The Old-Style Cnut

Although the money used in the English Literature and History is designated "Anglo-Saxon" currency (or A.S. for short), there are some denominations that feature non-Anglo-Saxon kings, such as the 5 A.S. bill, known as the *Cnut*. The early bills were longer horizontally and featured the king's name in the upper-left hand corner. Instead of an Arabic numeral, which is currently used (see below), the old-style bill had the spelling of the word in Roman capitals in the lower right-hand corner. However, the image of Cnut remains in the left-hand corner of the modern bill.

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Cnut knew the tide was coming in, and watched as the sea level got higher and higher and soon touched his feet. The noble Dane then turned to his men and said, "See how weak the power of kings is, and of all men? As you see, the waves will not listen to my voice." After that day at the sea, Cnut refused to wear his crown.

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