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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

HUNUIL-UNWINE-UNWEN.

See *M. L. R.* xiv, p. 1.

Perhaps one of the deeds by which Unwine-Unwen won his fame was a single combat with Attila. A far-off echo of this may be contained in the following passage from the Romance of Waldef, in *T. C. D.* MS. E. 5. 20 (Cat. No. 632 and 1704), of the fifteenth century, printed by Mr J. G. Smyly in No. xli of *Hermathena*, p. 242: 'Eo tempore [i.e. after Arthur] surrexit in Northfolchia quidam rex dictus Attalus; in Suthfolchia vero surrexit rex Vnwyn vocatus, rex Thetfordiae, qui pugnauit cum Attala certamine singulari. Sed hii quidem concordēs effecti sunt, nemine mediante.'

The connection of Unwine with Attila might have partly arisen from Jordanes, *Getica*, xiv (ed. Holder, p. 18): 'Ostrogotha autem genuit Hunuin [Mommsen, *Hunuil*], Hunuin item genuit Athal...'

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SIR GAWAIN'S COAT OF ARMS.

In the Romance of *Sir Gawayne and the Green Knight*, ll. 619–20 the blazoning of Sir Gawayne's shield is given as follows: on a field gules, in one half of the shield a golden pentangle; in the other half the Virgin Mary, the 'hende heven quene.' The author continues, ll. 648–50... 'the knight had in comely fashion in the larger half of his shield her image depicted, so that when he looked on it his courage failed never.'

It has been shown by Miss Weston that the 'Beheading Game' in *G. G. K.* ll. 279–456 and ll. 2239–2368, has been borrowed from the *Fled Bricrend* (pub. Irish Text Soc., ed. Henderson, 1899), where

Conchubar MacNessa = King Arthur.

Cuchullain = Gawayne.