

23. *An lang thaes Broces oth hit cymth to twam Gar Aecer :* 'Along the Brook until it comes to two Triangular Strips of Ploughland.' For *Gar Aecer* see above. The expression is rare in the charters.

24. *(And than) Gar Aeceras in on th' Land :* 'The words in brackets are almost certainly corrupt. 'From the Triangular Strips of Ploughland to the Ploughed Land.' The two Gore Acres must have been on the brook; and then the By. must have turned W. to that By. of Hardwell given in the T.A.

25. *Thanon on ane Forierthe on an on Heafde :* 'Then to a Projecting Piece of Ploughland to a Corner Headland.' The Hardwell land is two fields broad at this N. end in the T.A. This present landmark was probably near the W. end of the copse which stands about 25 chains N.N.W. of Hardwell Farm (OM1).

26. *Thanon on gerihte on Readan Clif on Swin Broc :* 'Then straight on to the Red Steep Slope to Swine Brook.' The Red Slope must have been by the copse on Swine Brook about 6 or 7 chains above where Hay Hill Brook joins it.

27. *Thonne and lang thaes Broces on thaet Risislaed :* 'Then along the Brook to the Rush slade.' See landmark 1.

(To be continued.)

Notes and Queries

NOTES.

Mrs. Stephen Batson has generously presented to the Public Library at Reading her well-arranged manuscript collections relating to the Hundred of Faircross. These consist of a very valuable series of transcripts from Record Office papers dealing chiefly with the Parish of Welford, but containing also many papers throwing light upon the history of Wickham, Benham, Boxford and other places. There are large numbers of pedigrees and extracts from wills, a collection of surveys and maps, and biographical notes upon many distinguished natives and residents. The Reading Library may be congratulated upon securing such a very important addition to its local collection.

QUERY.

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