



Stockton House

(Photo By Mike Searle)

Fine Collection of Furniture

THE BISHOP OF WORCESTER'S FURNITURE

Messrs. John D. Wood and Co., of 6, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square, London, will sell, on the premises, Stockton-house, Codford St. Mary, Wiltshire, on Monday next and two following days, the fine collection of Elizabethan and Jacobean furniture, comprising to a large extent the original furnishings of the mansion in the 17th century. Stockton-house is mentioned as one of the Saxon manors in the Domesday Book; the principal portion of the house was erected in the reign of Queen Elizabeth by John Toppe, a wealthy woolstapler; the property passed into the possession of the family of the Bishop of Worcester (who has now let the mansion on lease) more than a century and a half ago; his brother, General Yeatman-Biggs, restored the house, preserving all the old features. The panelled rooms and the old furniture are well known to many antiquaries and specialists. The chairs are particularly numerous and fine. Among the miscellaneous articles, some of which were at one time Lord Byron's property, are a Queen Anne pulpit from Wimborne Minster and an Elizabethan oak bedstead which is figured in Nash's "Mansions."

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Rare Elizabethan Bedsteads

AUTUMN FURNITURE SALES

Of all things that it would seem desirable to buy new, bedsteads and bedding are among the most obvious, but an exception is naturally made in favour of old State Bedsteads of the Elizabethan period. Many of these are of rich design and workmanship. All that the carver could do with old oak is revealed in such masterpieces as the bedsteads to be sold to-morrow at Stockton House, Codford, Wilts, by Messrs. Collins and Collins (South Audley-street). Their proper destination is a museum, for such pieces are rare. There are also wardrobes, cabinets and chairs, which will draw the leading buyers to Codford for the view to-day.

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