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AN ISLANDER'S NOTES

By Vectensis

Today, the 29th of May, was known to our forbears as Royal Oak Day. The late Mr. W. H. LONG, of Portsmouth, in his "Dialect of the Isle of Wight," published by the County Press, states that oak leaves and apples were worn on this day in memory of Charles 11, mostly by boys. The Juveniles, with their hats and caps bedecked with oak leaves, went about repeating the following couplet:

"The twenty-ninth of May
Es shickshack day"

---till noon, when the commemoration was supposed to have ended.

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