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From a Book of Hours that was produced (between 1496 and 1506) for Joanna of Castile, the daughter of King Ferdinand of Aragon and Isabella of Castile.

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SHIRE NEWS

Congratulations to Lord William Peregrinus and Dona Dorinda Courtney for making it to the semi-finals at Queen's Rapier Championships. Will was defeated by Lord Will Paris and Dorinda was defeated by Don Christian, the eventual winner. Vivat!

Congratulations to Lord Bjorn Einarrson on taking 2nd place in Friday night's Vampires and Zombies fencing tournament at War Practice. (No, he doesn't sparkle)

Congratulations to Lord Aaron Swiftrunner on becoming youth champion for the fourth time at War Practice. (Three more years until he gets to play with the big kids! :D)

Congratulations to Lord William Peregrinus on his new Sycamore! And **Congratulations** to Lady Thora Drukkard on her new Keystone! Both awarded at War Practice. Vivat!

Much thanks to Lord Tronose Modoc for his huge help at War Practice with schlepping, take down and still more schlepping and for taking the entire breakdown crew to lunch at the All You Can Eat Chinese Buffet in Meadville! Vivat!

Congratulations to Lady Brigitte von Eisenburg on her new job in Baltimore! Sorry they didn't give you much time to move. Good luck and we'll miss you!

Congratulations and Sympathies to Lord Jacob of Dunmore who will be missing Pennsic this year because he's going to be stationed in Hawaii. Life's just so tough these days! :) We'll miss you.

Congratulations to Lady Veronica D'Artusio for graduating from grad school! Now she can start attending SCA events again!

Congratulations to Duke Marcus Eisenwald and THL Maurgarite Louise, their new baby Ingrid Morgan Ruth Stendahl arrived Sat. June 23, 2012 at 7:54 AM. 9.4lbs (4200 grams), 22 inches long Vivat!

Pax Interruptus XXXVI

As the Winter winds recede and Spring comes upon us we invite the populace to think about preparing your camping set up, and to participate in Martial activities at the 36th Pax Interruptus in the Barony of Thescorre. Pax will be held July 6 - 8, 2012, at Genesee Country Campground, 40 Flint Hill Rd., Caledonia, NY 14423.

The site opens at 2 pm Friday and closes at 1 pm Sunday.

Saturday activities will include melees for heavy fighters and fencers, and for archery and thrown weapons. Baron Aquila and Baroness Bronwyn will hold Their Baronial Court. We will be providing a light Sideboard lunch in the afternoon but no feast.

Please plan accordingly. The site has a camp store for some groceries, ice and wood, as well as flush toilets and showers.

The site is discreetly damp. Camping will be around the edge of the main activity area. The field as before, does not have immediately available water so plan to bring some.

Dogs are permitted on leash with proof of license and vaccinations which must be presented when you troll in, and must be cleaned up after please! Campers will be provided with a trash bag and should plan to carry it out to the dumpster near the camp store as they leave. Day visitors are encouraged to bring pavilions for shade.

There will be porta johns on the edge of the field. Merchants may set up a booth. Sunday morning the Campground will be serving a breakfast in the dining pavilion for \$4.00 per adult, \$2 per child.

Costs for the event are Site fee \$8 per adult, \$4 for Children ages 6 to 15. Children 5 and under free. Camping for Adults \$4 per night. Camping for Children \$2 per night. We would encourage those camping to pre-reg so we may be better able to accommodate everyone. A non-member surcharge of \$5 for those without proof of membership, will be collected at the door. Please make checks payable to SCA NY, Inc, Barony of Thescorre.

Questions should be directed to the Autocrat: Baroness Alison of the Many Isles (Susann Brainard, 45 Southwind Way, Rochester, NY 14624, 585-594-4811, email: bannerlady@periodstyle.com).

Reservations may be sent to Baroness Orianna Fridrikskona (Orilee Ireland-Delfs, 731 South Main St., Newark, NY 14513, 315-331-3788, email: Orianna@thescorre.org).

Directions: From Rochester: Take I-490 West to Exit 1, LeRoy, then follow the signs to Rt. 19 South to LeRoy. Approximately 4.5 miles, turn left onto Rt. 5 East at the light in LeRoy. Go east on Rt. 5 about 4.1 miles and watch for the sign for the Lime Rock Speedway and Genesee Country Campground on the left. Turn left onto Flint Hill Road. Approximately .5 miles on the left will be the campground. Turn into the main campground entrance marked with the SCA sign. SCA signs will be posted.

Directions: From the East, West, or Southwest, take your best route to the New York State Thruway and exit 47, Rochester/LeRoy. After the toll booths, take I-490 East toward Rochester and exit at Exit 1 (your first exit off 490). Follow the signs to Rt. 19 South to LeRoy. Approximately 4.5 miles, turn left onto Rt. 5 East at the light in LeRoy. Go east on Rt. 5 about 4.1 miles and watch for the sign for the Lime Rock Speedway and Genesee Country Campground on the left. Turn left onto Flint Hill Road. Approximately .5 miles on the left will be the campground. Turn into the main campground entrance marked with the SCA sign.

From the Southeast, take I-390 north to Exit 10, Avon. At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Rts. 5 & 20 West. Follow 5 & 20 West through the village of Avon (follow the signs around the traffic circle and stay on 5 & 20). Just outside of Avon at a blinking light, Rt. 20 splits off Rt. 5. Stay to the right on Rt. 5 West. Follow Rt. 5 West through the village of Caledonia and around the traffic circle. Follow Rt. 5 West. After you cross the railroad tracks, go about 1.3 miles to the sign for the Lime Rock Speedway and Genesee County Museum on your right. Turn right onto Flint Hill Road. Approximately .5 miles on the left will be the campground. Turn into the main campground entrance marked with the SCA sign. SCA signs will be posted.

and the other child has to guess whether the total is odd or even. A correct guess wins a token. A wrong guess loses one. Traditional Games of England, Scotland and Ireland states that the game dates back to "Ancient Greece and Rome".

They might also be playing "Eggs in the Bush". One player holds a number of marbles in one hand and the other players have to guess the number of marbles. Those who guess correctly are paid that number of marbles. Those who guess wrongly must pay the holder the difference between the number guessed and the number actually held. Players take turns holding marbles.

Another variant of this is "Prickey Sockey" which was played at least as far back as Victorian England. On New Year's Day, children beg for pins from their parents with the phrase "Please pay Nab's New Year's Gift". I found no reference to who "Nab" is. Children start the game by reciting the poem

"Prickey Sockey for a pin
I care not whether I lose or win."

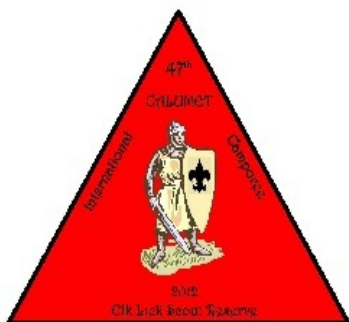
A pin is concealed in the closed fist and the opponent has to guess which way the pin is facing by reciting "This for prickey." while pointing at the guessed point end, and "This for sockey." while pointing at the guessed head end. A correct guess wins the pin.

I tried to determine why this game was popular around New Year's Day. The only information I found that seemed relevant was from The Hat Pin Society of Great Britain (<http://www.hatpinsociety.org.uk>) about hat pins during Queen Victoria's time. The children may have been imitating their parents.

"Alarmed at the effect the imports had on the balance of trade, Parliament passed an Act restricting the sale of pins to two days a year, at the beginning of January. Ladies saved their money all year to be spent on pins in an early example of the 'January sales'! This is thought to be the source of the term 'pin money.'"

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Calumet International Camporee

For those of you unable to make Pennsic this year and for those of you who may be suffering from PPD (Post Pennsic Depression), the Shire of Heronter will be running a demo encampment for Calumet International Camporee at Elk Lick Scout Reserve, (2420 Bordell Road,

Smethport, PA 16749) on August 17-19, the weekend following Pennsic. This is an annual event for the Boy Scouts of America hosted by Allegheny Highlands Council. There are usually around 1000 scouts and scouters in attendance.

This year the event is medieval themed. The scouts would like an encampment all weekend. On Saturday they are also looking for martial demonstrations as well as, hands on A&S activities.

We have also been asked to judge the Dutch Oven Cooking Contest. Those of us not judging are welcome to compete. The event is free to SCA-diens in garb. For our encampment, period tents are strongly preferred. This is a Boy Scout event: Sorry brewers, it is a dry site; Sorry smokers, it is a tobacco-free site; and bards please keep it relatively clean. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Lord William Peregrinus (MKA Travis Heath) Valor_Knightt@Yahoo dot com To check out the scouting event go to:



<http://www.alleghenyhighlands.org/new0412/Calumet%20Brochure,%202012.pdf>

Recipe of the Month: Horseradish Sauce
by Dagonell the Juggler

From: The Closet Open'd by Sir Kenhelm Digby (Pg. 151)

Original:

"SAUCE OF HORSE RADISH

Take roots of Horse-radish scraped clean, and lay them to soak in fair-water for an hour. Then rasp them upon a Grater, and you shall have them all in a tender spongy Pap. Put Vinegar to it, and a very little Sugar, not so much as to be tasted, but to quicken (by contrariety) the taste of the other."

Redaction:

HORSERADISH SAUCE

1 large horseradish root

1/4 cup vinegar

1 tablespoon sugar

Peel horseradish root. Cut into large chunks. Soak in clean water for one hour. Scrape on a grater. Add vinegar and sugar and stir. Refrigerate until used.

Commentary:

This was primarily an authenticity experiment. I wanted to do it just once to say that I had done it. The result came out somewhat coarser than the bottled stuff, primarily because I used a hand-grater rather than pureeing it in the blender. My wife thought it looked like lye.

The commercial bottled horseradish lists horseradish root, vinegar and salt as the ingredients. No sugar. They taste about the same. It was an interesting experiment, but I don't think I'll be doing it again.

Silverwing's Laws <http://www.schuldy.org/laws.html>

#4 The number of sauces at the feast is directly proportional to the length of your dags times the cost of the material. – Alexandre sur le Mer

#11 The probability that you forgot to pack something is directly proportional to the distance of the event times the necessity of the item. – Stephen Silverwing

Upcoming Calendar – includes non-SCA events of interest

- June 21 – July 15 Richard III in Delaware Park
<http://www.shakespeareindelawarepark.org>
- July 1 – Independence Day (Canada)
- July 4 – Independence Day (U.S.A.)
- July 6-8 – Great Blue Heron Jazz Festival
<http://www.greatblueheron.com>
- July 6-8 – Pax Interruptus XXXVI
http://www.thescorre.org/calendar/events/pax_2012.htm
- July 6-8 – Pirate Festival
www.olcott-newfane.com/calendar-newfane-olcott.php
- July 13 – Karen Waterman's birthday
- July 20-22 – Viking Village
<http://www.heronter.org/Events/viking2012.html>
- July 23 – 29 Chautauqua County Fair
<http://www.chautauquacountyfair.org>
- July 26 – August 19 – Midsummer's Night Dream in Dela. Park
<http://www.shakespeareindelawarepark.org>
- July 27 - August 12 – Pennsic War 41
<http://www.pennsicwar.org>
- July 30 – August 5 – Cattaraugus County Fair
<http://www.cattarauguscofair.com>
- August 4 – Antonio de Luna's Birthday
- August 7 – Josh Letterman's Birthday
- August 7 – 11 – Warren County Fair
<http://www.warrencountyfair.net>
- August 9 – Jacob of Dunmoore's Birthday
- August 9 – 16 – Erie County Fair
<http://www.ecfair.org>
- August 11-18 McKean County Fair
<http://www.mckeancountyfair.net>
- August 17-19 – Calumet International Camporee Demo
- August 17-19 – Youngsville Corn Festival
<http://www.youngsvillepa.org/festival/index.php>
- August 18 – Amherst Scottish Festival
<http://www.amherstmuseum.org/scottish.htm>
- August 21 – Ian Ashbaugh's Birthday

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