

Part of a Hoard of Roman Coins found on Sandford Hill, Somerset.

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TWENTY years ago the coins below described passed through my hands, and while in my possession I made a full record of them. They were about the same time (in 1904) purchased from the owner by the late Lt.-Colonel J. R. Bramble, F.S.A., an Hon. Secretary of the Somersetshire Arch. and Nat. Hist. Society, and President at the Weston-super-Mare Meeting in 1905.

These coins were not sold at the sale of Colonel Bramble's coins at Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodge's rooms on 25th November, 1908; neither have they been traced since his death. But they are decidedly interesting, and on that account are placed upon record here.

At my suggestion a few years ago, the Rev. C. S. Taylor, F.S.A., of Banwell Vicarage, obtained some information with regard to the discovery of these coins from Mr. George Rich, of Newport, Isle of Wight, who stated that his father, who died about 1878, was once testing Sandford Hill for ore, when the labourer who accompanied him drove his pick into a pot of coins. Further search revealed three crocks in all; of these the workman had one pot, and Mr. Rich two. Unfortunately, George Rich does not know exactly on what part of the hill his father made the discovery.

On the death of the elder Mr. Rich, the coins were divided among his three sons, and a few years ago George was still in possession of the coins—about sixty-five—which fell to his share.

Another son, Frank Rich, who died about 1904, sold a few of his coins to the late Lord Winterstoke (then Sir W. H. Wills), and it is almost certain that the remainder of his share are the fifty-four coins here described.

They consist of twenty-six *Denarii* of silver, and twenty-eight *Antoniniani*¹ of billon,² and cover the period A.D. 193 to A.D. 267.

The *Denarii* are as follows :—

	No. of Coins of each.
Septimius Severus, A.D. 193–211	1
Elagabalus, A.D. 218–222	1
Julia Mamaea, mother of Severus Alexander, d. 235	1
Gordianus III (Pius), A.D. 238–244	9
Philippus, father, A.D. 244–249	4
Otacia, wife of Philippus	1
Philippus, son, A.D. 244–249	2
Trajanus Decius, A.D. 249–251	2
Etruscilla, wife of Trajanus Decius	1
Herennius, son of Trajanus Decius, A.D. 249–251 .	1
Trebonianus Gallus, A.D. 252–254	2
Æmilianus, A.D. 253–254	1
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The *Antoniniani* are as follows :—

Saloninus, son of Gallienus, A.D. 253–259	3
Valerianus, father, A.D. 254–260	1
Gallienus, A.D. 254–268	4
Salonina, wife of Gallienus	5
Valerianus, son, died A.D. 268	1
Postumus, A.D. 259–267	14
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1. The Antoninianus was introduced by Caracalla, A.D. 196–217. Its value is not quite certain—perhaps a denarius and a half. It gradually ousted the denarius from circulation (see Prof. C. Oman's article in *Num. Chron.*, 1916, p. 37).

2. ³/₄ Billon is an alloy of silver, with copper, tin, or other base metal, in which the latter predominates.

DENARII.

No.	Emperor, etc.	Obverse.	Reverse.	No. in Cohen.*
1	SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS	(L.) SEPT. SEV. PERT. AVG. IMP. VI(II). Lau- reated h. to r. (Struck A.D. 197).	PROVIDENTIA AVG. Providence standing to l., hold- ing a wand and a sceptre; at her feet, a globe.	592
2	ELAGABALUS	IMP. ANTON- INVS PIVS. AVG. Laureated and draped h. to r. (Struck A.D. 222).	(P. M. TR.) P. V. COS. IIII. P. P. Elagabalus stand- ing to l., sacrific- ing upon an altar adorned and kind- led, holding a branch of cypress in l. h. In field, a star.	213
3	JULIA MAMAEA	IVLIA MAMAEA. Bust to r.	IVNO C(ON)- SERVATRIX. Juno diademed and veiled stand- ing to l., holding a patera and a sceptre; at her feet, a peacock.	35
4	GORDIANUS III	IMP. CAES. GORDIANVS PIVS AVG. Radiated bust to r. (Struck A.D. 239).	AEQVITAS AVG. Equity standing to l., holding a balance and a cornucopia.	22
5	Ditto	IMP. GORDI- ANVS PIVS FEL. AVG. Radiated h. to r.	AETERNITATI AVG. The sun standing to l., radiated, semi- nude, raising r. h. and holding a globe	41

* "Description Historique des Monnaies frappées sous l'Empire Roman,"
by H. Cohen, 2nd edit.

No.	Emperor, etc.	Obverse.	Reverse.	No. in Cohen.
6	GORDIANUS III	IMP. CAES. M. ANT. GORDIANVS AVG. Radiated bust to r.	IOVI CONSERVATORI Jupiter, nude, standing to l., with his cloak spread behind him, holding a thunderbolt and a sceptre; at his side, Gordian standing.	105
7	Ditto	As No. 5.	IOVI STATORI. Jupiter, standing to front looking to r., holding a sceptre and a thunderbolt.	109
8	Ditto	As No. 6. (Struck A.D. 239).	LIBERALITAS AVG II. Liberality standing to l., holding a tesseræ and double cornucopiae.	130
9	Ditto	As No. 5.	P.M. T(R.) P. III(?) COS. II. P.P. Apollo, semi-nude, seated to l., holding a branch of laurel and leaning on a lyre.	237
10	Ditto	As No. 5.	PROVID. AVG. Providence standing to l., pointing to a globe at her feet with a wand, and holding a sceptre.	296
11	Ditto	As No. 5. (Struck A.D. 242).	VICTORIA AETERNA. Victory standing to l., leaning upon a buckler and holding a palm; under the buckler, a captive.	353

No.	Emperor, etc.	Obverse.	Reverse.	No. in Cohen.
12	GORDIANUS III	As No. 6.	VIRTVS AVG. Mars standing to left, holding an olive-branch and a spear; at his feet, to l., a buckler.	383
13	PHILIPPUS (father)	IMP. M. IVL. PHILIPPVS AVG. Radiated bust to r.	FIDES MILIT. Fidelity standing to l., holding two ensigns.	55
14	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	55
15	Ditto	As No. 13.	ROMAE AETERNAE. Rome seated to l., holding a Victory and a spear; at her side, a buckler.	165
16	Ditto	As No. 13.	VICTORIA AVG. Victory marching to r., and holding a crown and a palm.	227
17	OTACILIA	M. OTACIL. SEVERA AVG. Diademed bust to r., with crescent below.	CONCORDIA AVGG. Concord seated to l., holding a patera and double cornucopiae.	4
18	PHILIPPUS (son)	M. IVL. PHILIPPVS CAES. Radiated and draped bust to r.	IOVI CONSERVAT. Jupiter, nude, standing to l., cloak upon l. shoulder, holding a thunderbolt and a sceptre.	13

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19	PHILIPPUS (son)	IMP. PHILIP- PVS AVG. Bust radiated, draped and cuirassed, to r. (Struck A.D. 248).	LIBERALI(TAS) AVGG. III. Philip (the father) and his son seated to l., on a curule chair; Philip I, who is on "the premier plan," holds a short sceptre.	17
20	TRAJANUS DECIUS	IMP. C.M.Q. TRAIANVS DECIVS AVG. Bust radiated, draped and cuir- assed, to r.	GENIVS EXERC. ILLYRICIANI. Genius, semi-nude, with <i>modius</i> on h., standing to l, sac- rificing upon a kindled altar, and holding a cornu- copia; to l., a military ensign.	56
21	Ditto	As No. 20. Bust radiated and cuirassed, to r.	VBERITAS AVG. Fertility, standing to l., holding a purse and a cornu- copia.	105
22	ETRUSCILLA	HER. ETRVS- CILLA AVG. Diademed bust to r., with cres- cent.	PVDICITIA AVG. Pudicity standing to l., raising her veil, and holding a transverse sceptre.	17
23	HERENNIUS	Q. HER. ETR. MES. DECIVS NOB. C. Radi- ated bust to r.	PRINCIPI IV- VENTVTIS. Apollo, semi-nude, seated to l., hold- ing a branch of laurel, and leaning on a lyre.	20
24	TREBONIANUS GALLUS	IMP. CAE. C. VIB. TREB. GALLVS AVG. Radiated and draped bust, to r.	AETERNITAS AVGG. Eternity, diademed, stand- ing to l., holding a globe surmounted by a phoenix, and raising her robe.	13

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25	TREBONIANUS GALLUS	IMP. C.C. VIB. TREB. GAL- LVS AVG. Ra- diated and dra- ped bust, to r.	PIETAS AVGG. Piety standing to l., near a kindled altar, raising both her hands.	88
26	ÆMILIANUS	IMP. AEMILI- ANVS PIVS FEL. AVG. Ra- diated and dra- ped bust, to r.	MARTI PACIF. Mars marching to l., holding an olive branch in r.h., and in the l. a buckler and spear.	22

ANTONINIANI.

No.	Emperor, etc.	Obverse.	Reverse.	No. in Cohen.
1	SALONINUS	DIVO VALERI- ANO CAES. Radiated and draped bust, to r.	CONSACRATIO. Eagle flying to r., and lifting up Sal- oninus to the sky, who holds a scep- tre.	5
2	Ditto	SALON. VALE- RIANVS CAES. Radiated and draped bust, to r.	PIETAS AVG. Staff of augury, sacrificial knife, sacrificial vase turned to l., sim- pulum and holy- water.	41
3	Ditto	VALERIANVS CAES. Radi- ated and draped bust, to r.	PIETAS AVGG. Staff of augury, sacrificial knife, patera, vase turn- ed to l., simpulum and holy-water.	52

No.	Emperor, etc.	Obverse.	Reverse.	No. in Cohen.
4	VALERIANUS (father)	IMP, C.P. LIC. VALERIANVS AVG. Radiated and draped bust, to r.	FIDES MILIT. Faith standing to l., holding two mili- tary ensigns.	65
5	GALLIENUS	GALLIENVS P.F. AVG. Ra- diated, draped and cuirassed bust, to r.	DEO MARTI. Mars standing in a temple of four columns, armed with a spear and a buckler.	150
6	Ditto	As No. 5.	GERMANICVS MAX. V. Trophy, at the base of which two Ger- mans are seated, with their hands bound behind their backs.	308
7	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	308
8	Ditto	IMP. GALLI- ENVS P. AVG. Bust radiated, draped and cuir- assed, to r.	RESTIT. GAL- LIAR. Gallienus, in military dress, standing to l., holding a spear and raising the Gaul, who holds a cornucopia, from a kneeling pos- ture.	898
9	SALONINA	(SALONINA AVG. Diademed h. to r., with cres- cent.	VENVS FELIX. Venus seated to l., stretching out her hand to a child and holding a sceptre.	115
10	Ditto	SALONINA AVG. Diademed head to r., with crescent.	VENVS VIC- TRIX. Venus, standing to l., holding a helmet and a sceptre; at her feet, a buckler.	129

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11	SALONINA	As No. 10.	VENVS VIC-TRIX. Venus, standing to l., holding an apple and a palm, and leaning on a shield.	130
12	Ditto	CORN. SALONINA (AVG.). Diademed head to r., with crescent.	VES(T)A. Vesta, standing to l., holding a patera and a transverse sceptre.	137
13	Ditto	As No. 10.	VESTA. Vesta, seated to l., holding a palladium, and a transverse sceptre.	142
14	VALERIANUS (son)	VALERIANVS P.F. AVG. Radiated and draped bust, to r.	DEO VOLKANO. Vulcan, standing to l., in a temple of four columns, holding a hammer and pincers.	3
15	POSTUMUS	IMP. C. POSTVMVS P.F. AVG. Radiated and draped bust, to r.	FELICITAS AVG. Felicity, standing to l., holding a caduceus and a cornucopia.	39
16	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	39
17	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	39
18	Ditto	Ditto	FIDES MILITVM. Faith, standing to l., holding two military standards.	67

No.	Emperor, etc.	Obverse.	Reverse.	No. in Cohen.
19	POSTUMUS	As No. 15.	(F)ORTVNA AVG. Fortune, standing to l., holding a rudder and a cornucopia.	80
20	Ditto	Ditto	MONETA AVG. Moneta, standing to l., holding a balance and a cornucopia.	199
21	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	199
22	Ditto	Ditto	SAECVLI FELICITAS. Postumus, in military dress, standing to r., holding a spear and a globe.	331
23	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	331
24	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	331
25	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	331
26	Ditto	Ditto	SAL(V)S POST(V)MI (A)V(G.) Health standing to r., feeding a serpent which she holds in her arms.	350
27	Ditto	Ditto	SERAPI COMITI AVG. Serapis standing to l., raising the r.h. and holding a transverse sceptre; at his feet, a vessel.	358

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28	POSTUMUS	As No. 15.	* VBERI(T)AS AVG. Fertility, standing to l., holding a purse and a cornucopia.	Variant of 365

* Cohen, no. 365, gives **VBERTAS**. **VBERITAS** is a variant, and the British Museum has a specimen. The latter appears to be the more usual spelling on coins.