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WELCOMBE.

ZUR,—Lets haup the late futepath dispute is a finished. Zo will zay ivery wan thet beelangeth tu the plase, or that wisheth well tu the vokes hot live yer. Wy it hath made moar bad veelin betwayn nayburs than inny thing that hath a tuke plase yer zinse the time wen old Hendy himployed the farmers vor helpen in his old smugglin tricks, and then split pon mun, an got lots aw mun put into chink.

This kase was yerd in Holsworthy Kownty Korte the 11th of February an repoarted in yer paper last week, but praps zom mite like tu yer a bit abowt it vrom wan that hathen tuke no pairt in it nether wan ov the zides.

Mr. Walker, a jintleman way lots ov munny, kom'd down vrom London a vu yurs ago, an bort zom land in this parrish, an bilded a beg howse vor live in, an zom smaler wans for his workmen. Wan pairt ov the land is nawd as "Welcombe Hude," dru wich is this disputed futepath that rinth slin ways athaurt the hill or hude vrom Mead Cross pon top ov the hill tu Gooseham Mill down tu the bottom.

The path is jist in frint ov his howse but not in site ov it, an as he hath turned the hill intu a presarve vor rabberts, I spose he wud like vor the vokes tu pass anether way, but

if he bort the grownd way the path thare he cant komplayn, tis jist the same as wen inny boddy byeth land an he hath got tu pay tithes, he may grumbel but tis no yuse, vor he hath got tu pay jist the same. This short kut saveth the childern gwain vrom the western zide ov Welcombe tu Morwentow skule, abowt haf a mile aich way, an hath a bin yused in this way tu my nollidge vor the last vorty yurs, vur zo long ago as wen my brither Jan was a boy, an wen tu skule tu Wm. Martin's auver tu Gooseham he pased thare ivery day vor sival winters, and awltho I niver went thare tu skule I yused tu pass thare very hoffen vor other things, an twas awlways haupen vor ivery bodpy tu pass, as Ann Cottle that liveth down tu the bottom cude testify. An that vinerable person, the owldest inabitant towld me he had nawd it vor 70 yurs an twas awlways thare the same as tis now. Som time ago Mr. Walker tride vur git the vokes vor agree tu go down the rawd by the end, and go auver the Mill path tu the bottom, an he had a hentery made in the Church bukes tu that effect, and tride tu git the peepel vor konsent tu it, but thay woudden, an then he got hold ov som that zed thare was niver no path thare at awl. Zo as thare was no path, he put his men tu put hup a fence vor keep back the childern, an wan mornin when Mr. Oke's childern went tu go tu skule, the way was blocked, an they had vor return hoam, zo thare father went down an cleared the rawd ov both fence an man. Howiver very zune Mr. W. had a hedge put hup rite acress the way, an pon the Munday mornin arter the Saterdag wen twas dun, Messrs. Oke, Mugford, and Hambly, the defendents in this action, went with pickaxes an zune demolished the structure, takin care to call a pleseman tu witness hot was dun. They hot did it was sued vor £1 damages an trespass, the jurey komd owt vor vue it the Munday avaur the trial, an arter yerin the hevidense, wich they zed was very konfliktin, they deesided that thare was no trespass.

It dith sim strange, Zur, how innywan cude go an zay twasen a publick path, vor that venerabel body the oldest hinhabitant, towld me he had nawd it the same as tis now for 70 yurs. Thare mite be zom that cudden naw nort abowt it that mite think so, an if theyve deesayved Mr. Walker they hoft tu pay his hexpenses. I doant blame min vor the part they tuke in it, but zom was honcharitable enuf vor zay thare was wan or tew towld lies abowt it, an that wan that went vore vor hinliten others didden shaw much hintelligense hissels abowt the subject in question, an sa he was honfortunet as to be bad an feynted in korte, thay zed twas a judgment ponen. I onny jist menshun thayse things tu shaw hot vokes be capabel of saying, an zom sed as he'd got futepaths acress his awn

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feelds he wanted to help kloor up this, an then he wud stap hup his awn. The onnly wans thet git inny profit out ov thayse things is the lawyers, an it sims thay doant like vor let no boddy helse help tu settle it, as the juge zed he wassen satisfyed way thare deesishen, I spose he didden like jureys, as som time ago he wudden take thare verdick in a sartin kase, an the party's got hup a man-dam-us vor makin take it. Thare kan be no dowt but they yused commonsense in thare deesishen, an this is the best ov awl sense. Thares a lot ov vokes thet uv got a plenty ov other sense, but no common. Mr. Walker's lawyer zed he shude apply vur a nu trial; I spose that means moar fees, praps if et goeth on the Society that is established vor Presarvin Footpaths, an open spaces, will take the matter hup, an twud be a very gude openin vur min. Howiver, as I sed avaur, I shude think and haup it will drap now—

Let the past be all forgotten—

All our words and thoughts and deeds.

That have rankled in the bosom,

And have brought forth thorns and weeds—

And extend the hand of friendship

To our neighbours, brothers, friends,

And if one has wronged another

Let him strive to make amends;

For remember, thus 'tis written—

"Vengeance to the Lord belongs,"

And though justice seems to linger,

He will remedy all wrongs.

ROGER GILES

Welcombe, February 20th, 1886.