

## The Year of 1892

Six publications came from SBG's pen a century ago. *In the Roar of the Sea* was published by Methuen in April 1892 in three volumes, with a second edition in June, the third - one volume - in September, and the fourth a month later. I have a fifth edition, dated 1895 on the title page. That edition was first issued in September 1894; the catalogue in my copy is dated April 1898 and the prize bookplate 21st July 1900. Its cover and spine are nicely lettered and decorated in gilt, with the 'u' of Gould and Methuen shaped like a 'v'. It should perhaps have been subtitled 'another tale of the Cornish coast', since *The Gaverocks*, published five years earlier, had already been given the present subtitle. The year of publication also saw the issue of a two column edition by Heinemann and Balestier. Methuen published sixteen editions in all (the last in 1950). Corgi produced a paperback edition in 1969, reprinted the same year.

Another 'three decker' of a different order was *Through all the Changing Scenes of Life* published by SPCK and reprinted in one volume, possibly the same year.

*Strange Survivals* - subtitled 'some chapters in the history of man' (but showing the title on the spine as *Strange Survivals and Superstitions* - at least on the second edition of 1894) - covers or rather uncovers some unusual features of domestic architecture, furniture and customs, popular entertainment, archaeological findings (illustrated on the previous page), together with a chapter entitled 'The Gallows'.

October of that year saw the publication of *The Tragedy of the Caesars*, which eventually ran to seven editions (see Newsletter No.6, p.8).

The list concludes with two pamphlets, *Wagner's Parsifal at Bayreuth* (Skeffington, 30 pages) and *The Ancient Settlements on Trewartha Marsh* (Journal of the Royal Institution of Cornwall). Our bibliographer Roger Bristow would be glad to know from any member what is the volume number of this latter item. The subject matter appears in the chapter on 'Beds' in *Strange Survivals* (where Trewartha is spelled with an 'o' in the middle). One of Sabine's outings to this area of Bodmin Moor accompanied by an Ordnance Survey official resulted in a nearly fatal adventure on a November evening, vividly described in *Further Reminiscences* (pp.245-252). Within the previous decade he and his 'workmen' had had to rescue an Oxford don from a similar predicament in broad daylight (p.136).