

SILKEN STRANDS

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The Trust is pleased to have acquired the following items to add to its archive and expresses its thanks to all donors. Thank you.

- **Eton & King's** by M R James
- **Wealthy Willamina** by Shirley Fowley (#4230 on the family tree)
- **Heath Family History CD** by Chris Heath (#9486)
- **Photo of Dr Fell** (#9980)
- **Picture & biography of A W Cobbold** (#252)
- **3 Biographical chapters on John Cumming Anderson** (#2740) by Virginia van der Lande (#2008)
- **Knebworth House Medallion** bearing the Cobbold Coat of Arms
- **Weymouth Sands** by John Cowper Powys – a novel featuring Sylvanus Cobbold

By way of some light relief here is a little story sent by Shirley Fowley some while back.

THE TOMATO GARDEN

An old gentleman lived in South London. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament.

Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the ploy for me, like in the old days. Love, Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Papa,

Don't dig up the garden. That's where the bodies are buried. Love, Vinnie

At 4 am the next morning, Scotland Yard and the local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologised to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Papa,

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances. Love you, Vinnie.