

various members of it for swiftness of foot, and who was by Mr. Watts Russell pitted against my father in a race. The latter eyeing his man and knowing his own powers, offered to compete with Chantry on his back, and came off victorious.

It is amongst some of the earliest entries in the Colwich Registers, that we meet with the name of Richard Trubshaw, and this Richard was the father of George, who was baptised August 24th, 1665, and whose prettily-carved little quaint old gravestone, with his name and that of Shusaun his wife, forms a pleasing contrast in the midst of the tall heavy unadorned ones of more modern date.

The next in succession was his son Richard, a noted man in our family in many ways, and whose name was handed down to us as worthy of respect; he was born in 1689. He carried on an extensive business, not only in many of the English Counties, but likewise in Wales; gave his son a good education; left behind substantial proofs of his prosperity; had a love for books, and collected some valuable ones. "Gwillim's Heraldry" is still in our possession, in which he has not only entered his name, but also where it was purchased (Chester), and the cost—£2. 2s. 0d. We have also "Sir Matthew Hale's Sermons," a handsomely-bound copy of "Vitruvius Britannicus," and "Bailey's Dictionary," bought at Stafford, cost 6s. 6d., in which he allowed his son to write his name in 1740, and underneath, the good father, apparently well satisfied with the penmanship, has added—

"My son James Trubshaw writ the above."

But what most interested me in my childhood concerning him was, that he was distinguished by the appellation of "Richard the Wrestler," and when my grandmother used to recite to me the first and last verse (all she could recollect) of a song made in his honour, when he came off victorious in a great wrestling match, I listened