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## DISCOVERY AT ST. BRIAVELS CASTLE.

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CERTAIN repairs are now being executed at St. Briavels Castle, in the course of which a discovery has been made of what appears to have been a dungeon. On removing the flooring in the basement of the eastern tower of the gateway a large circular opening was found, measuring 9 feet 6 inches in diameter. On clearing out a small portion of loose soil, amongst which were mixed quaint bottles, apparently Dutch, remains of old crockery, and a large worked stone, which may have been a part of some groined work, a chamber of some size was partially disclosed. This chamber is circular in plan, the diameter being 10 feet 6 inches, and the depth 13 feet, the floor being rather roughly pitched. The walls are of excellent ashlar work, the upper part being slightly coved. Probably the opening was formerly covered with timber, and had a trap door as a means of access. It must have been a gruesome place, as the only light which could have reached it was from arrow-slits in the basement.

It was probably a store-room.—ED.