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Hoard of Roman coins and
Bronze Spoon

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In the days of the first Baron de Rutzen of Slebech, a very large number of Roman copper coins were discovered at this spot. These coins had apparently been enclosed in a skin, and the impression of the leather on the verdigris was plainly to be seen. The coins were cemented into a solid mass by oxid, and weighed a cwt or thereabouts. So considerable was the bulk that Baron de Rutzen gave his tenant a heifer in exchange for the hoard of coins. Such as have been identified and recorded were 3rd Brass of Postumus, Gallienus, Salonina, Victorinus, Claudius Gothicus, Tetricus (senr) Tetricus (junr) Quintillus, Florianus, Probus, and Carausius, Roman emperors who bore rule (more or less) during the troublous years from 267 to 293 AD. With these coins was a bronze ring and spoon of the same metal. Arch. Camb. III, xi, 313. Little England, 46.