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THE Reader will observe by the above Plate of them, that they lived together in the above state, Thirty-four Years; at the expiration of which time, one of them was taken ill, and in a short time died: the surviving one was advised to be separated from the Body of her deceased Sister, by dissection, but she absolutely refused the separation by saying these Words, "As we came together, we will also go together"; and in the space of about Six Hours after her Sister's decease, she was taken ill, and died also.

By their Will, they bequeathed to the Churchwardens of the Parish of Biddenden, and their Successors, Churchwardens for ever, certain Pieces or Parcels of Land, in the Parish of Biddenden, containing Twenty Acres, more or less, which now lets at Forty Guineas per Annum. There are usually made in commemoration of these wonderful Phænomena of nature, about 1000 Rolls, with their Impression printed on them, and given away to all Strangers, on Easter Sunday, after Divine Service in the Afternoon; also, about 300 Quartern Loaves, and Cheese in proportion, to all the Poor Inhabitants of the said Parish.