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NOTICES OF RECENT FINDS OF COINS IN SCOTLAND. By GEORGE SIM,
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STEINISH TREASURE TROVE.

In April or May 1876, some boys found in a peat moss at Steinish near Stornoway, in the island of Lewis, a small quantity of old coins inclosed in a horn, which was quite rotten and broken to pieces.

The coins were recovered and sent to Exchequer in June following, and were found to consist of—

Francis and Mary, "Jam Non Sunt," 1559,	1
Mary, Edinburgh Plack,	1
James VI., Nobles (ten of them much oxidized and adhering together), all poor,	23
James VI., Sword Dollar, 1571, well preserved,	1
Total,	26

GEORGEMAS HILL TREASURE TROVE.

In August 1876, William Gray, son of David Gray, farmer at Georgemas Hill, near Thurso, found under a large boulder stone (which forms a corner boundary mark between the three parishes of Bower, Halkirk, and Thurso), a quantity of coins inclosed in a small coarse linen bag, which was very much decayed.

The coins were recovered, with a small portion of the bag, by Mr Brims, the procurator-fiscal at Thurso, and sent to Exchequer in September following.

They consisted of—

English—Elizabeth, Sixpence,	1
Scottish—Charles I., Half Noble,	1
Carry forward,	2

	Brought forward,	2
Scottish—Charles II., Merks, 1671, 1673, and two 1676,	.	4
Half Merk, 1675,	. . . . .	1
Bawbees,	. . . . .	105
Bodles or Turners,	. . . . .	34
German Dollar—Maximilian Henry of Bavaria as Elector and Archbishop of Cologne, 1661,	. . . . .	1
Total,	. . . . .	<hr/>147

OLD MONKLAND TREASURE TROVE.

In February last, a lot of coins, with a fragment of an old leather purse, were found in a field on West Farm Toll Cross, Old Monkland, in Lanarkshire. They were recovered and forwarded to Exchequer in March last. The following is a list of the coins—

English—Elizabeth, Shilling and three Sixpences, all very poor,	4
Charles I., Shillings, one with square shield, and mint mark (P), and the other with oval shield, and m.m. crown, both with “Christo Auspice Regno,”	. . . . . 2
Scottish—Charles II., Merks, 1664 and 1672, both very well preserved,	. . . . . 2
Turners or bodles,	. . . . . 88
Total,	<hr/> 96

The fragment of the leather purse accompanied them, and seemed strong and tough.