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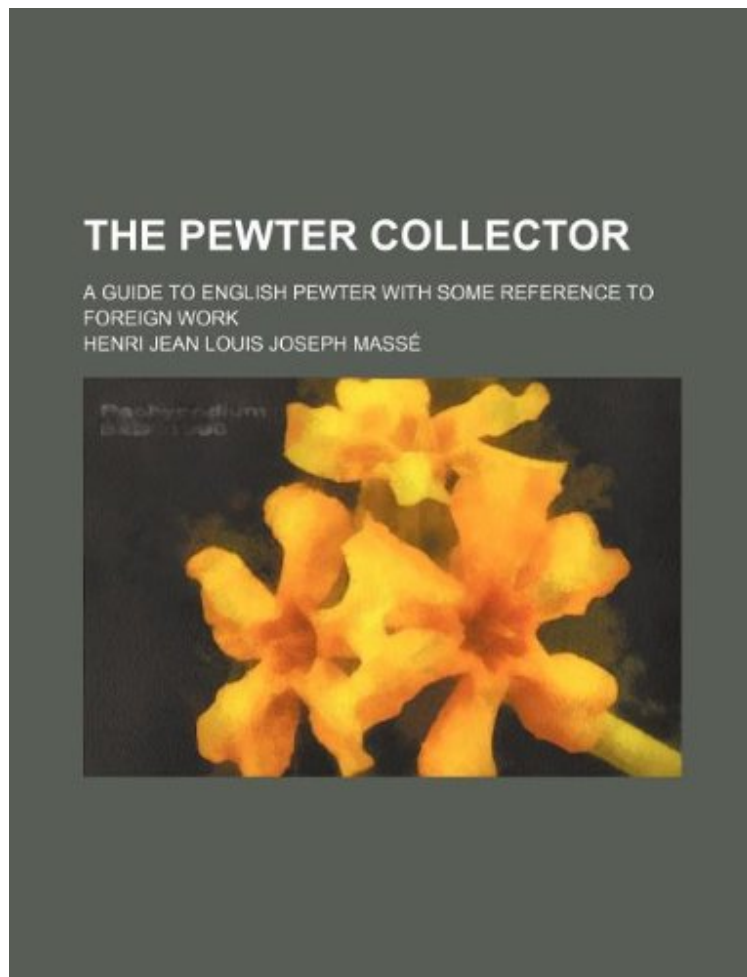


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This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1921 Excerpt: ...in silver, were made in 1602. Some of these are still extant. There are two at New College, Oxford (1602). Brasenose has a pair dated six years later, and Salisbury Cathedral has a pair made in 1610. These silver flagons, as was usually the case, set the fashion, and the shape was copied in pewter. At Strood, near Rochester, an inventory notes "the purchase from Robert

Ewer in 1607 (for 9/6) two pewter pots to serve the wine at the Communion." Invaluable work has been done by the compilers of the various county histories of church plate, and to them inquirers as to existing church plate in pewter must be referred. Northamptonshire is especially rich in the variety of its pewter church plate, both flagons and dishes. The earliest dated example (1609) of a flagon is at Werrington. It is a tall flagon, 14 in. high, 6 in. at the base, and 4 in. in diameter at the top, but it is without makers' marks of any kind. Many flagons were but 11 or 11½ in. in height.

That at Earl's Barton was especially noted in an inventory of 1647 as " a great flaggon pewter," and is 13 in. high. There are in Northamptonshire many specimens of pewter basins or bowls, probably used as lavabos for the celebrants to wash their hands at Holy Communion just before the consecration, a custom which was still common in the seventeenth century. In Dorsetshire the pewter church plate has in nearly all cases disappeared, and in the few places where it has survived it has almost invariably ceased to be used. In Nightingale's "Church Plate of Dorset" the earliest specimens mentioned are two flagons at Puddlelow, inscribed: "Ex dono Henrici Arnoldi, Ilingtoniensis. 1641." At Iwerne Minster there is a dish dated 1691; at Allington a flagon of 1694; and...