

Cornhill: Gillett's Bank and the Corn Exchange

The Market Place adjoins, and will be found to contain about as picturesque a confusion of architecture as the greatest lover of variety can desire. From the reign of Elizabeth, down to the modern Flemish school, every era and nearly every style will be found to have at least one representative. The Unicorn, the carved gates of which bear the date 1648, presents us with a specimen of the former; and the place of business recently erected in front of the Central Exchange furnishes us with an example of the latter. Here a Telegraph Company have established their office, so that should our visitor be taken ill, he can at once communicate the fact to his heir. At the Angel corner stood the "half-moon battery," defending the entrance to the castle gates, and on the site of that large new red brick house close at hand, in former times was to be found the "Cucking Pool," where scolding wives met with summary immersion. [2nd edition].

[There is another building for the same purpose (Corn Exchange), the entrance to which leads from behind the old Town Hall, in the adjoining Market-place; and on each side of the covered entrance, a handsome place of business is in course of erection, which are also the property of the company – 1st edition, omitted from the 2nd.]