





THE HISTORICAL A. B. C.

A for Alfred, England's king, a thousand years ago.

A wise and great King. In his reign Houses were first built of Brick.

B for Becket, who was laid in Canterbury low.

He was killed at the altar by Assassins in the reign of Henry II.

C shall for Cromwell, the Lord Protector, be.

After the beheading of King Charles, Cromwell ruled. He was once a

D for Drake, the Admiral, the Armada conquered he.

Sir Francis Drake was knighted by Queen Elizabeth.

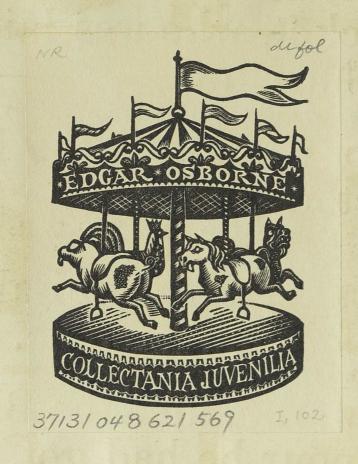
E for Edward, called the Black, for armour he had got.

Son of Edward III. He died before his father. In his army, at the Battle of Cressy, Cannon were first used.

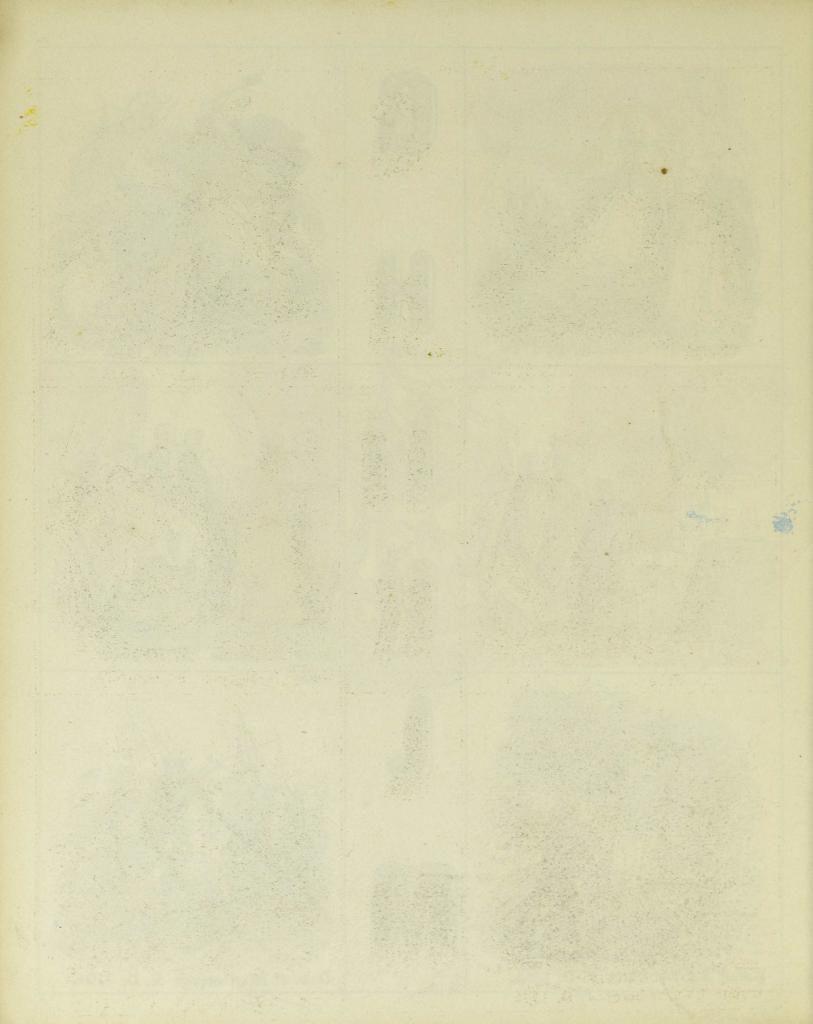
F for Fawkes, the well-known Guy of the Gunpowder Plot.

In the reign of James I. this man was executed for attempting to blow up the Houses of Parliament.









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G for George of Hanover, who reigned when Annewas dead.

After Queen Anne's death, the Parliament voted the Crown to the Elector, or Prince, of Hanover.

H for Henry Fifth at Agincourt who led.

He beat the French at Agincourt with a very inferior army. A very brave King.

I & J together put, and J is bad King John.

John was compelled by his Barons to sign Magna Charta. He was crowned four times, to make sure, as he said.

K for Katherine the Queen, called Kate of Aragon.

One of the Wives of cruel Henry VIII. He divorced her.

L for Bishop Latimer, who perished at the stake.

He was burnt in the reign of Queen Mary for his love of the Protestant faith.

M for Marlborough's great duke, who caused our foes to quake.

A great English General of the days of Queen Anne.

N for Nelson of the Nile, at Trafalgar who died.

This great Admiral was killed at the Battle of Trafalgar, in the arms of victory.

O for Oates, a wicked man, or he is much belied.

A name infamous in English History as a Spy and Informer.

P for Perkin Warbeck, who strove a King to be.

In the reign of Henry VII. he was beheaded for pretending to be the Duke of York. He was a Jew's son.

Q Anne's minister of State, the Earl of Queensbury.

This Nobleman signed the Act of Union between England and Scotland.

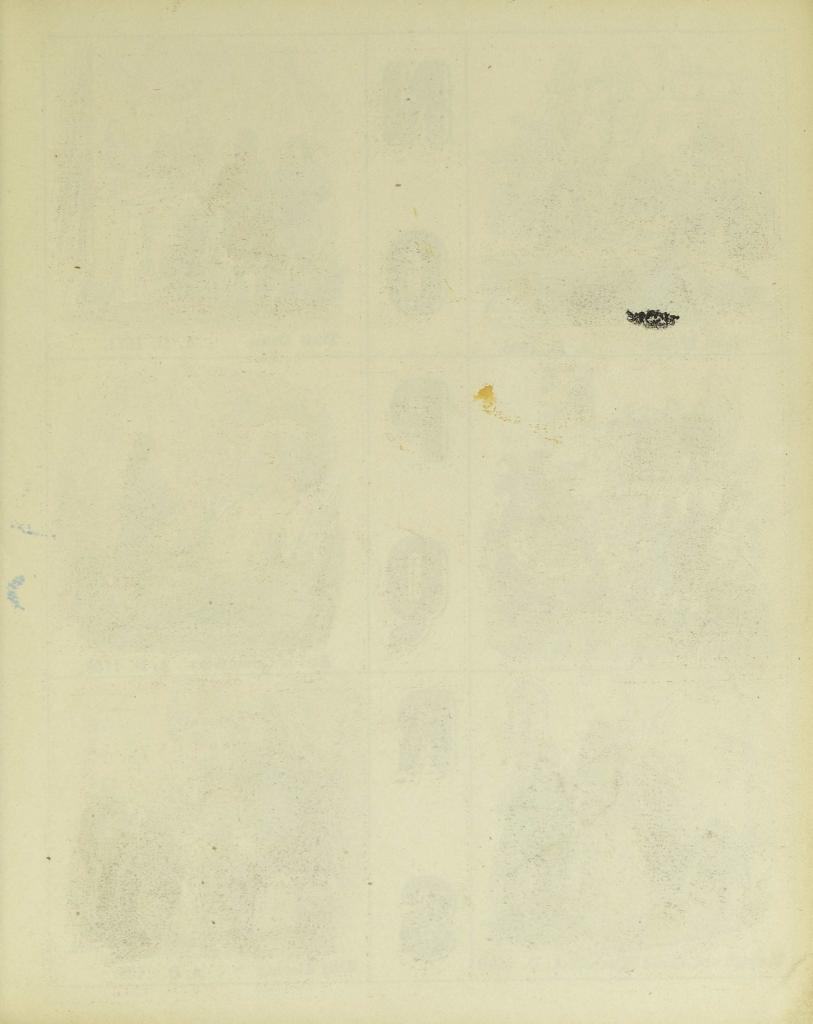
R for Raleigh, courteous, yet in arms who gained renown.

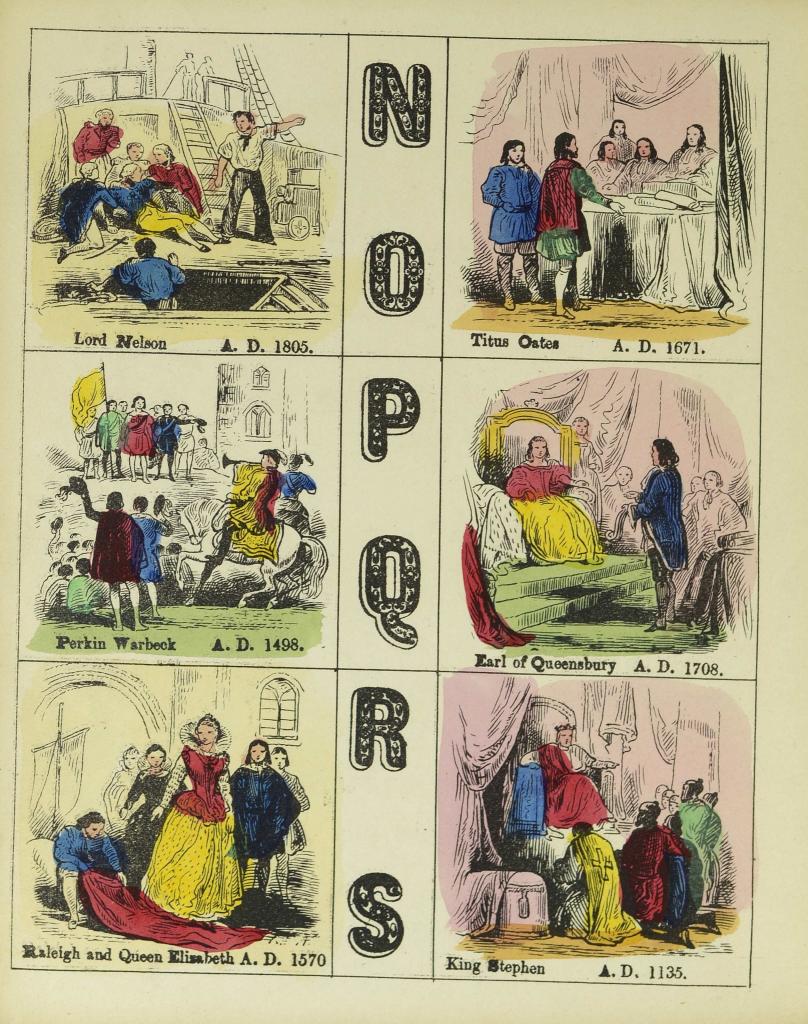
A very learned gentleman. He was unjustly imprisoned and beheaded in the reign of James I.

S for Stephen, Count of Blois, who took Matilda's crown.

Stephen was grandson to William the Conqueror; while Matilda was his daughter, and the true heiress to the English Crown.

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T for Tyrrell, he that slew King Rufus from afar.

Walter Tyrrell slew King William II. in the New Forest, some say accidentally.

U& V together put, and V's Victoria.

Our present Sovereign; married to Albert, Prince of Sax-Cobourg.

W for Wellington, of fame without a taint.

This great Duke commmanded at Waterloo, and was once Prime Minister.

X The Cross of brave St. George, our English patron Saint.

The Order of St. George, or the Garter, was instituted by Edward III.

Y for Edward, Duke of York, the Champion of the Rose.

Head of the House of York (the White Rose), afterwards Edward IV.

Z for Zouch of Edward's time, whosenamethelist shall close.

One of the Lords called to Parliament in the reign of Edward I.

