

glad indeed to have two views of it. I am not quite sure from the description that it is actually a ram's horn covered with leather or if it has been only at the top. I should think if a horn it would be some kind of cow's horn perhaps foreign ~~cow or bull~~ bovine animal. It seems to have had a mouth-piece screwed into the hole at the top. I should like to know if any worm is visible inside the aperture. I have photographs of a leather bottle with flat wood top in which is a similar hole with worm for screwing in a mouthpiece.

With many thanks for your kindness I am
mine yours

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Dear Sir

I am exceedingly obliged by the excellent photographs, you have sent me, which will be of great interest & very useful. They show how very accurate the small sketches must have been, which you first sent.

As to paragraph (1) of the description, I

am very glad to know that these jacks survive with such an interesting history. I suppose I can get the arms of Rivers from Burke's "Extinct Peerages"?

As to N^o (4) It struck me when looking at the photographs that I had seen something like it before, & at last I remembered that in the cellar of an ancient moated mansion, Baddeley Clinton, in Warwickshire, I saw on the wall a similar looking article of leather & that the butler explained that it had been the custom in past times to use it

for bottling. That it was strapped on the operator's leg, & the bottle placed within it. He had himself used it for that purpose. Do you not think this is a more likely origin for this cup than that it was strapped on the arm of a post-boy?

It is such a quaint affair I should like to include it in the book, so if it proves to be an implement for bottling, I think we can safely assume that the butler would drink the wine which had overflowed into it, & that it was therefore a leather drinking vessel.

N^o 7. is a wonderfully interesting & picturesque object & I am very