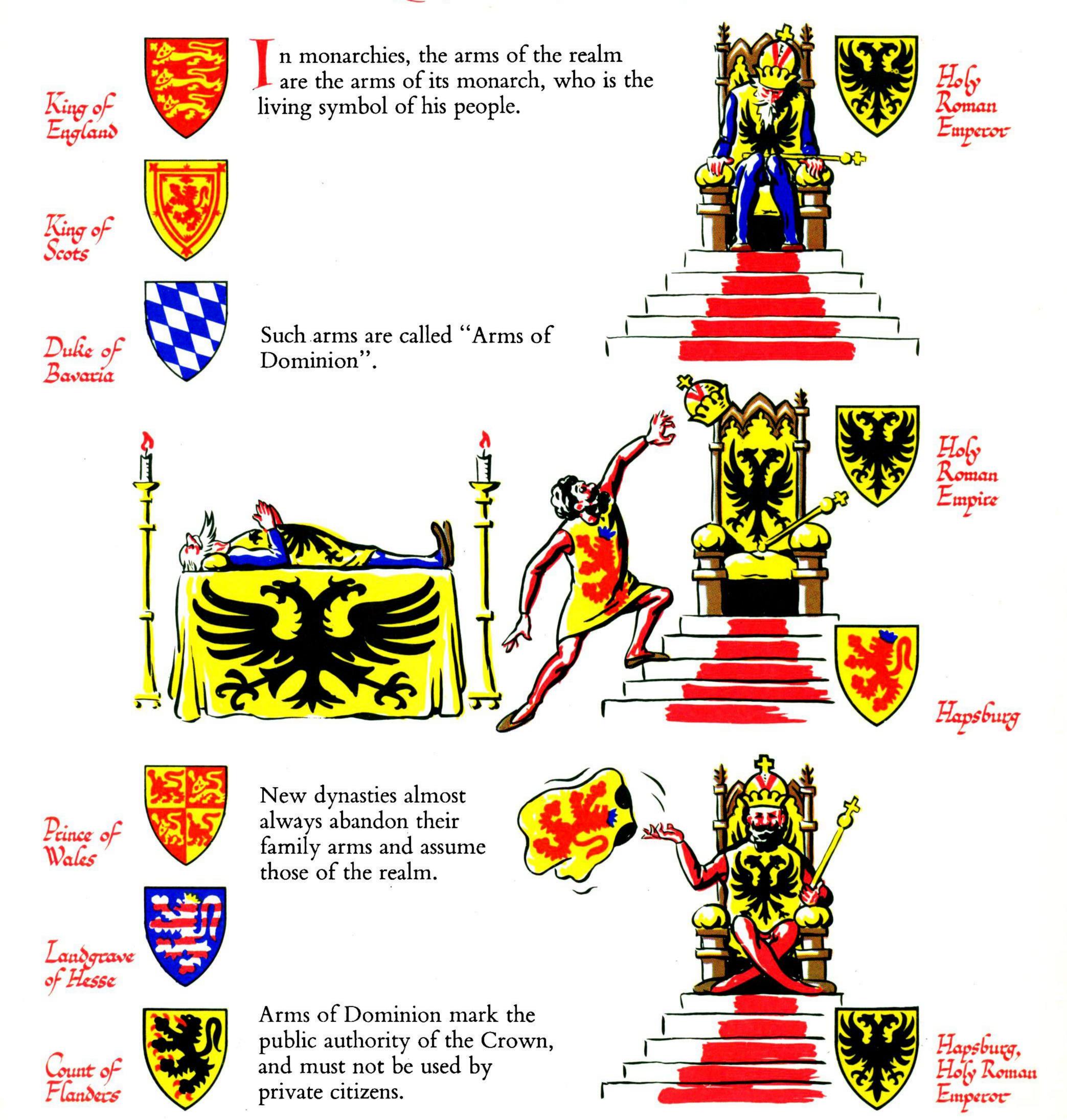
# PART THREE AROS AND THE PEOPLE

#### COMMITIES



Hanover

#### REALMS

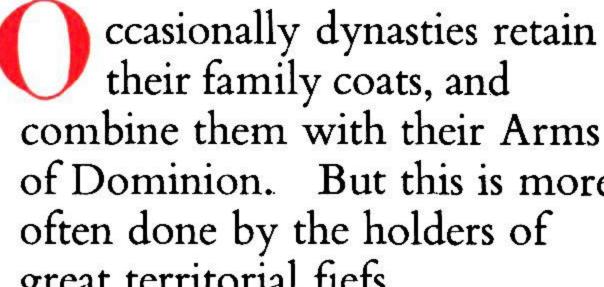


#### FIEF S

Isle of Man

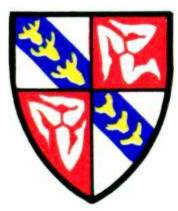


their family coats, and combine them with their Arms of Dominion. But this is more often done by the holders of great territorial fiefs.



Stanley





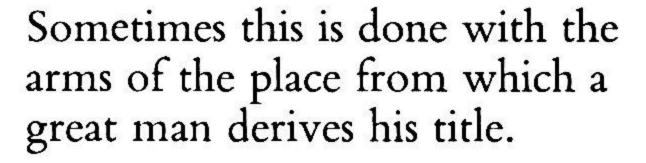
Sometimes they quarter their family coat with the arms of their fief—

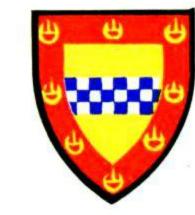


Stewart of Darnley,

sometimes they place one coat on a smaller shield in the middle of the other—

sometimes they do both, when they have more than one fief.







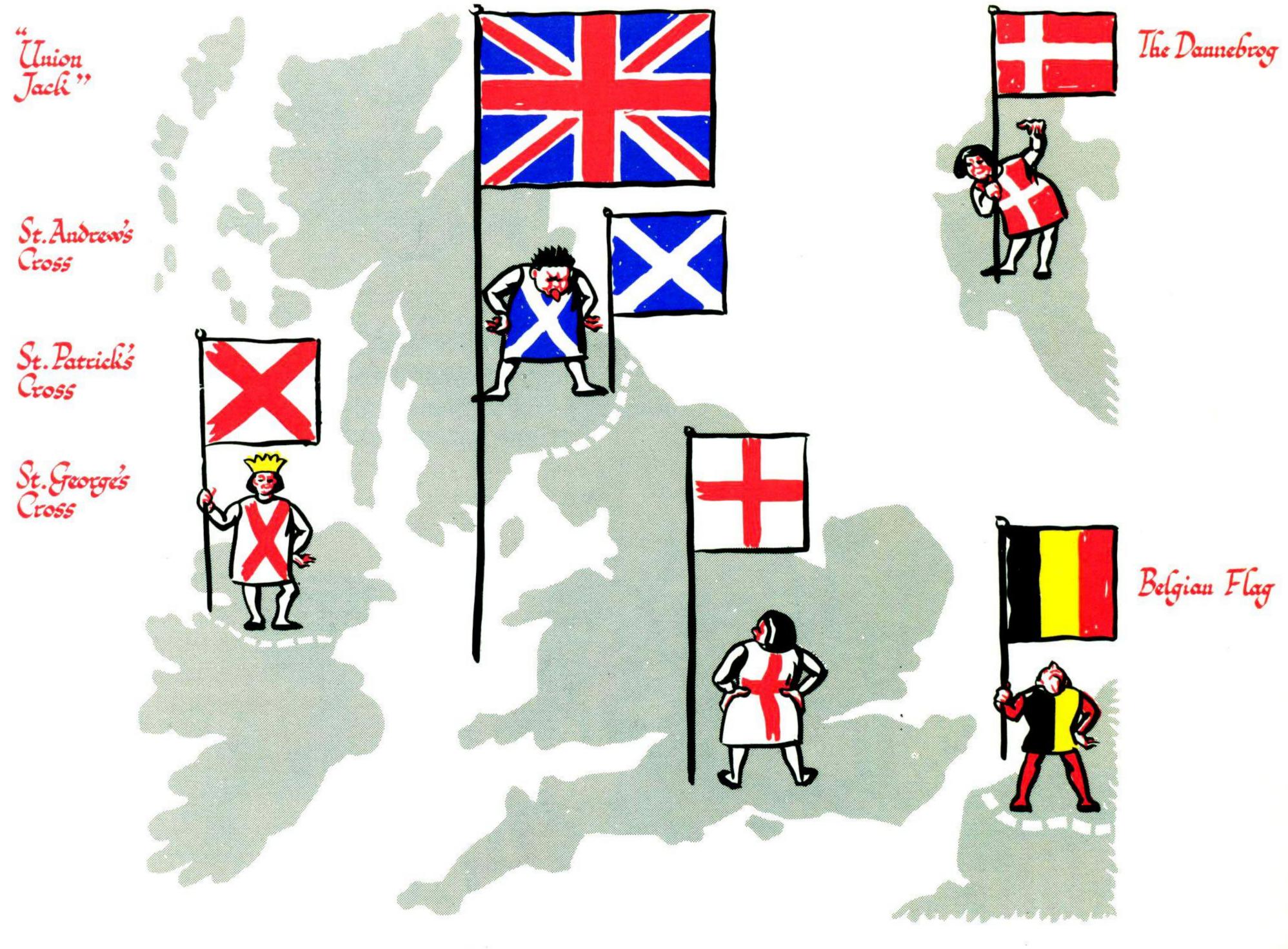
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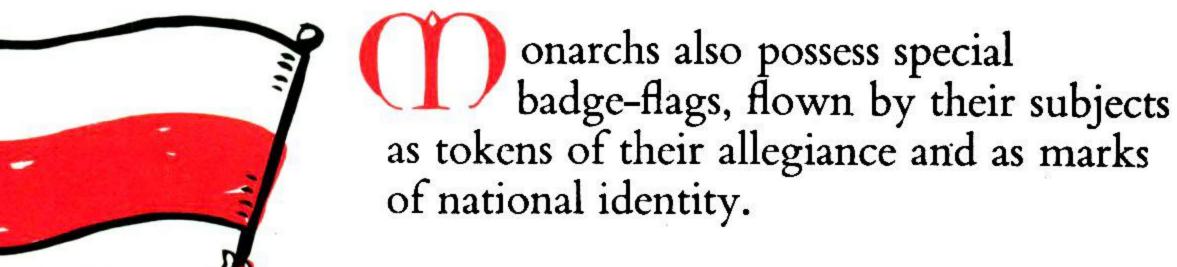


#### NATIONS



Polish Flag

King of



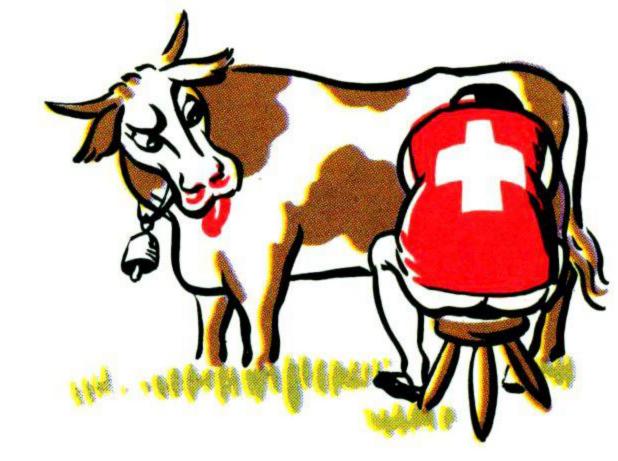


These National Flags are often derived from the Cross of a Patron Saint, from some other royal Republic of Poland Sovereign's own Arms of Dominion. badge, or from the livery colours of the

#### REPUBLICS

Florence

ncient Republics have had their own arms since early times. These are their marks of public authority.





More recent Republics often continue to use the Arms of Dominion of their former rulers.



U.S.A.

Teorge Washington

Shiels of

Turkey





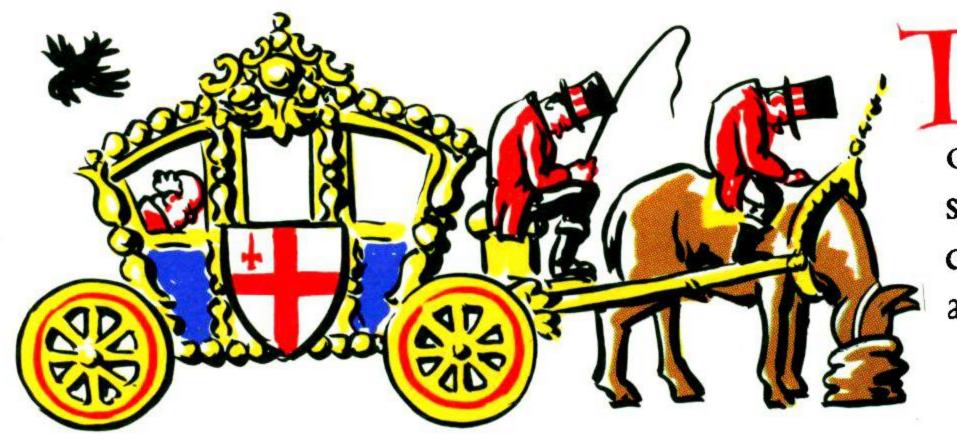
Or they take new arms perhaps alluding to a national hero—





sometimes adopting religious or ideological symbols.

#### TOUNS AND DISTRICTS



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on - Spey

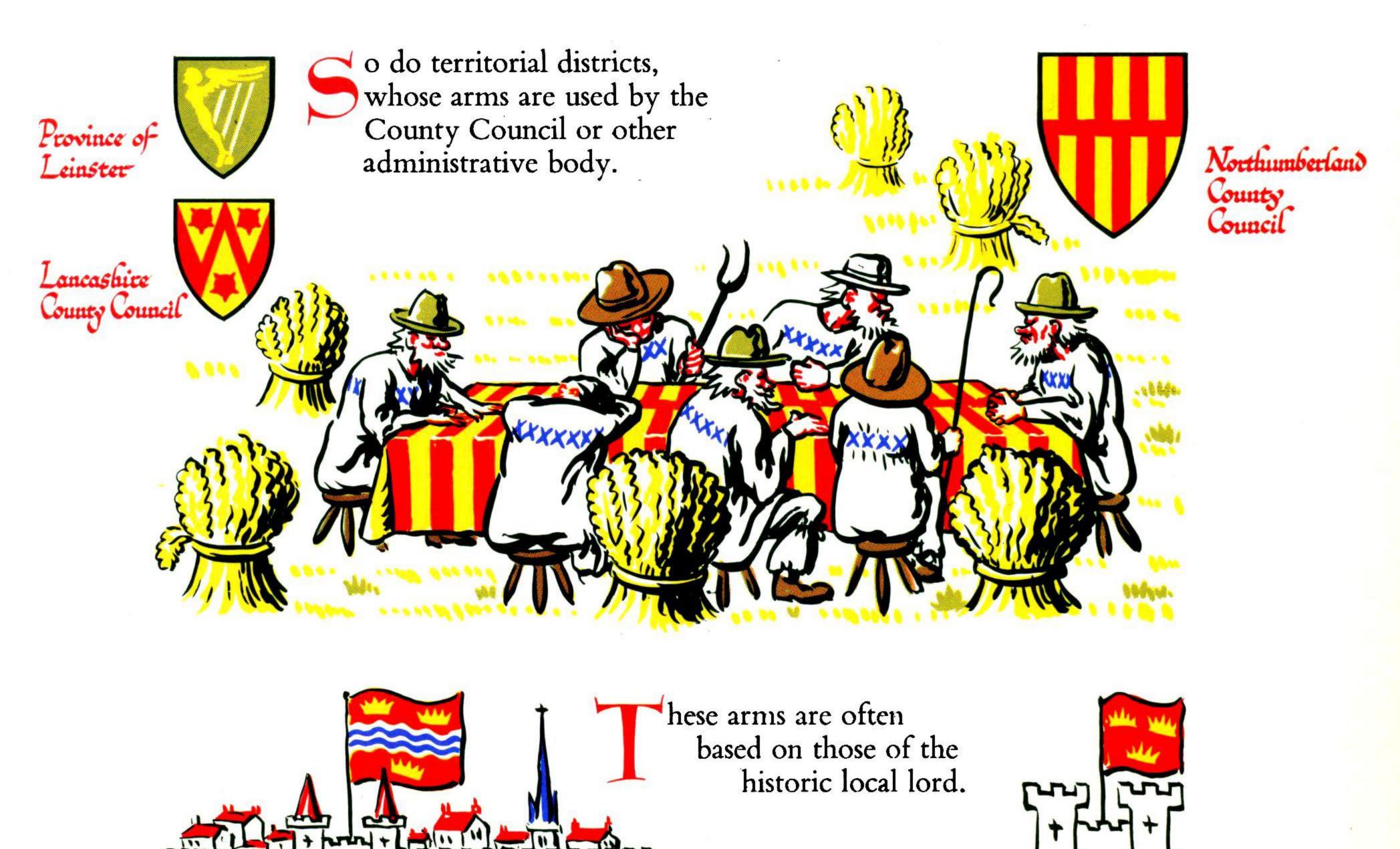
owns also have arms of their own, which are the symbols of their corporate identity and municipal authority.



City of



City of Leeds

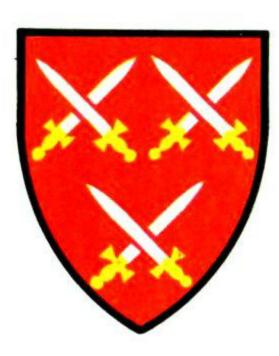


. Alle Strathspey

### COMPANIES

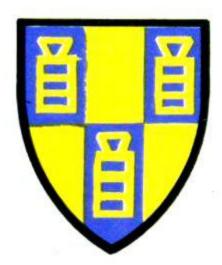


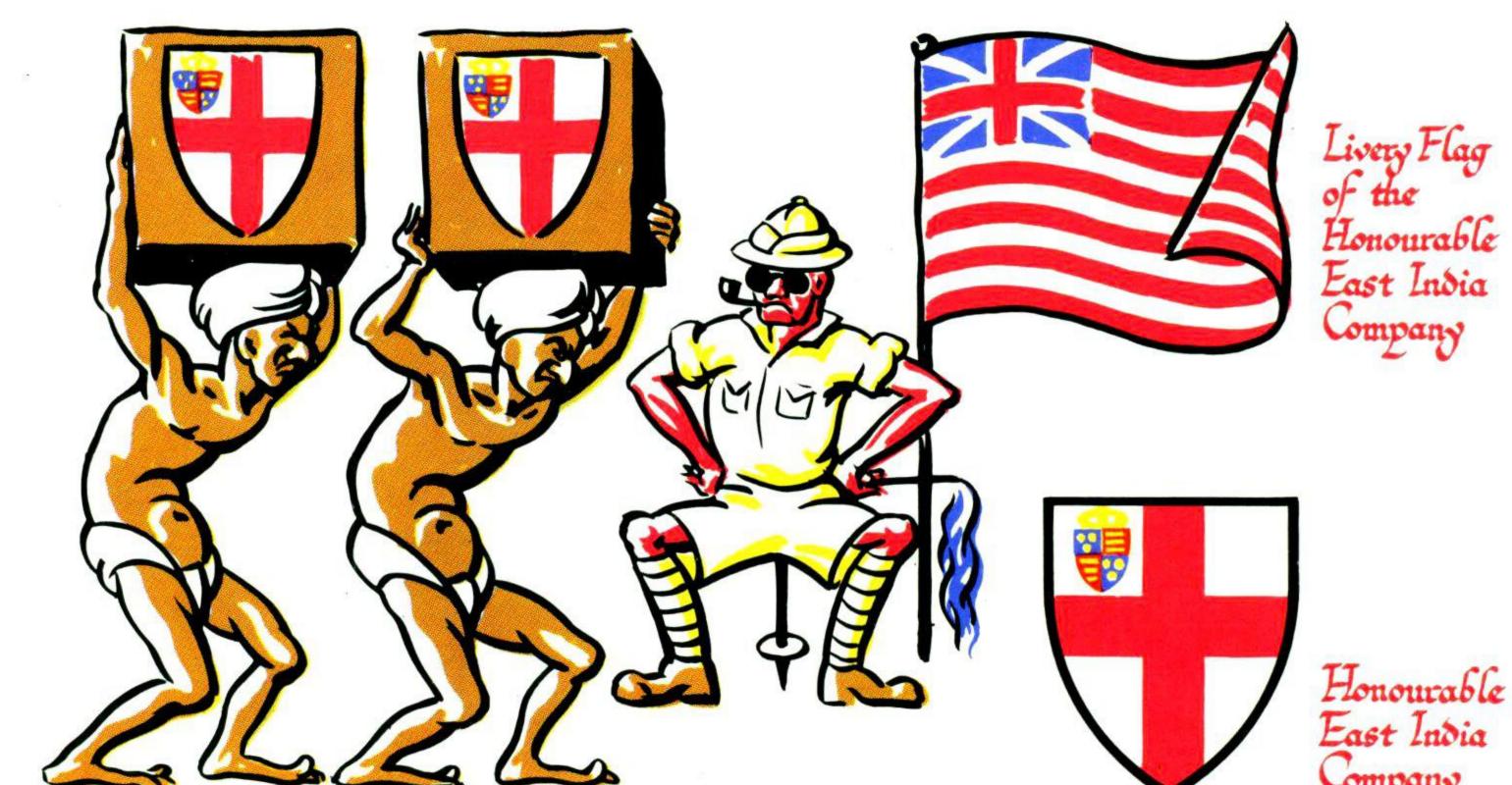
Worshipful Company of Cutlers of London



ithin the towns, trades associations developed from the old guilds into noble Livery Companies with their own arms and heraldic liveries. Some great merchant companies spread far beyond the towns, administering wide territories under their Livery Flags.

Worshipful Company of Girolers of London





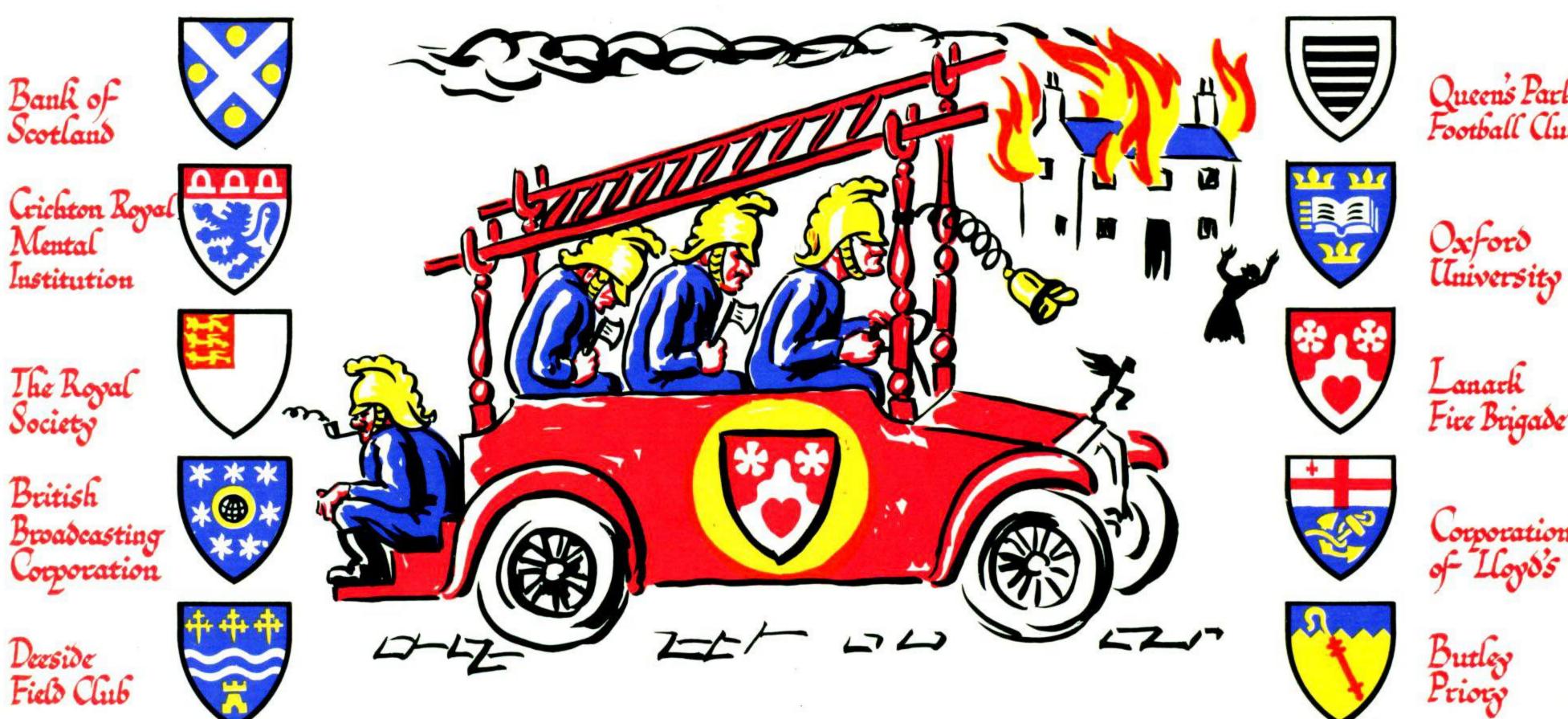
Hudson's Bay Company



## OTHER CORPORATE BODIES

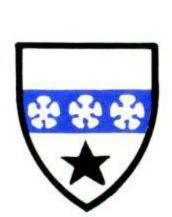
any other corporate bodies have arms of their own. For instance, arms have been granted to such varied institutions as schools, banks, abbeys, hospitals, fire brigades, masonic lodges, universities, national and regional boards, business firms, clubs and other societies.





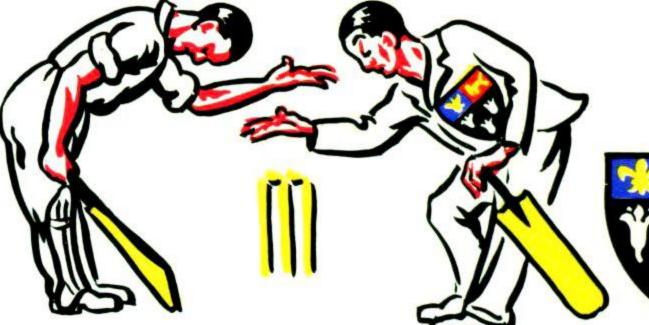
hese bodies use their arms to mark their property just as private individuals do. They appear as their flags, and also as their distinguishing marks on anything from college blazers and whisky bottles to wrought-iron gates and writing paper.





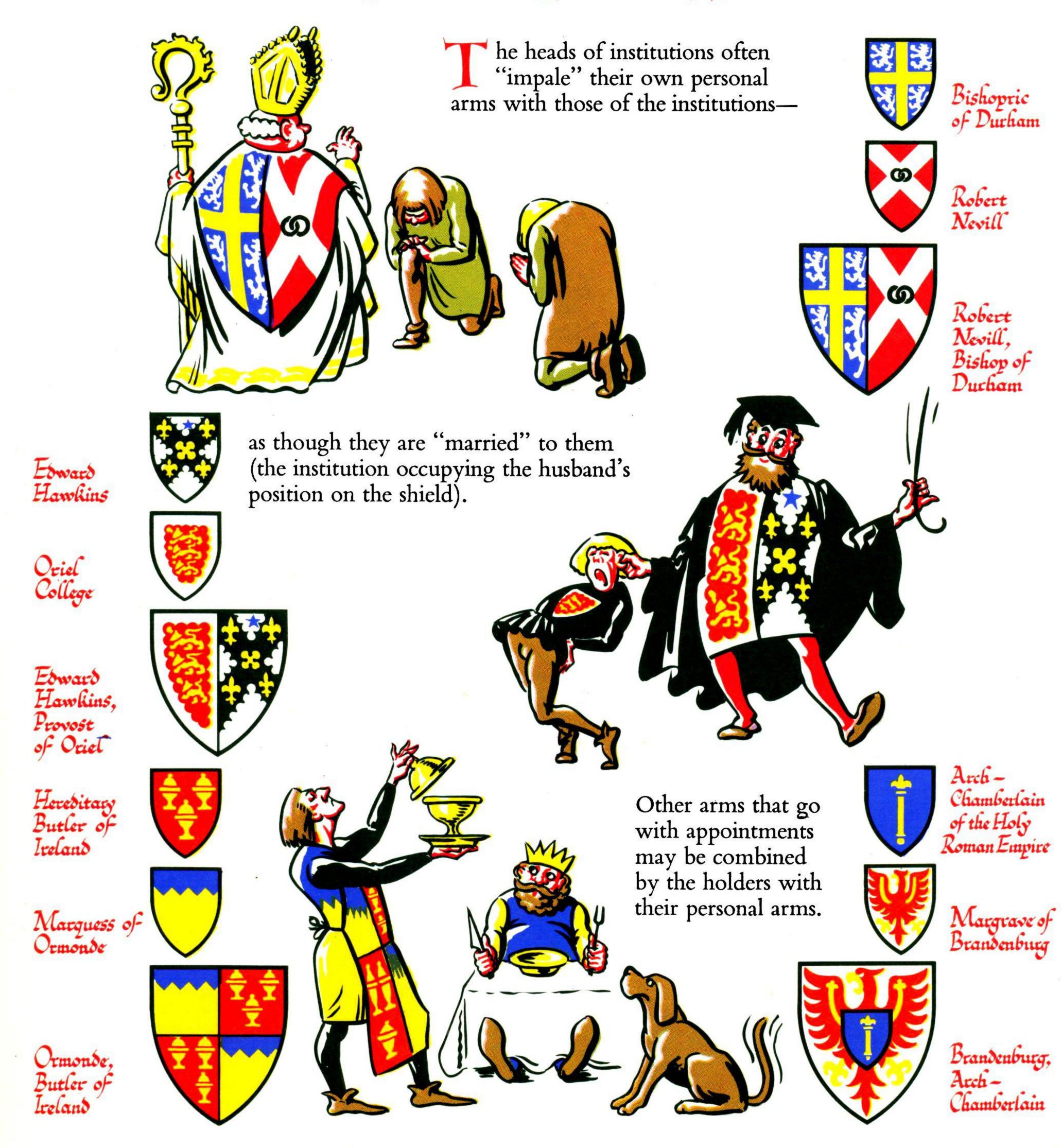








#### OFFICIALS



## PART FOUR ARMS AND THE CROWN

## ROYALARMS



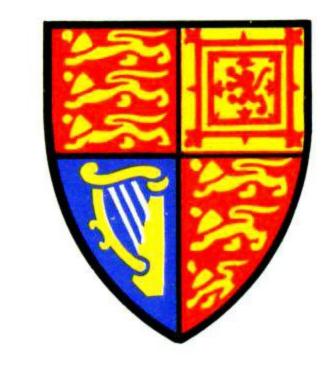
ur present Queen reigns over us because Her Majesty is a direct descendant of the mighty Sovereigns of England and Ireland—and of the ancient Kings of Scots, the oldest continuing dynasty in Christendom.



Kingdom of



Her Majesty therefore quarters the historic coats of these kingdoms.

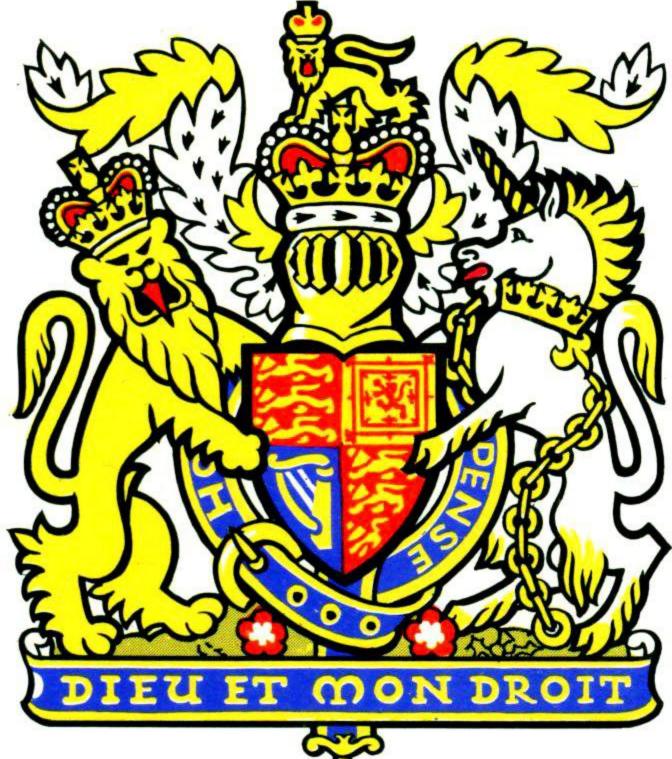


These coats are the Queen's exclusive property, and none of them may ever be used except by Her Majesty's authority.



The quarterly coat is flown as the personal flag of the Sovereign as such, and marks Her Majesty's presence.

he Royal Arms are arranged rather differently in England and in Scotland, giving greater prominence in each country to its own national elements.





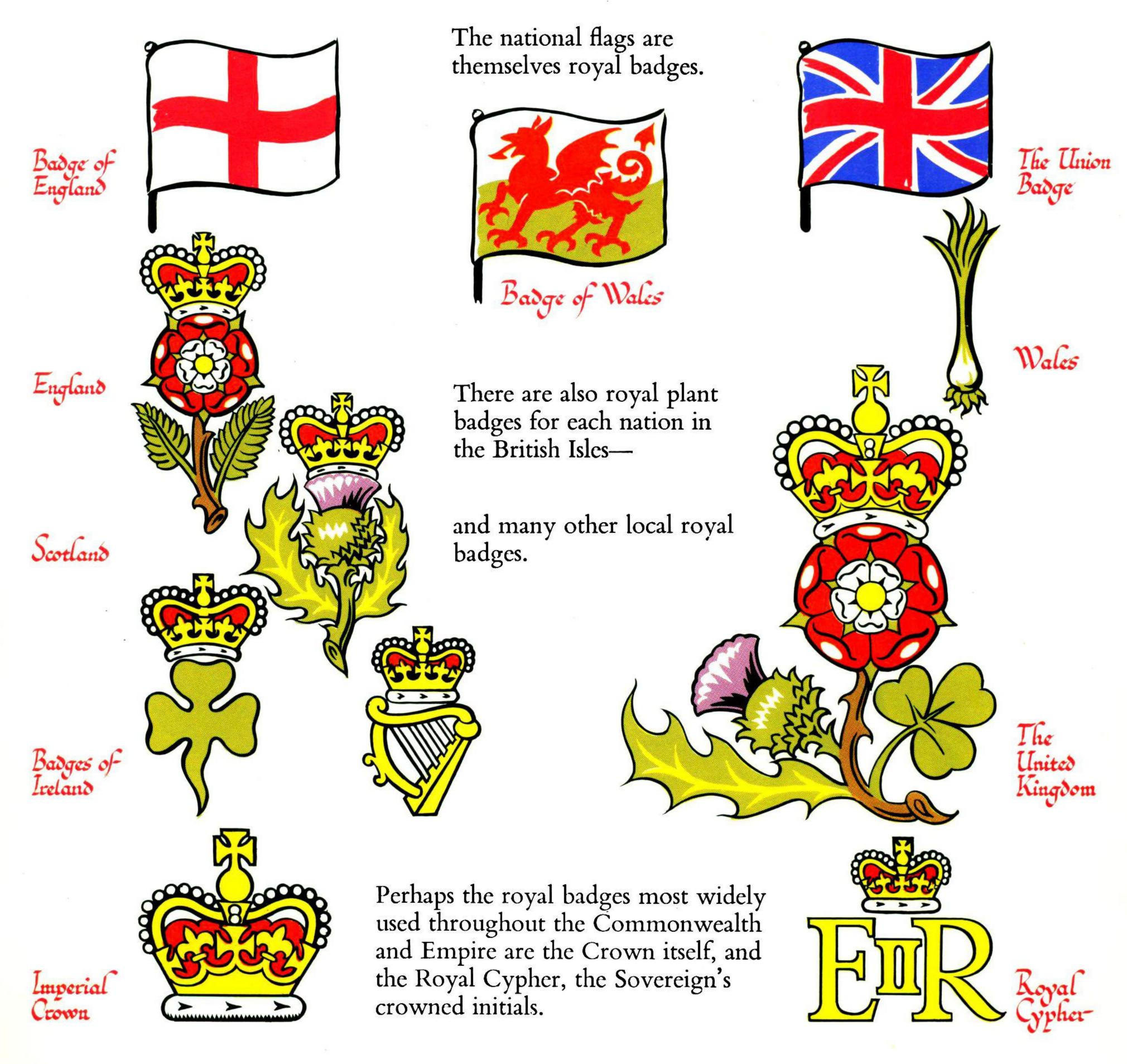
Scotland

England

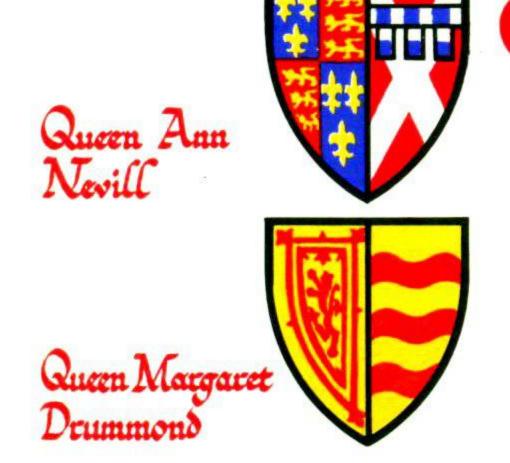
### ROYAL BADGES

he Queen possesses a number of royal badges.

Some are used to mark Crown property, and others are worn by Her Majesty's subjects as a token of their allegiance.



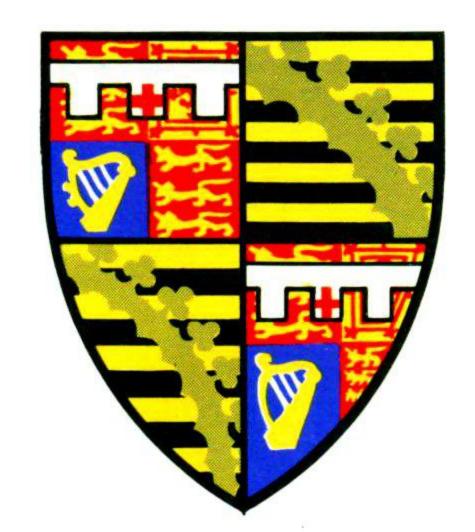
## ROYAL CONSORTS



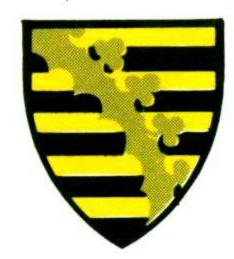
hen the Sovereign is a King, his consort as Queen impales the Royal Arms with those of her own family, in the ordinary way.



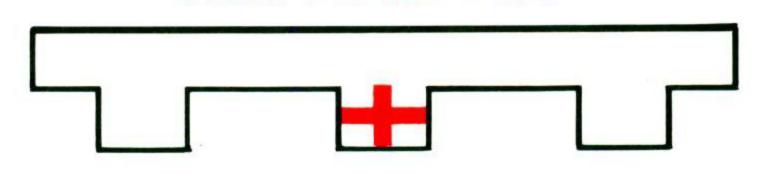
When Lord Darnley married Mary, Queen of Scots, he became King Consort as "Henry, King of Scots". Queen Mary Tudor's husband was already a King; and Mary II's husband, William of Orange, became King as William III. But the husbands of Queen Anne and Queen Victoria retained instead their title of Prince.



Prince Albert, as Prince Consort, quartered the British Royal Arms (differenced by a special label) with his own Saxon royal coat.

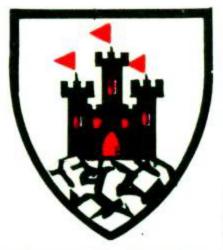


Albert, Prince Consort



Prince Albert's Label

The Duke of Edinburgh belongs to the same great royal family as the present Kings of Denmark, Greece and Norway.



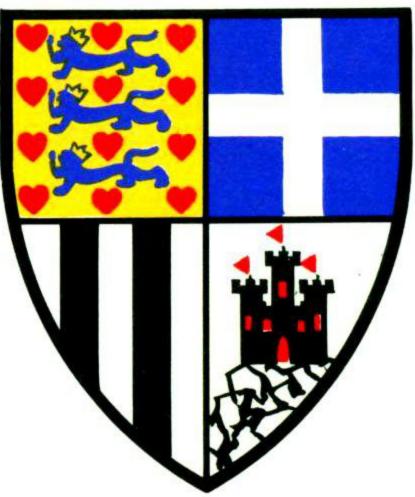
Edinburgh

Donmark

Mountbatten



With the royal arms of Denmark and Greece (his father's family), His Royal Highness quarters the arms of Mountbatten (his mother's famous family) -and also those of the royal city of Edinburgh, from which the Duke derives his title.



Edinburgh

## ROYAL FAMILY

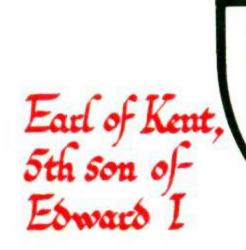
Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay

rince Charles, as Heir Apparent to the Throne, is automatically Duke of Cornwall in England by descent from the Plantagenets—and also Duke of Rothesay and Prince and Steward of Scotland by descent from the Stewarts, Earl of Carrick by descent from Robert the Bruce, and Lord of the Isles (he is descended from an heiress of Somerled, King of the Isles). The first Duke of Cornwall was the Black Prince. His Royal Highness differences the Royal Arms with a plain white label, and possesses the famous badge of ostrich plumes.

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Prince of Wales

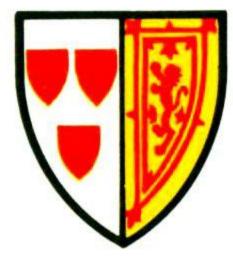
When the Heir Apparent is created Prince of Wales he places the arms of Wales in the centre of his shield.



Duke of

Kent

Formerly, younger sons of the Royal Family used various differences; and married daughters of the Sovereign impaled the plain royal arms with their husband's coat.



Lady Erroll, Saughter of Robert II



But for many centuries now all members of the Royal Family have had differenced versions of the Royal Arms settled on them by Royal Warrant.



Duke of Windsor



They are always given white labels, of three or five points, on which each prince or princess has individual marks to form his or her particular difference.

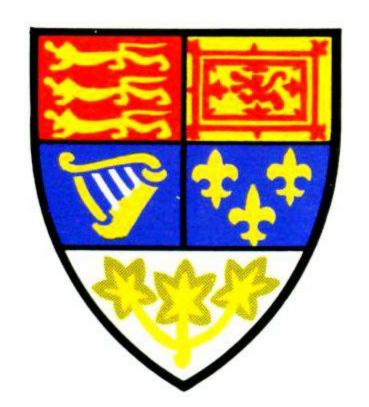


Princess Margaret

These are given to royal princesses as well as to royal princes.

## HER MAJESTYS DOMINIONS

part from the Royal Arms, which are the symbol of the Sovereign everywhere, bearings have been assigned to Her Majesty's Governments in the great Dominions, for use as marks of public authority there.



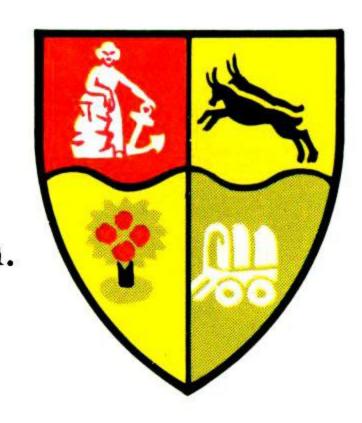
With the famous maple leaves—and the arms of England, Scotland and Ireland—the bearings of Canada include, for the French Canadians, the royal arms of France.

The Queen is descended from the old Kings of France, the line of Saint Louis.

Canaba



The Australian bearings symbolise the six states that form the Commonwealth of Australia—and those of South Africa symbolise the four provinces of the Union.

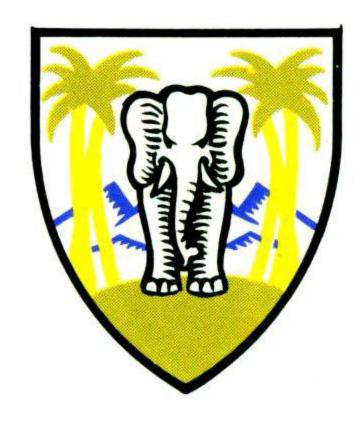


South Africa

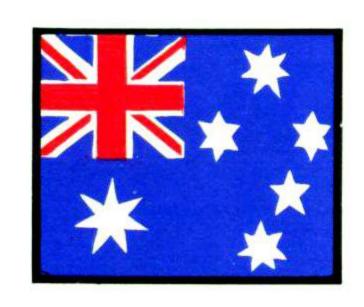
Australia



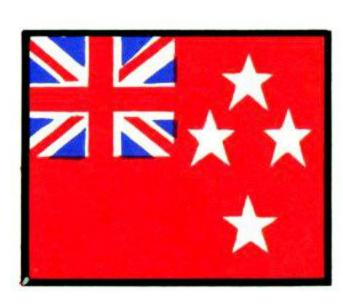
As with Australia, the stars of the Southern Cross appear in the bearings of New Zealand—and regional allusions also occur in the bearings of Ceylon.



Ceylon



Her Majesty also possesses badges in each Dominion which, when placed with the Union Badge on a blue ensign, are "worn" by ships in public employment—and on a red ensign, are flown by citizens on their own ships as marks of national identity.



Merchant Flag of New Zealand

## HER MAJESTYS SERVANTS

Royal Arms



he Civil Service and other employees of the Crown make extensive use, in Her Majesty's name, of the Royal Arms and Badges.



Koyal Gypher Badge

Imperial Crown Badge



Of these, perhaps the badge most in use is the Imperial Crown itself.



Imperial Crown Badge

Royal Plant Babges

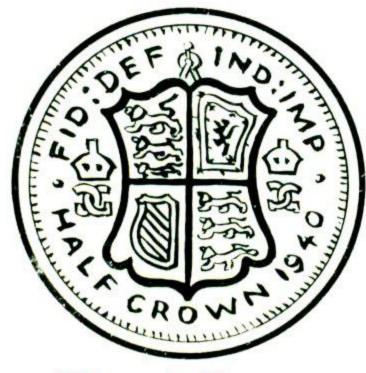


Some servants of the Queen, such as the Yeomen Warders of the Tower, still wear the royal plant-badges on breast and back in mediæval manner.

The continuing use by certain Crown departments of the badge of Sidney (the broad-arrow) is a relic of the service of a Sidney, who as Master of the Ordnance nearly three centuries ago used his personal badge to mark the stores for which he was responsible.



Most of the coinage struck by Her Majesty's Mint bears the Royal Arms, Crests or Badges.



Royal Arms



Royal Crest of England



Royal Crest of Scotland

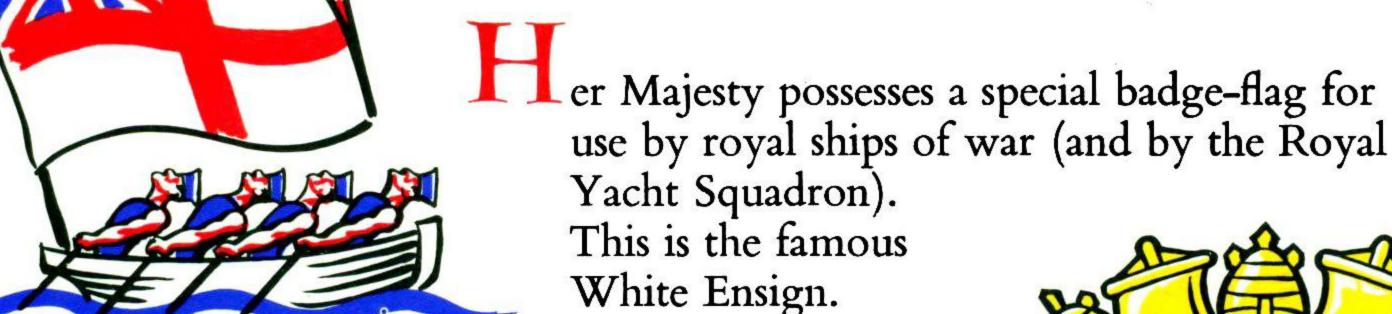


Royal Plant Badges
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## HER MAJESTYS FORCES

ROYAL NAVY

White Ensign







The gold anchor, formerly badge of the Lord High Admiral, is still borne by the Board of Admiralty.

Her Majesty's ships have individual badges of their own, surrounded by a rope beneath a "naval crown".



Naval Crown

Basge of H.M.S. Renown

## ROYAL AIR FORCE

H er Majesty's aircraft bear roundels of the livery colours of the Union.



Formations have their own individual badges, prepared for them by a herald who is Inspector of Royal Air Force Badges, and approved by the Queen in person.

The frames of these badges are different for each Dominion.



Basge of 6 Squasron, Royal Australian Air Force

## HER MAJESTYS FORCES

THEARM

Mackenzie of Seaforth

Cap badge of the Seaforth Highlanders



on caps, collars and buttons.

They often allude to the man who raised the regiment, its territorial connection, its function or its battle honours.

So do regimental ties.

King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantsy

Royal Artillery

The Lincolnshire Regiment

Duke of Atholl

Scottish Horse, raised by Atholl



CIDICHNE

In the last two wars it became customary for larger bodies of troops to mark their corporate identity by the use of formation signs, often designed by one of H.M. heralds.



7th
Armoured
Division,
(the
Desert Rats")

The spirit of a corps—with its continuing service and loyalty to the Queen—is embodied in its Colours, which are specially consecrated before presentation to the Regiment. In addition to the actual Colours, there are often flags bearing company or squadron badges.

Queen's
Standard
of Royal
Horse Guards
[the Blues]



Certain troops, including the Household Cavalry and Foot Guards, form a permanent part of the Queen's household, and are called the Household Brigade.

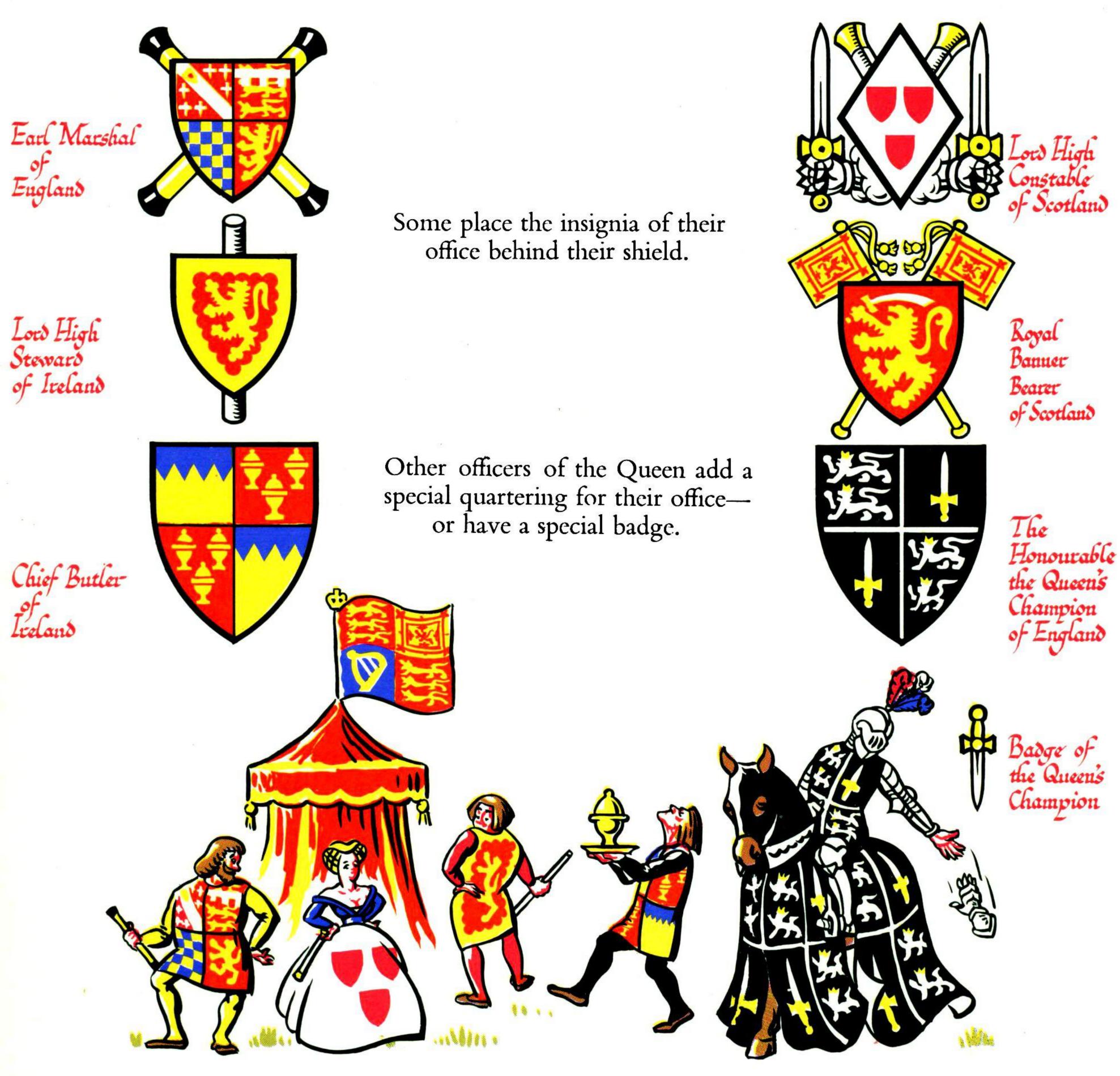
Their badges are usually drawn from the royal badges or from the stars of the noble orders of knighthood.



Company Colour, Queen's Company Grenadier Guards

## HER MAJESTYS HOUSEHOLD

ost of the Great Officers of Her Majesty's Household are entitled to special heraldic insignia by virtue of their service, for it is the highest honour to be allowed to serve the Queen, who is the living symbol of all her peoples.



## PART FIVE AROS AND THE RULES

## AUTHORITY OVER ARMS

B ecause disputes arose over coats of arms, the King gave authority to certain Great Officers to judge in such matters—and also to stop men from assuming heraldic honours to which they were not entitled.



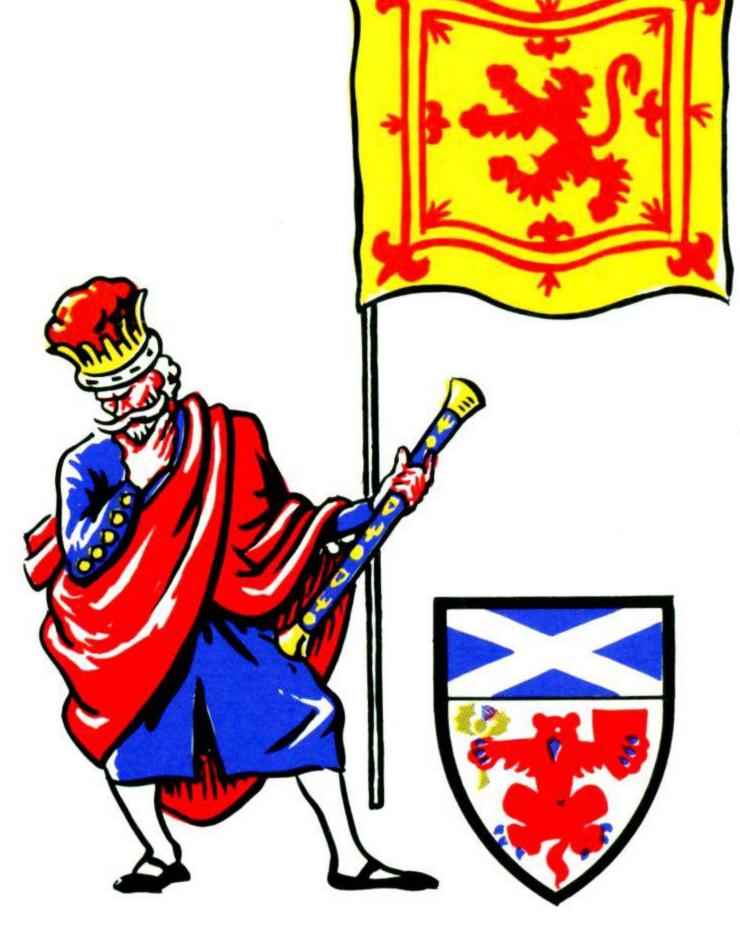


In England, this authority was given to the Lord High Constable (when there was one) and to the Earl Marshal—who is also the Duke of Norfolk

In Scotland, the authority was given to the High Sennachie, who became styled the Lord Lyon King of Arms

Today, legal control of armorial rights is still vested in the Court of the Earl Marshal, for England, and in the Court of the Lord Lyon, for Scotland.

from the lion in the Scottish royal coat.



Lord Lyon King of Arms

These Great Officers were also made responsible for recording genealogies and organising public ceremonies—the traditional function of a herald.

## HERALDS

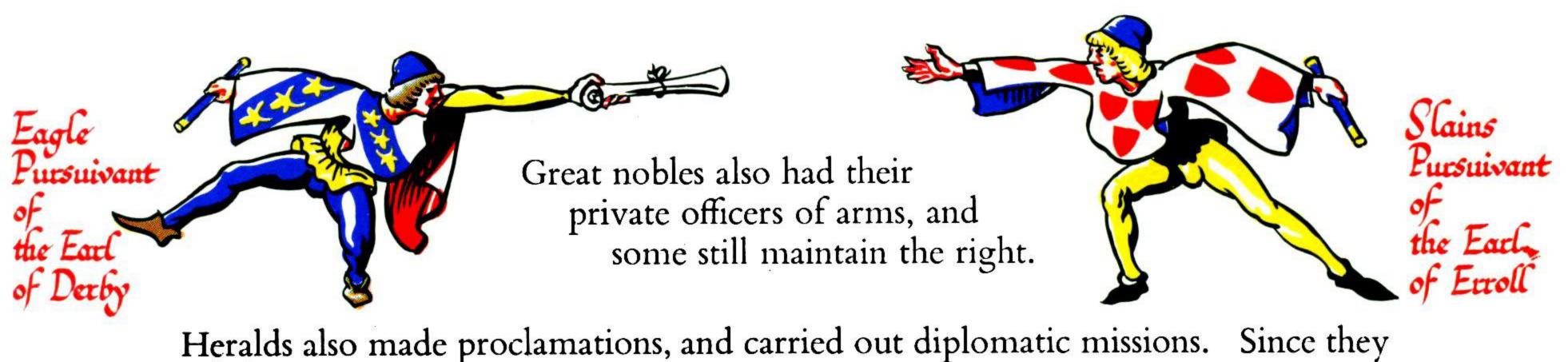
To assist them, these Great Officers have therefore the services of a number of officers of arms, generally known as "heralds".

In England, the Principal King of Arms is called Garter. There are also two other Kings of Arms called Clarenceux and Norroy, six Heralds and four Pursuivants, who with Garter form collectively the College of Arms under the Earl Marshal.

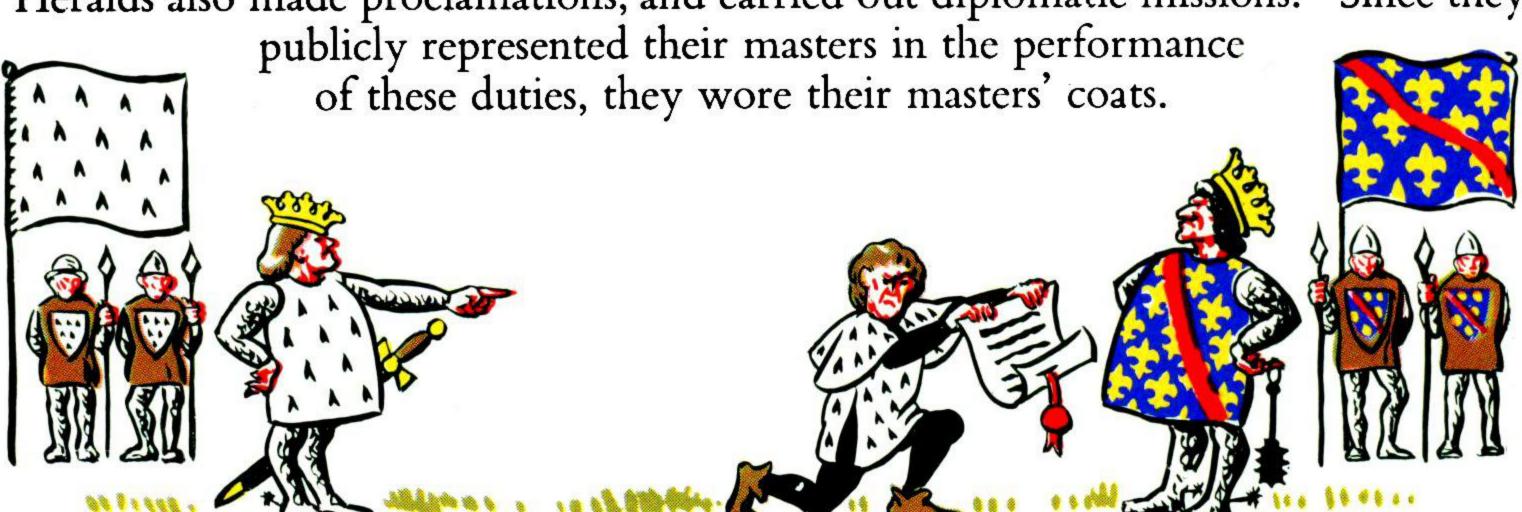


In Scotland, there are three Heralds and three Pursuivants, who with other officials make up the Court of the Lord Lyon.

The Republic of Eire has appointed a Principal Herald of Ireland: and Norroy as Ulster King of Arms deals with Northern Ireland's heraldry.



Duke of Brittany

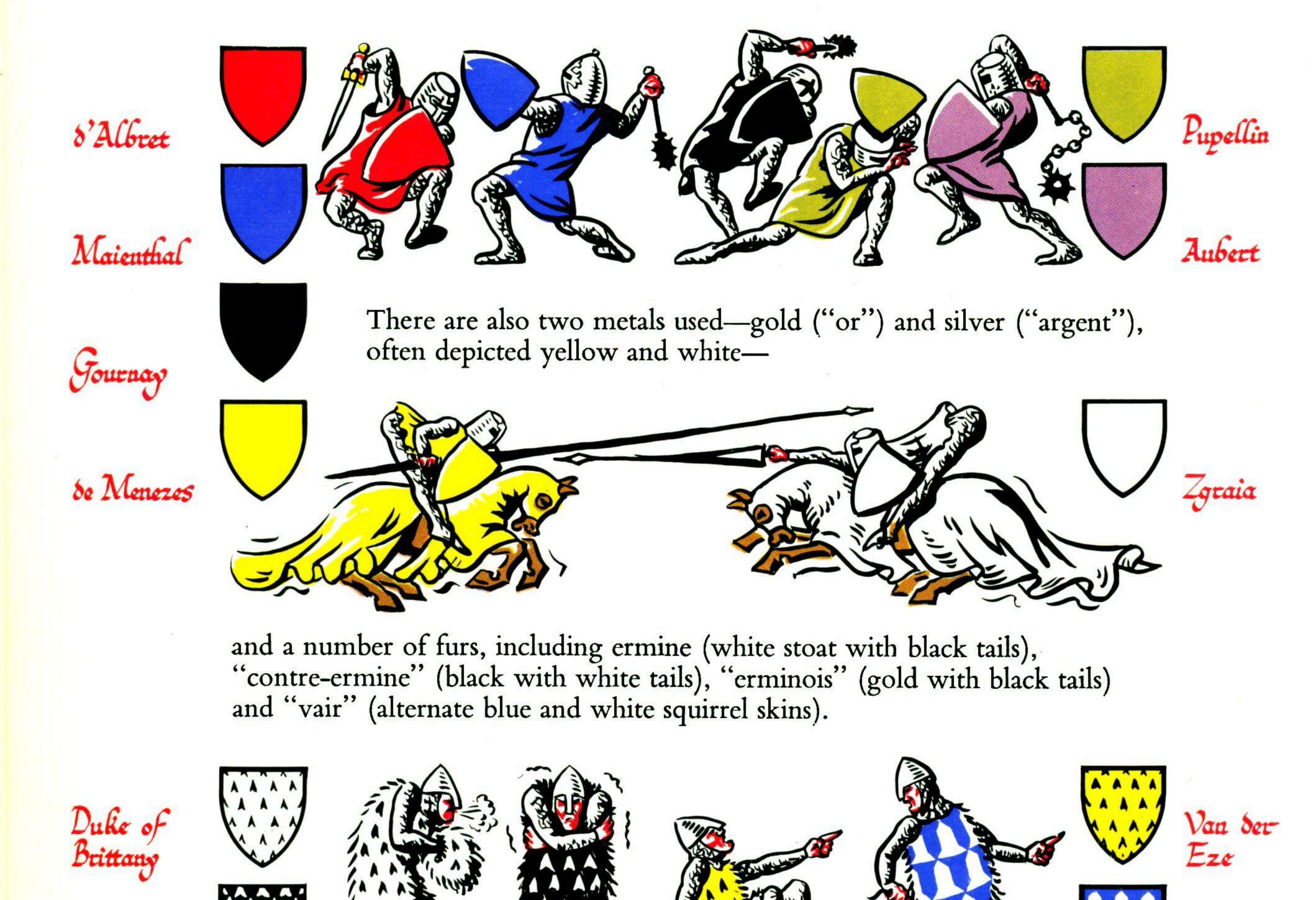


Duke of Bourbon

As the use of arms developed, heralds evolved practical conventions governing the design and arrangement of coats of arms. These conventions make up the Science of Heraldry.

## "TINCTURES"

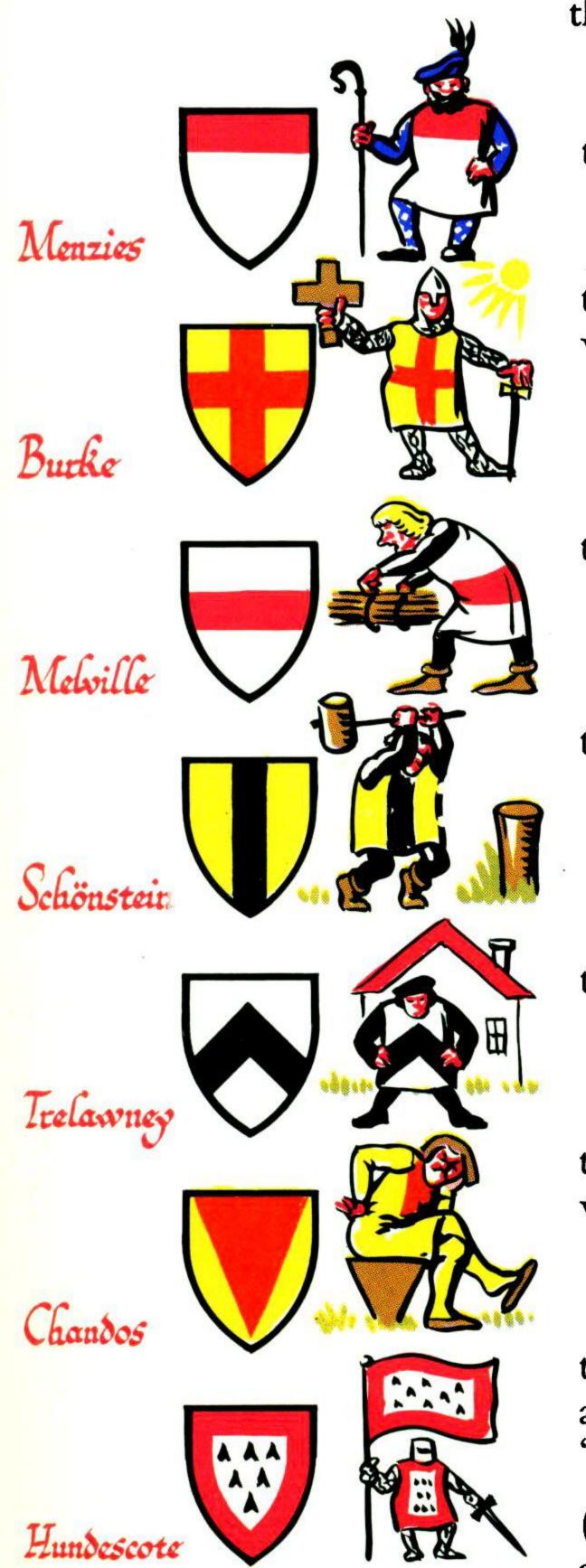
nly five colours are in general use in heraldry—red (called "gules"), blue ("azure"), black ("sable"), green ("vert") and purple ("purpure").



Some families have plain shields, but usually some "charge" is placed upon the background or "field". Normally colour is not placed on another colour, nor metal on metal, as being too indistinct at a distance. But colour shows up well on metal, and metal on colour.

## "ORDINARIES"

ertain charges called "ordinaries", which sometimes have diminutives of their own, include



the chief—

the saltire—

the Cross, which has many variations, like "cross-crosslet fitchée"—

the fess (fasce),
which can be reduced
to form a bar or bars—

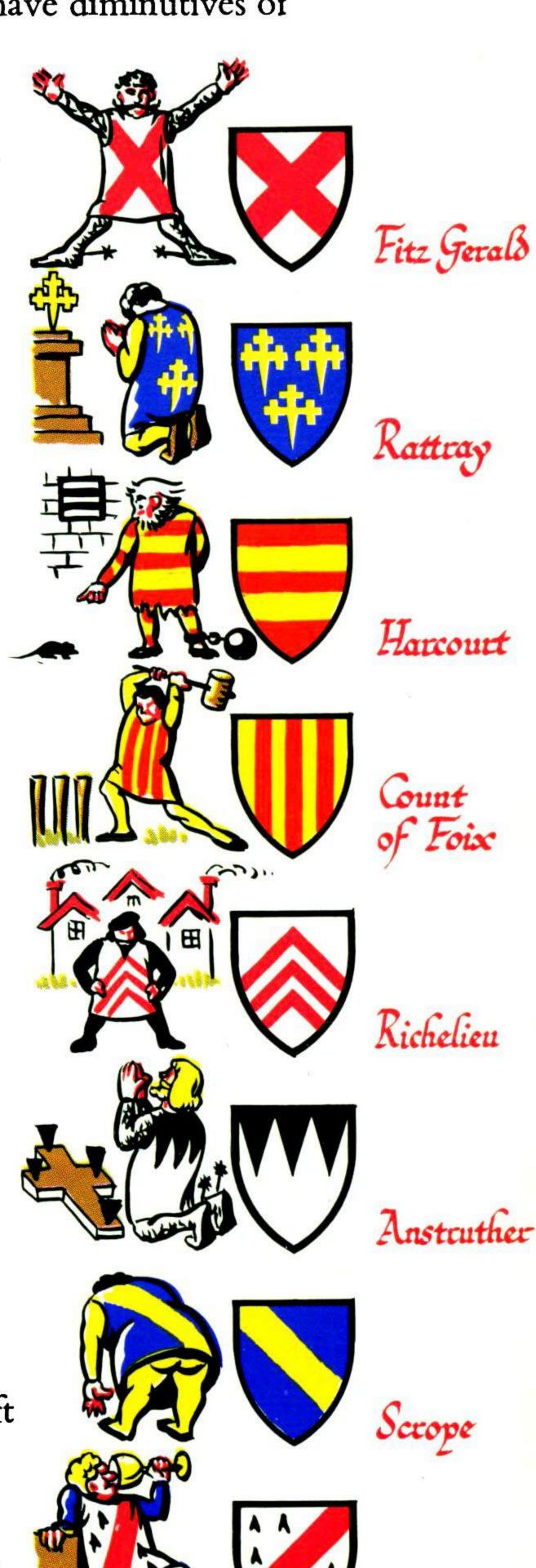
the *pale*,
which can be diminished
into *palets*—

the *chevron*,
which can also be
diminished—

the *pile*, which can be multiplied to form "passion nails"—

the bordure—and the bend (bande), a diagonal line from the "dexter" top corner of the shield, ("dexter" is right and "sinister" left as you shelter behind the shield).

A diagonal line the other way is a bend sinister, in French a "barre", which is not necessarily a mark of illegitimacy.

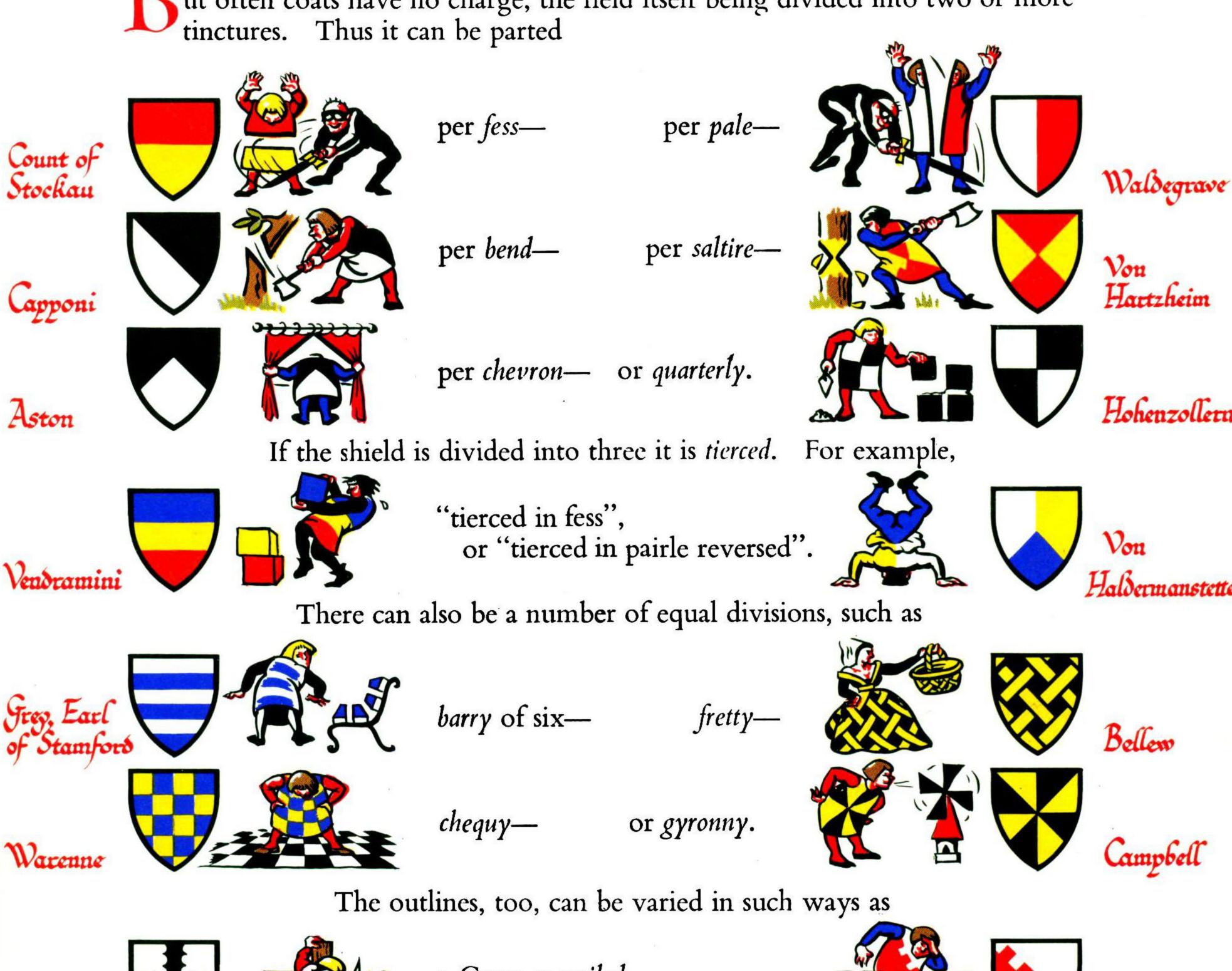


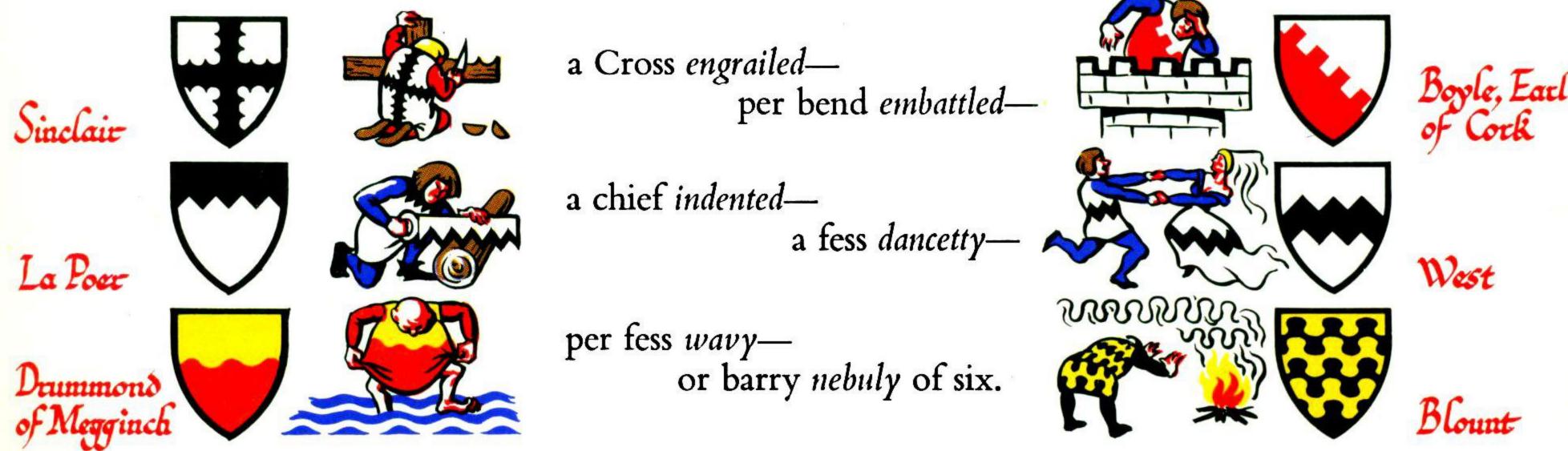
## "SUB-ORDINARIES"

ther ordinaries or "sub-ordinaries" include the quarter, which when reduced is called the canton— Dasbourg the pairle (pall), which is sometimes cut or "couped" to form a "shake-fork"von Riipplin the escutcheon, which is often "voided" by having its centre cut outthe lozenge: when voided they are often called mascles and can also be narrowed into fusils the gyron— Percy roundels (often given separate names for each tincture) rings or annulets-Courtenay billets flaunches (flanks)-Beaumanoir the label, usually mark of an heir (or sometimes a Van disinherited line)—and the fret. Maltravers

## "LINES OF PARTITION"

ut often coats have no charge, the field itself being divided into two or more tinctures. Thus it can be parted



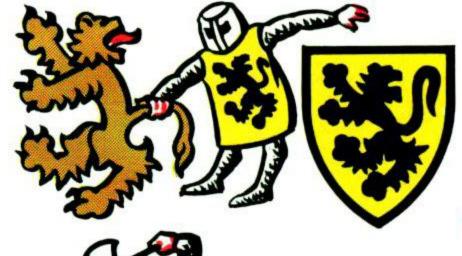


## FLORAAND FAUNA

he whole zoo and garden are drawn on for heraldic "devices".

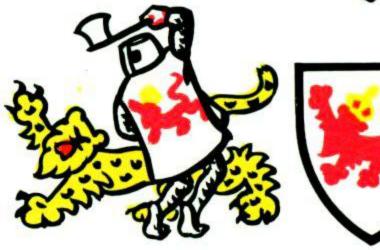


The lion, unless otherwise stated, is rampant. Looking backwards it is rear reguardant.





Walking, it is passant. Lions quardant (looking towards you) become "leopards".



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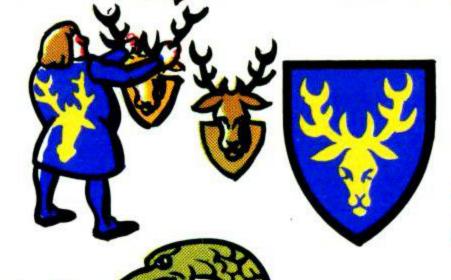


Halved, a lion becomes a demi-lion. Parts torn off are erased: thus "a boar's head erased".



Windisch-Grät

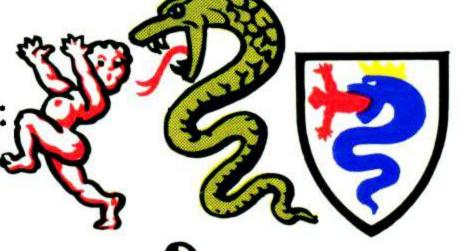
Parts cut off are couped: thus "a wolf's head couped". Facing and neckless, heads are cabossed: thus "a hart's head cabossed".



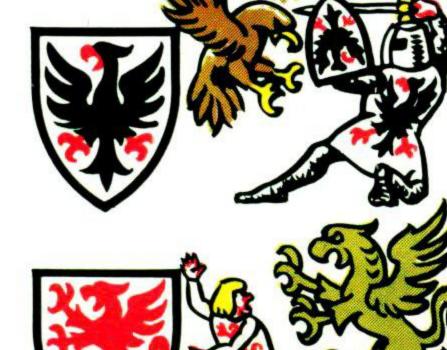
Mackenzie



Dolphins are usually embowed (arched). Vorant creatures devour: thus "a serpent crowned vorant a child".



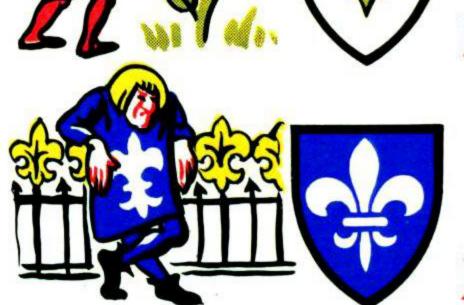
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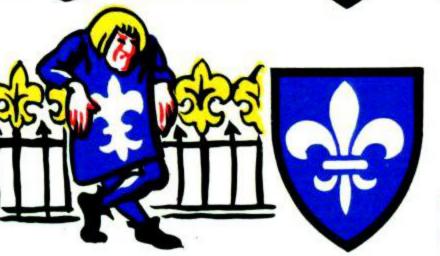
Eagles are usually displayed (wings spread). The martlet, a conventional bird, has no legs (and abroad neither beak nor tail)



There are many fantastic creatures such as the griffin. Such flowers as the rose may be barbed and seeded of different tinctures.



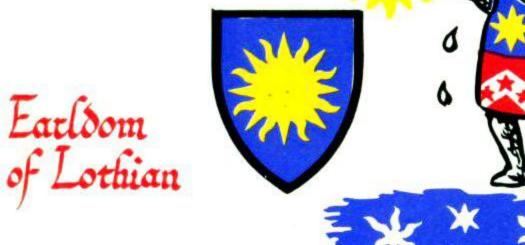
With a bit of stalk, they are slipped: "a lily slipped" is very different from the conventional fleur-de-lys.



de Trafford

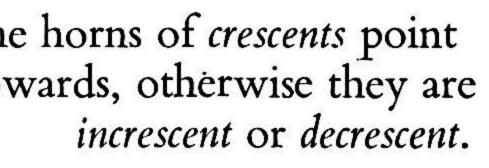
## OTHER DEVICES

ther devices have been chosen from every conceivable source.



The sun has many rays.

The horns of crescents point upwards, otherwise they are



it forms a "spur-rowel".



Oliphant



The *estoile* usually has six wavy rays. The molet or mullet usually has five points; when pierced

Murray

Jardine of



The escallop shell (badge of pilgrimage)—

the broad-arrow or pheon—



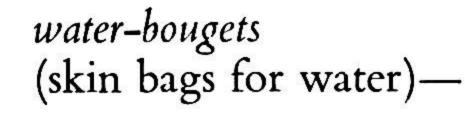


the maunch or sleeve—

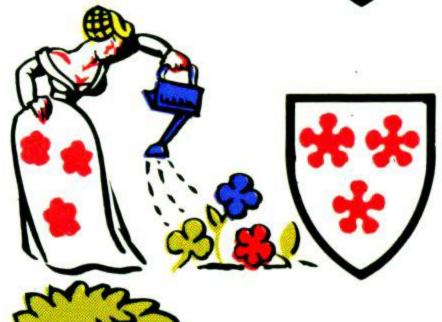
the wheatsheaf or garb—



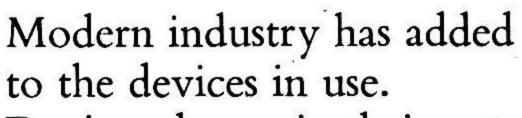
Hastings



trefoils, quatrefoils and cinquefoils —are all much used.



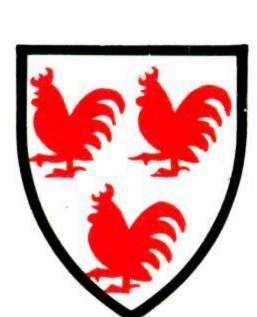
de Ros



Devices shown in their natural colours are said to be proper.



Borough of Swindon



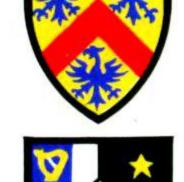
#### CANTINGARMS

he devices on canting coats make puns on their wners' names.



Breakspear

## ADDED CHARGES



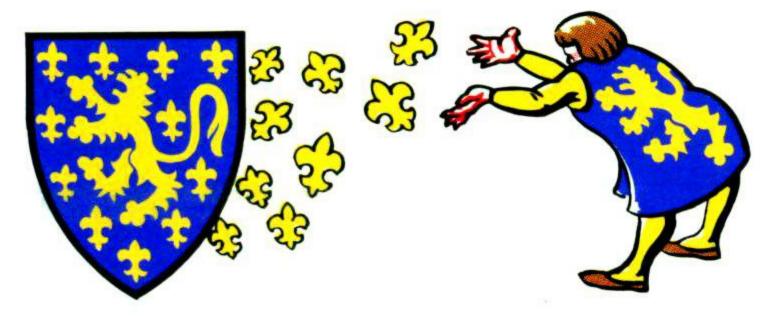
harges can be varied or combined in innumerable ways—on plain or parti-coloured fields.

Field Marshal Alexander



Tinctures reversed on either side of a partition line are counter-changed.





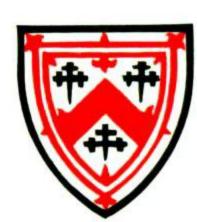
The field is sometimes strewn or semée with small charges.

Beaumont

Sometimes charges are added to an existing coat because of some famous feat—



or because of a royal connection (in Scotland often by grant of the "royal tressure").



Kennedy augmented

Douglas

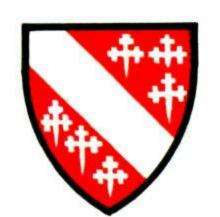
The Flodden

Augmentation

Kennedy



Such additions, made by special grant of the Sovereign, are called augmentations.



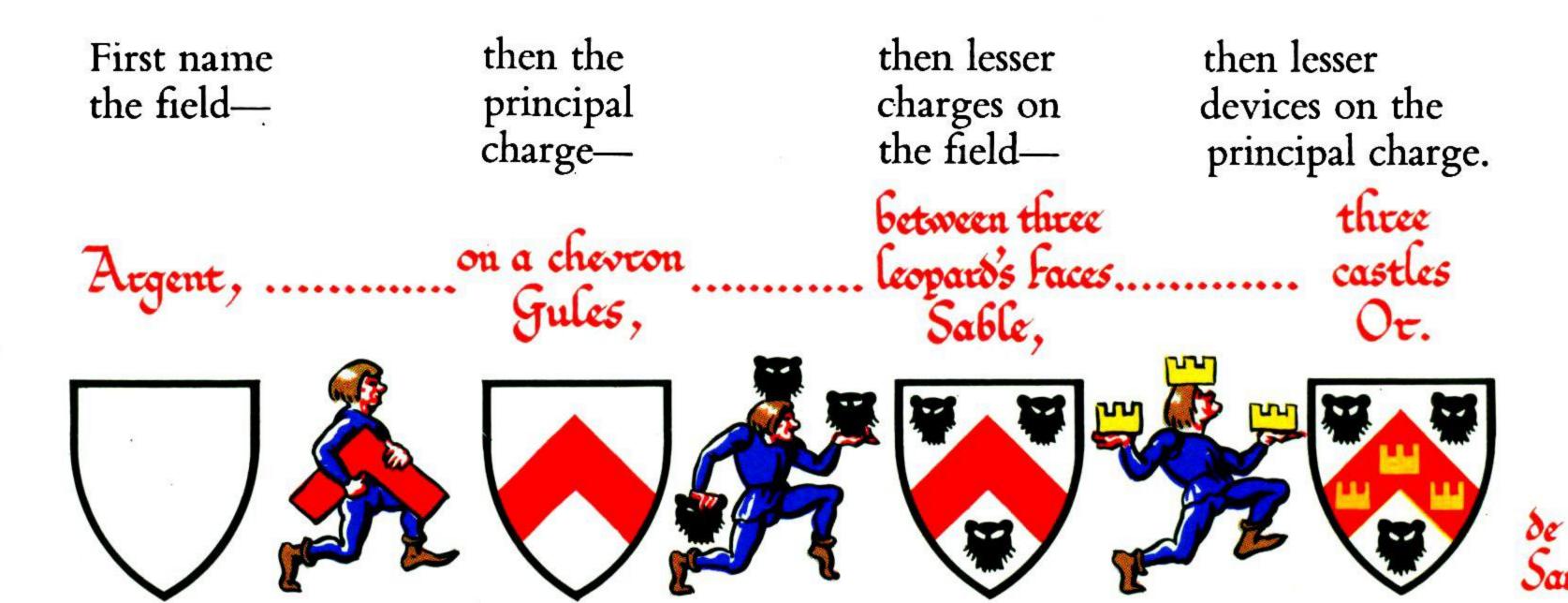
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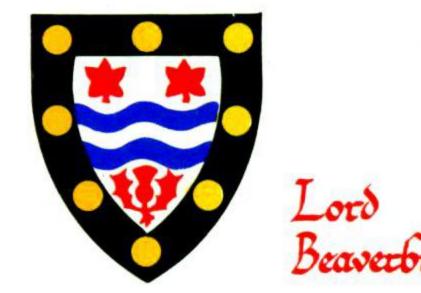
#### BLAZONING

o "blazon" a coat of arms is to describe it in technical terms, in order to be brief yet precise. This is done in an accepted sequence:

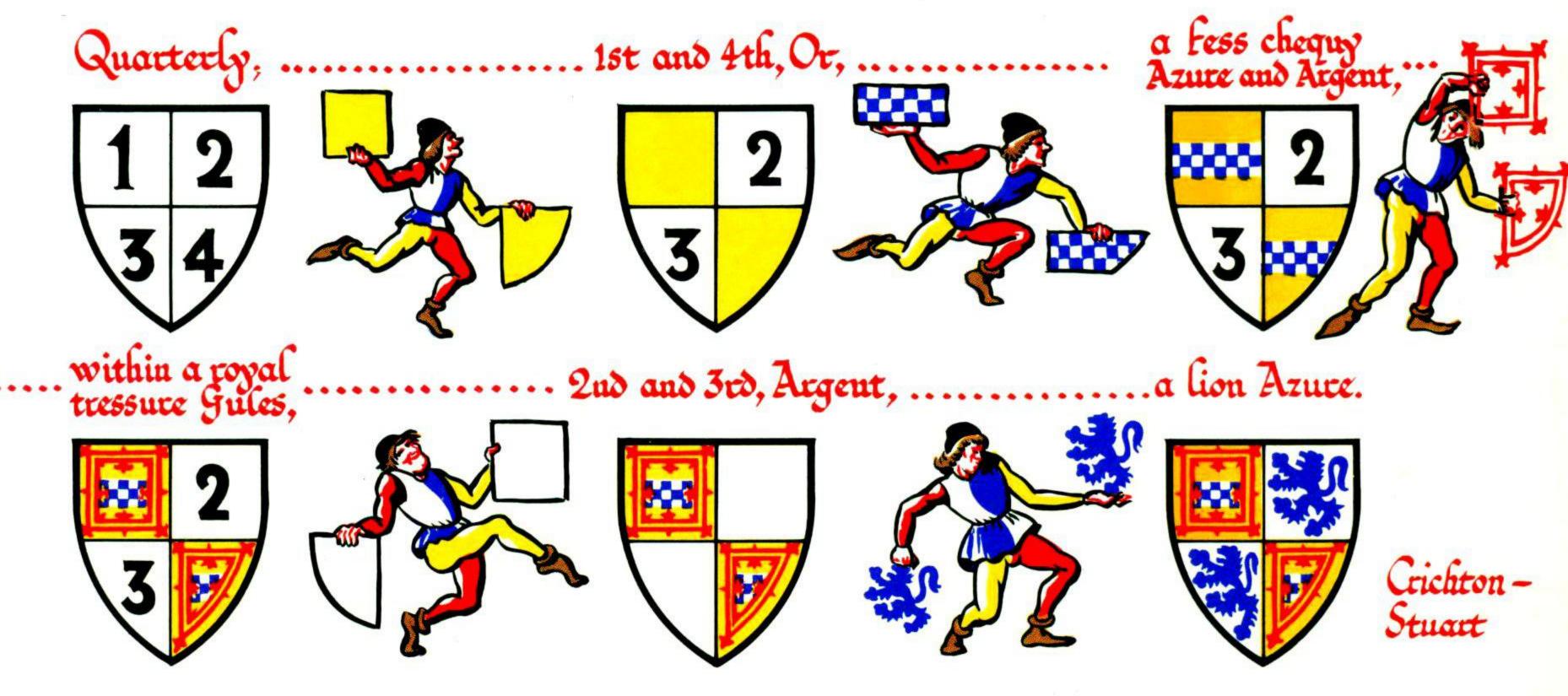


Chiefs and cantons, with any devices on them, are mentioned later, and bordures come last of all.

Thus: "argent two barrulets [narrow bars] wavy azure, between in chief two maple leaves slipped and in base a thistle eradicated [uprooted] gules, a bordure sable charged with eight bezants".

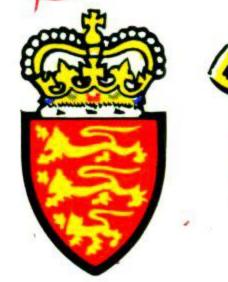


Quarterings are numbered and blazoned consecutively:



#### HEADGEAR

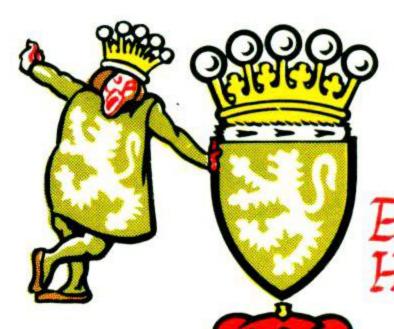
hields are often "ensigned" with official headgear of rank, set immediately above the shield.





Monarchs have closed crowns.

Peers have open coronets.



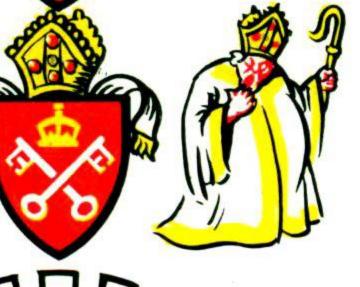
Earl of Home



Scots feudal barons have chapeaux, which all peers too may wear inside their coronets.







Bishops and abbots have their mitres and all clergy have clerical hats

coloured and tasselled according to their degree.



Burgh of

Scots burghs have mural coronets—and Scottish county councils have a special green coronet with wheatsheaves.

bove the coronet or hat is placed the helmet, which differs in metal and design according to rank.





Gold, with bars





Silver, gold bars



Steel, visor open



Lournament helm



Steel, closed

Douglas Fairbanks, In

Crests normally issue from wreaths, but there are exceptions. For example, some Scots chiefs and old English families use crest-coronets—



some Scots barons and old English families use chapeaux,

> and some distinguished naval families use naval crowns.



Crest of Earl De la Wart

Midlothian

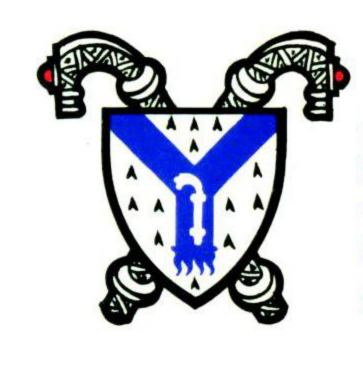
County

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Crest of Tellicoe

#### INSIGNIA

fficials are often entitled to place their insignia of office behind their shield.

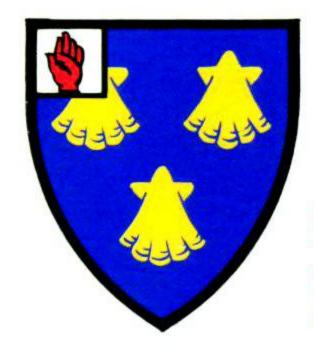


Hereditary Keeper of St. Fillan's Crozier



Holders of collars of SS and members of knightly orders may add their badge and collar, Garter, circlet or riband to their achievement. Decorations may be suspended by their ribbons below the shield.

Similarly, baronets may hang their badge from its riband—or the badge may be charged on the shield itself (in a canton or inescutcheon)—or even both.



Sir Edward Malet, Baronet.

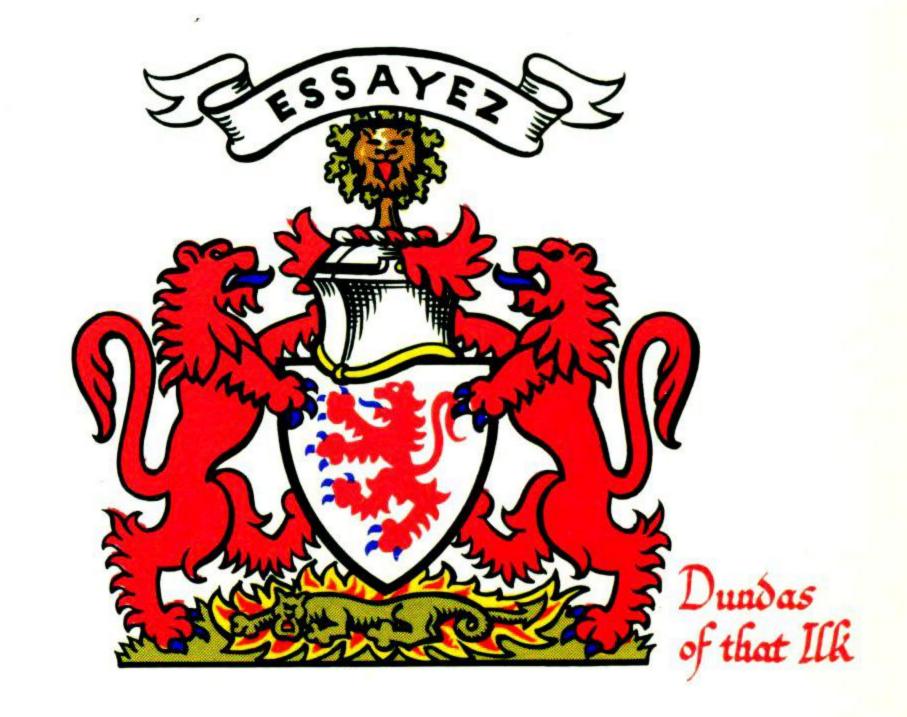


#### SUPPORTERS

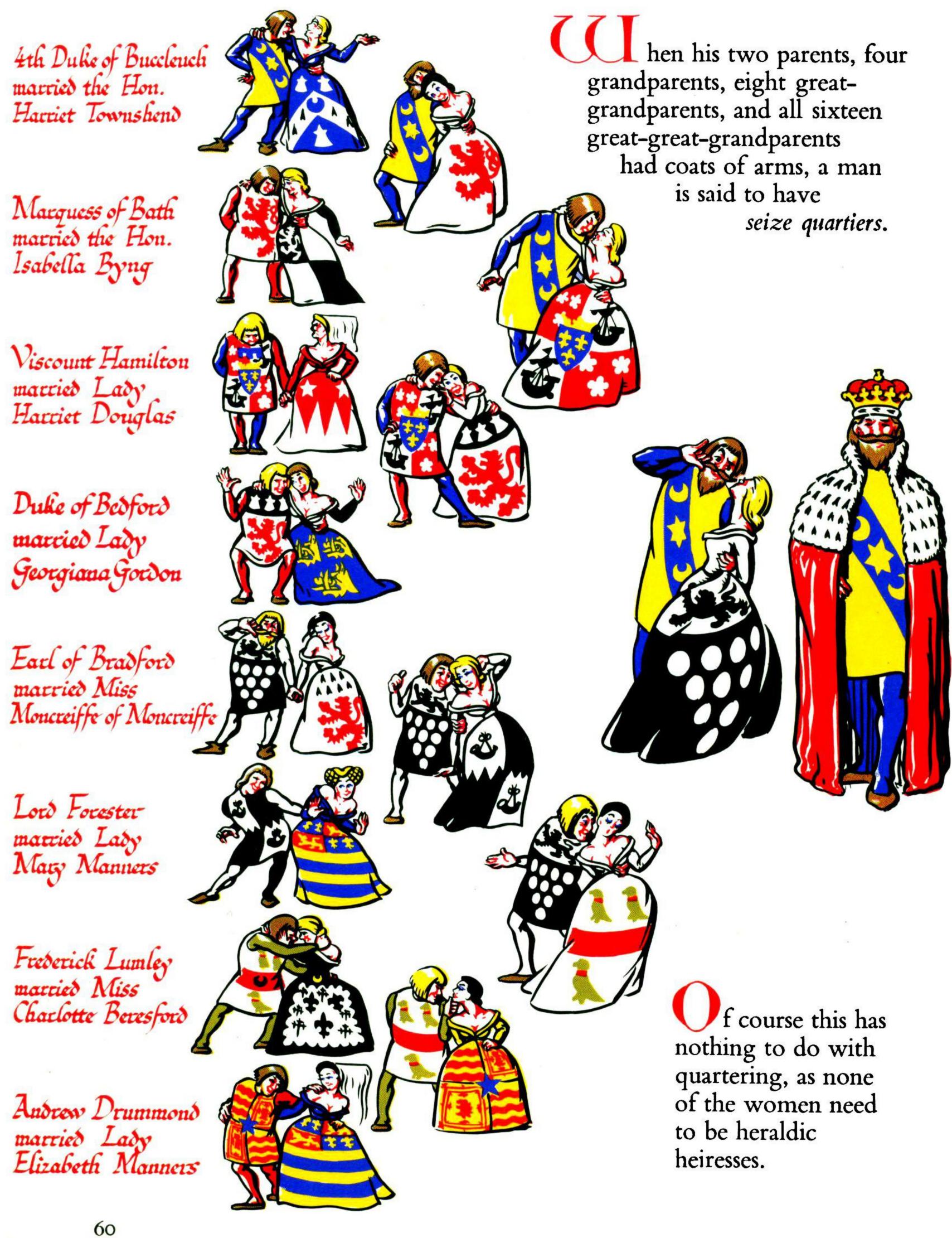
In England, hereditary supporters are allowed only to peers—in Scotland they are allowed to chiefs and to certain ancient barons as well. But some institutions have supporters—and, for instance, Knights of the Garter, the Thistle, and Knights Grand Cross of other orders are granted them for life.

Usually there is a supporter on either side of the shield, but sometimes the shield is borne by a single supporter.

Supporters usually stand on a grassy compartment, but very few families have special compartments.



## "SEIZE QUARTIERS"



Seize

Quartiers

of the 8th

Duke of

Buccleuch

# PART SIX ARMS AND YOU

## YOUR OUIN ARMS

F YOU ARE ENGLISH, OR OF ENGLISH DESCENT, you are entitled to arms if you can prove your male descent (father to son) from someone whose coat is officially recorded at the College of Arms, Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4BT.

To add to these records the names of any of the intervening generations down to yourself costs one or two guineas.

If you are a younger son, or belong to a younger branch, you must remember to "difference" the plain arms of your ancestor.

But if you have not (or cannot prove) such a descent, you may apply to the Earl Marshal through the College of Arms for Letters Patent granting you special arms of your own.



This costs £ 530, as it entails a considerable amount of expert knowledge on the part of the heralds, and also includes the cost of preparing the beautifully illuminated patent. Moreover, neither the College nor its

officers receive any subsidy from public funds, and its building and records have to be maintained from their fees.



Such Letters Patent entitle you and your descendants to arms for ever.









#### YOUR OUN ARMS

F YOU ARE SCOTS, OR OF SCOTTISH DESCENT, you are entitled to arms if you can prove you are the heir of someone who has recorded arms in Lyon Register, which began in 1672 and is kept in the Court of the Lord Lyon, H.M. New Register House, Princes Street, Edinburgh EH1 3YT. You may still register ancient arms if legally proved heir to someone who bore them before 1672.





If you are a younger son, or belong to a younger branch, you are still entitled to arms, but must apply to the Lord Lyon for a suitable "difference" to be "matriculated" for you in Lyon Register. This costs about £80-made up of fees (which go direct to H.M. Treasury) and the cost of the Herald Painter's work on the illuminated parchment.

But if you have not (or cannot prove) such a descent, you may apply to the Lord Lyon King of Arms at his Court for Letters Patent granting you special arms of your own.

This costs about £280, made up as before of Treasury Fees and the cost of painting the title deed itself.

This entitles you and your descendants to arms for ever, though younger sons must of course "matriculate" their particular differences.

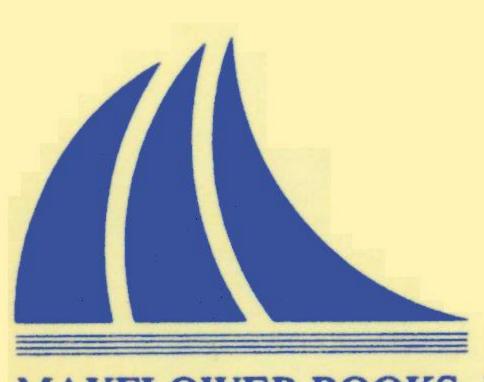


These arms are protected for you by all the force of the Law of Scotland (where the use of bogus arms is illegal) and anyone who infringes your patent will be prevented from doing so, and may be prosecuted and fined by Lyon Court.



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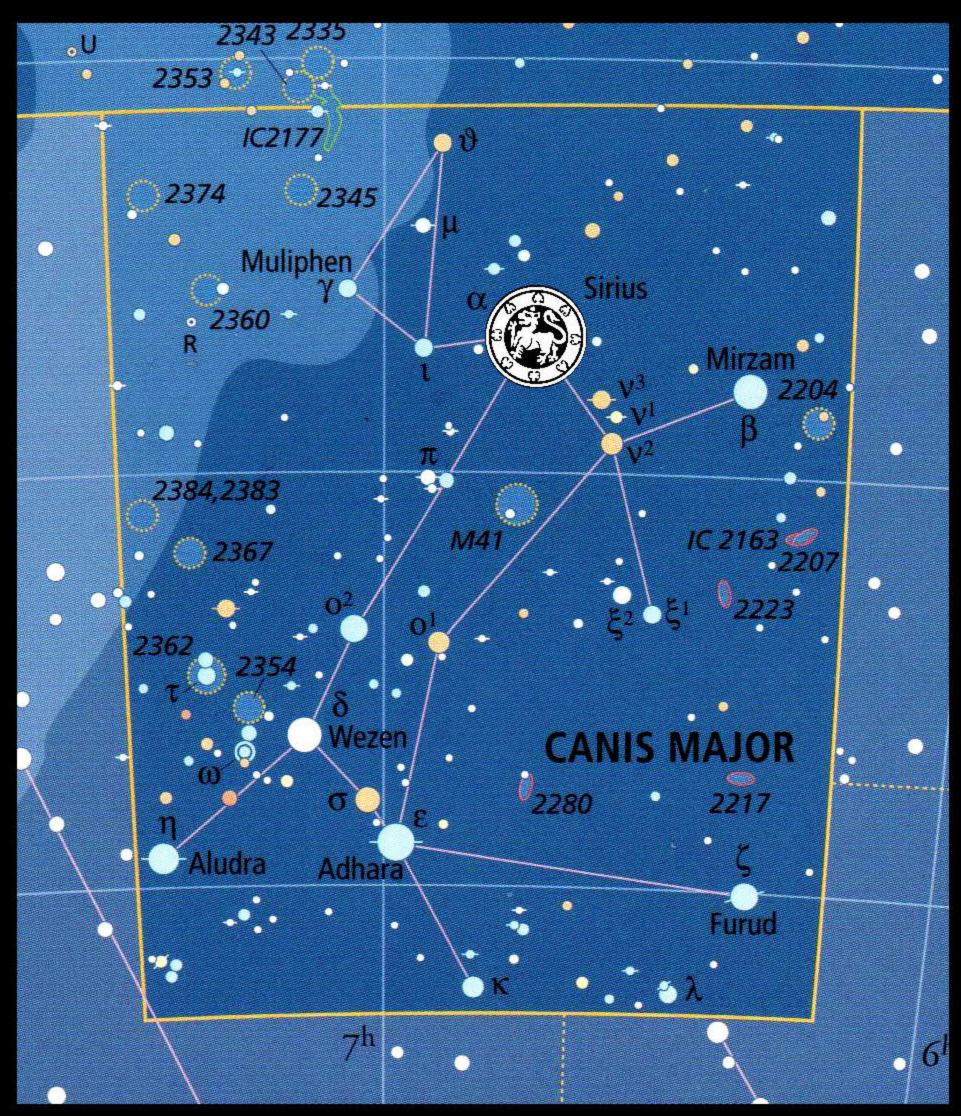
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