In the twelfth chapter, by the woman bearing a man- child is to be underſtood the Chriſtian church; by the great red dragon, the heathen Roman empire; by the man-child whom the woman bore, Conſtantine the Great; and by the war in heaven, the conteſts between the Chriſtian and Heathen religions.

In the thirteenth chapter, by the beaſt with ſeven heads and ten horns, unto whom the dragon gave his power, feat, and great authority, is to be underſtood, net Pagan but Chriſtian, not imperial but papal Rome; in ſubmitting to whole religion, the world did in effect ſubmit again to the religion of the dragon. The ten­-horned beaſt therefore repreſents the Romiſh church and ſtate in general: but the beaſt with two horns like a lambis the Roman clergy; and that image of the ten-horned beaſt, which the two-horned beaſt cauſed to be made, and inſpired with life, is the pope; whoſe number is 666, according to the numerical powers of the letters conſtituting the Roman name *Latinus,*

or its equivalent in *Hebrew;* דומ׳׳ח *Romiith.*

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| Λ 30 | 200 ד |
| A 1 | 6 ו |
| T 300 | 40 מ |
| E 5 | 10 ׳ |
| I 10 | 10 ׳ |
| N 50 | 400 ת |
| O 70 |  |
| Σ 200 |  |
| 666 | 666 |

Chapter xiv. By the lamb on mount Sion is meant Jeſus; by the hundred forty and four thouſand, his church and followers; by the angel preaching the ever- laſting goſpel, the firſt principal effort made towards a reformation by that public oppoſition formed againſt the worſhip of ſaints and images by emperors and biſhops in the eighth and ninth centuries; by the angel crying, “Babylon is fallen,” the Waldenſes and Albigenſes, who pronounced the church of Rome to be the Apocalyptic Babylon, and denounced her deſtruction; and by the third angel, Martin Luther and his fellow reformers, who proteſted againſt all the corruptions of the church of Rome, as deſtructive to ſalvation. For an account of the doctrines and precepts contained in the Scriptures, ſee Theology. For proofs of their divine origin, ſee Religion, Prophecy, and Mi­racles.

SCRIVENER, one who draws contracts, or whoſe buſineſs it is to place money at intereſt. If a ſcrivener is entruſted with a bond, he may receive the intereſt; and if he fails, the obligee ſhall bear the loſs: and ſo it is if he receive the principal and deliver up the bond; for being entruſted with the ſecurity itſelf, it muſt be preſumed that he is truſted with power to receive inte­reſt or principal; and the giving up the bond on pay­ment of the money ſhall be a diſcharge thereof. But if a ſcrivener ſhall be entrusted with a mortgage-deed, he hath only authority to receive the intereſt, not the principal; the giving up the deed in this caſe not being ſufficient to reſtore the eſlate, but there muſt be a re­conveyance, &c. It is held, where a ſcrivener puts out his client’s money on a bad ſecurity, which upon in­quiry might have been eaſily found ſo, yet he cannot in equity be charged to anſwer for the money; for it is

here ſaid, no one would venture to put out money of another upon a ſecurity, if he were obliged to warrant and make it good in caſe a loſs ſhould happen, without any fraud in him.

SCROBICULUS cordis, the ſame as AnticardIUM.

SCROFANELLO, in ichthyology, a name by which ſome have called a ſmall fiſh of the Mediterra­nean, more uſually known by the name of the *ſcorpaena.*

SCROLL, in HERALDRY. See that article, chap. iv, ſect. 9. When the motto relates to the creſt, the ſcroll is properly placed above the atchievement; otherwiſe it ſhould be annexed to the eſcutcheon. Thoſe of the order of knighthood are generally placed round ſhields.

SCROPHULA, the king’s evil. See Medicine, n° 349.

SCROPHULARIA, Figwort, in botany: A ge­nus of the angioſpermia order, belonging to the didynamia claſs of plants; and in the natural method rank­ing under the 40th order, *Perſonatae.* The calyx is quinqueſid; the corolla almoſt globoſe, and reſupinated; the capſule bilocular. There are ſeveral ſpecies, of which the moſt remarkable are, 1. *Nodosa,* or the com­mon figwort, which grows in woods and hedges. The root is tuberous; the ſtalks are four or five feet high, and branched towards the top; the leaves are heart- ſhaped, ſerrated, and acute. The flowers are of a dark red colour, ſhaped like a cap or helmet; the lower lip greeniſh: they grow in looſe dichotomous ſpikes or *ra­cemi* at the top of the branches. The leaves have a fe­tid ſmell and bitter taſte. A decoction of them is ſaid to cure hogs of the meaſles. An ointment made of the root was formerly uſed to cure the piles and ſcrophulous sores, but is at preſent out of practice. 2. *Aqua­tica,* water-figwort, or betony. The root is fibrous; ſtem erect, ſquare, about four feet high. The leaves are oppoſite, elliptical, pointed, ſlightly ſcalloped, on decurrent footſtalks. Flowers purple, in looſe naked ſpikes. It grows on the ſides of rivulets and other wet places, and has a fetid ſmell, though not ſo ſtrong as the preceding. The leaves are uſed in medicine as a corrector of ſena, and in powder to promote ſneezing. 3. *Scorodonia,* or balm-leaved figwort. The ſtem is erect, ſquare, about two feet high. The leaves are oppoſite, doubly ſerrated. The flowers are duſky pur­ple, in compoſite bunches. It grows on the banks of rivulets, &c. in Cornwall. 4. V*ernalis,* or yellow fig- wort. The ſtalks are ſquare, hairy, brown, about two feet high. The leaves are heart-ſhaped, roundiſh, hai­ry, indented, oppoſite. The flowers are yellow, on ſingle forked footſtalks from the alæ of the leaves. It grows in hedges in Surry.

SCROTUM. See Anatomy, n⁰ 107.

SCRUPI, in natural hiſtory, the name of a claſs of foſſils, formed in detached maſſes, without any crufts; of no determinate figure or regular ſtructure; and compoſed of a cryſtalline or ſparry matter, debaſed by an admixture of earth in various proportions. Under this claſs are comprehended, 1. The *telaugia.* 2. The petri*dia.* 3. The lit*hozugia.* 4.The *jaſpides* or jaſpers.

SCRUPLE, Scrupulus, or *Scrupulum,* the leaſt of the weights uſed by the ancients, which amongſt the Romans was the 24th part of an ounce, or the 3d part of a dram. The ſcruple is ſtill a weight among