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If Saltord regatta, like Bath races, has so often been accompanied by such unfortunate climatic conditions as have led to the belief that neither event is likely to take place unless the pleasure to be derived therefrom is diluted with more or less water, it nevertheless does not fail to attract many visitors. Regatta day at Saltford is quite a red letter day when those in search of a little fresh air and a change of scene assemble on the romantic banks of the Avon, when metaphorically speaking all the world turns out and youth and beauty, arrayed in latest fashions, add grace and animation to a picturesque gathering. ilway war vn in

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When they are at Rome,
Do as they do at Rome;
When they are elsewhere,
Do as they do there.

There are many others who, while enjoying the numberless beauties of the place in which they are fortunate to reside, are quite content to glide peacefully along life's stream, without indulying in the excitement of boating with its attendant strenuous efforts and dangers.

Saltford is particularly favoured for position, and few places are more happily situated. Built for the most part on the slopes of picturesque hills overlooking the Avon Valley, and consisting of a collection of ancient and modern dwellings which, with few exceptions, display rusticity, or more or less taste in design, it is little wonder, perhaps due partly to its accessibility either from Bratol or Bath, that it has become quite a favourite place for residence. It may be described as an old-world place in general aspect, into which has been introduced much that speaks of modern aspirations, but retaining in many of its houses, by-ways, and highways, the unmistakable stamp of antiquity.

To the ordinary sightseer a visit to Saltford will yield much gratification, for who can wander along by the river as far as the Jolly Sallor without being impressed with its delightful surroundings. At this favourite and pleasant inn Mr. James Goddard, the popular landlord, im his admirably-laid-out tea gardens will, if required, provide the best entertainment. If nothing else his fine show of pansies is worth a visit, to say nothing of the view of the neighbouring district. Near by in the valley is the Kelston Lock and the Kelston Weir, and locking up one sees Northatoke, Lansdown, the noted Kelston Round Hill, Upton Chehey, and Bitton, the whole forming a picture which for quiet, varied scenery can hardly be surpassed. High-

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was subject to the influence of the tide, which at one time forced its way nearly up to Bath, The manor was originally included among those which comprised the Honour of Gloucester, first granted to Robert Fitz-Hamon by William the Conqueror. Subsequently the manor was held by the family of Bayouse, Bassett, and Rodney, and at the end of the 18th century was the property of the Duke of Chandos.

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Historically there is little to relate concerning Salturd, and only one event of consequence is recorded as having occurred to break the quiet serenity of the village. This took place in the year 1825, when the Duke of Monmouth in the great rebellion halted there. How he was received, whether with open arms or other is history does not enlighten us. With regard to the ecclesiastical history of Saltford there is abundant evidence, both in its ancient church and also in portions of the architecture of the old manor house, to prove that it was a place of some importance as far back as the 13th century. When the first church was erected is not known, but probably there was one in the parish in early Norman days or possibly even in Saxon times. The present parish church which stands in a secluded spot was valued at six marks and a half in 1292. The most interesting feature in the interior is the font which is remarkable and of unusual design, and quite distinct from any other in the county. Sultiord church possesses a rural charm, and forms one of the most interesting features in the village. Its old worn stones may teach to the teachable some idea of the individuality of those who ages ago placed them there, and though the builders have long since past away their work remains a lesson of lifelong devotion. The rector is the Rev. William Hall. He succeeded the Rev. R. C. Bomford, who retired to Boscombe, and died there on Christmas Day last and was buried at Saltford six weeks after the grave was reopened to receive the remains of his sisterin-law, Miss Cooke, who was a resident at Saltford six weeks after the grave was reopened to receive the remains of his sisterin-law, Miss Cooke, who was a resident at Saltford six weeks after the grave was reopened to receive the remains of his sisterin-law, Miss Cooke, who was a resident at Saltford six weeks after the grave was residence dates from very early times, and at the leading family in t

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Saltford House, a substantial Georgian residence with an imposing frontage, situated on the western side of the parish, was built in 1771 by Mr. Thomas Browning, who owned considerable property in Saltford. It was afterwards occupied by Lord Barrington, who died there in 1813. In 1857 Admiral Kelly bought it, and resided there; and in 1897 it became the residence of the present occupier. Colonel Rolleston, who is an excellent type of a thorough English gentleman and a true friend of the poor of the parish. He is enthusiastic in all parochial matters, and has gained for himself the best of all titles—that of an honourable and good name.

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