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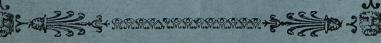
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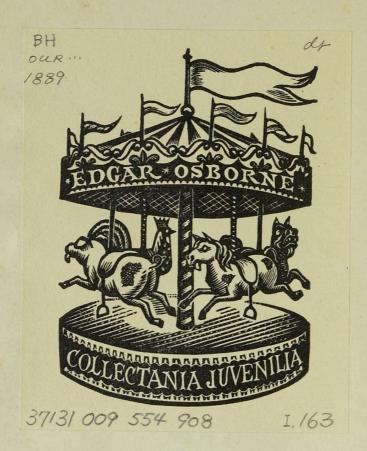
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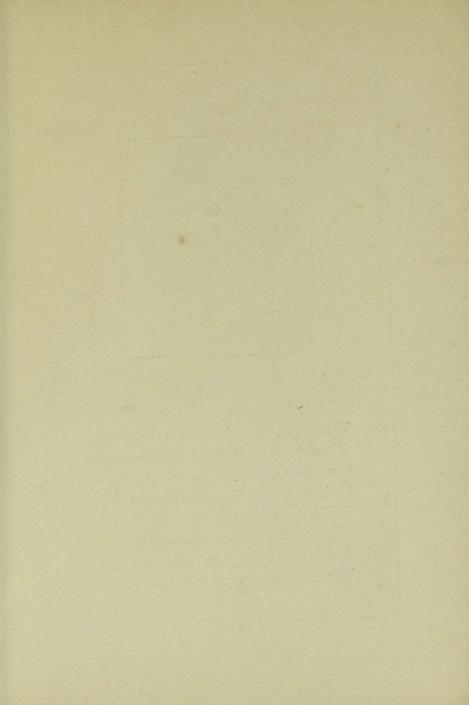
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VICTORIA.



Born May 24, 1819; began to reign June 20, 1837; married to her cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, February 10, 1840.

This is the Sovereign fair and young, Whose plaudits flow from every tongue. Long may she reign, beloved, in peace, Each year her happiness increase. Of all her ancient royal line, May hers the noblest glories shine, And bright in history's page be seen Victoria's name, our youthful Queen.

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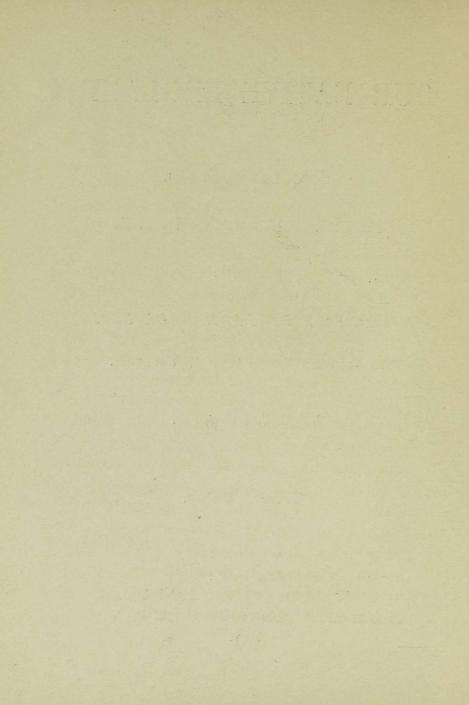
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PREFACE.

This little book has been made with the hope that its rhymes and pictures may, as far as little children are concerned, diminish the labour of obtaining a knowledge of the leading events in English History, and that its numerous repetitions will, in it, as in its model, of nursery celebrity, "The house that jack built," cause that, when once committed to memory, it may never be forgotten.

The writer has endeavoured to select the most important events in our annals, to throw them, and a few dates, into something like readable verse, to produce a catalogue of events, so short as to be easily learned by heart, and sufficiently copious to convey clear ideas of the vicissitudes through which the English nation has passed; he has also striven to avoid party politics—how far he has succeeded his readers must judge.

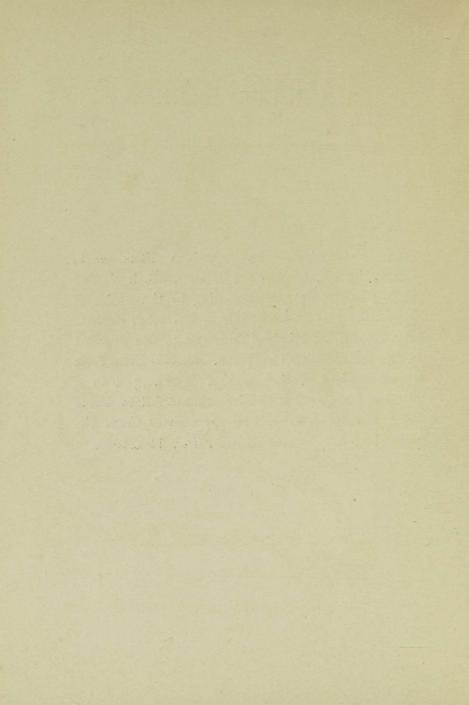
Having mentioned the House that Jack Built, it is scarcely necessary to add that these lines are intended to be read in a similar manner, beginning with the first article, then taking the second and the first, afterwards, the third, second, and first, and so on through the whole.

If the writer has discovered a way by which knowledge may be increased, or the trouble of gaining it lessened, he is amply rewarded for his exertions; if he has failed, his consolation must be that, though he has wasted a portion of his time, it has been with the intention of doing good.

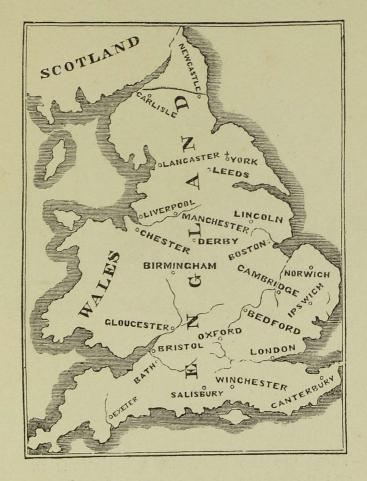
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Recommendation.—"An ingenious little work, written by Mr. Cuckow, of Boston, which we feel much pleasure in recommending to the notice of all managers of national, infant, and other elementary schools, and indeed to every person engaged in the instruction of children. In this little book a vast variety of information is conveyed in a pleasing form, so that children cannot fail to derive great advantage, as well as amusement, from the perusal of it."—Boston Herald, Dec. 11th, 1838.



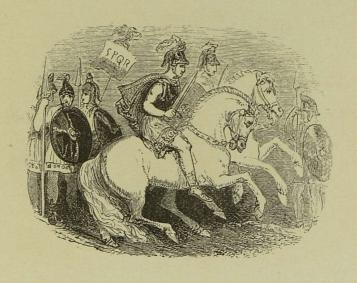
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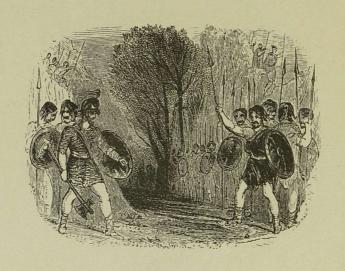
THIS IS OUR NATIVE ENGLAND.



These are the Britons, a barbarous race, Chiefly employed in war or the chase, Who dwelt in our native England.



These are the Romans, a people bold, Most famous of all the nations old; They conquered the Britons, a barbarous race, &c.



These are Goths and Vandals, tribes of the North,

From forests and mountains sallying forth;

Subduing the Romans, once so bold, &c.



These are Picts and Scots, from beyond the Tweed,

Who invaded the Britons that help did need,

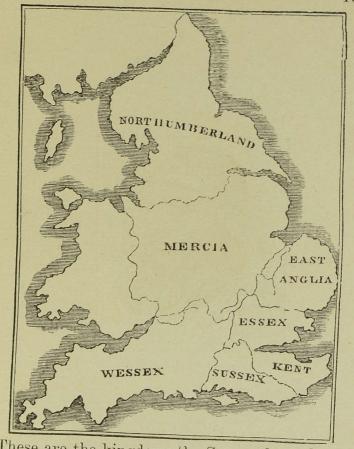
Feeling of power and hope bereft, When by the foreign legions left, Through Goths and Vandals, tribes of the North, &c.



These are JUTES and ANGLES, from Germany's shore,

Who came at King Vortigern's summons o'er;

And drove Picts and Scots beyond the Tweed, &c.



These are the kingdoms the Saxons framed, And from their number the Heptarchy named, Kent, East Anglia, Sussex, Wessex, Northumberland, Mercia, Essex.

When the natives, who long for their country had striven,

At last to the mountains of Wales were driven By Jutes and Angles from Germany's shore, &c.

EGBERT.



Began to reign, A.D. 800.

This is EGBERT, whom we call First King of England, he rul'd over all The seven kingdoms the Saxons fram'd &c.

ALFRED.



Born 849, began to reign 871.

This is Great Alfred, brave and wise, Who like a bright star in the dark did rise;

He labour'd incessantly to assuage
The fury and vice of a barbarous age;

He quelled the DANES, that with ruthless hand

Carried fire and sword throughout the land. He was grandson to Egbert, whom we call, &c.



These are three Danes on our throne that sate,

The first Canute, who is called the Great;
Then two of his sons to him succeed—
HAROLD, called HAREFOOT, because of his speed;

The last of the race was Hardicanute, Whose grossness with royalty little did suit; Then Danish power had stronger grown, And the Saxons been often overthrown, Since the days of Great Alfred, brave and wise, &c.



This is the great battle on Hastings plain, Where Harold the king by an arrow was slain

(While his men with Normans in combat mix

In the year One thousand and sixty-six),
Son of Earl Godwin; and successor
To good King Edward the Confessor.
He followed three Danes on our throne
that sate, &c.

WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR.



Born 1024, began to reign 1066.

This is WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR, stern and bold,

Who ordered the *Curfew bell* to be toll'd; He caus'd the *Doomsday book* to be made, And the Norman *Feudal laws* obey'd.

He won the great battle on Hastings plain, &c.

WILLIAM RUFUS.



Born 1057, began to reign 1087.

This is WILLIAM called RUFUS, which signifies Red,

A prince of bad morals and manners, 'tis said.

The throne by his quickness in travelling he won

From his brother Robert, the eldest son Of William the Conqueror, stern and bold, &c.

HENRY I.



Born 1068, began to reign 1100.

This is Henry the First, in learning skill'd,

Who rul'd when his brother by chance was kill'd;

William, call'd Rufus, which signifies Red, &c.

STEPHEN.



Born 1105, began to reign 1135.

This is Stephen, whose reign, full of civil strife,

Caus'd a dreadful waste of human life; Next to Henry the First, in learning skill'd, &c.

HENRY II.



Born 1133, began to reign 1154.

This is HENRY THE SECOND, wise and great, Yet sorrow reach'd his high estate,

From Thomas à Becket much trouble grew, Whom at Church the king's attendants slew;

For which Henry himself, without complaint,

Was scourg'd at the shrine of the (so call'd) saint;

He follow'd Stephen, whose reign, full of strife, &c.

RICHARD I.



Born 1157, began to reign 1189.

This is King RICHARD OF LION HEART, Who in *Palestine* play'd a warlike part; The Germans in prison did him detain; At the siege of *Chalons* in France he was slain.

Son of Henry the Second, wise and great, &c.

JOHN.



Born 1166, began to reign 1199.

This is the weak and wicked King John, Whose Barons combin'd, and strongly contended

To cripple the power their sov'reign defended;

His crown to the *Pope* through fear he resign'd,

And fam'd Magna Charta at Runnymede sign'd.

Brother to Richard of Lion Heart, &c.

HENRY III.



Born 1207, began to reign 1216.

This is HENRY THE THIRD, from whose life we find,

That he, like his father, was feeble in mind. His reign was the longest of any but one. Son of the weak and wicked King John, &c.

EDWARD I.



Born 1239, began to reign 1272.

This is EDWARD THE FIRST, of lengthy limb; Wales was annexed to the realm by him. He warr'd with the Scots, whom often he beat,

Though they rallied again after each defeat.

Son of Henry the Third, from whose life we find, &c.

EDWARD II.



Born 1284, began to reign 1207.

This is Edward the Second, whose deeds evince

That he was a silly and dastardly prince;
Defeated by Scotchmen at Bannockburn,
Home with disgrace compell'd to return;
A horrible murder concluded his days;
His fate we must pity—his life cannot praise.

Son of Edward the First, of lengthy limb, &c.

EDWARD III.



Born 1312, began to reign 1337.

This is EDWARD, the flower of chivalry,
The THIRD of the name; who, with his
brave son,

The battles of Cressy and Poictiers won.

Half a cent'ry of rule to this monarch was given:

He died thirteen hundred and seventyseven.

Son of Edward the Second, whose deeds evince, &c.

RICHARD II



Born 1366, began to reign 1377.

This is RICHARD THE SECOND, an imprudent king,

Whose folly did many misfortunes bring;

For which, without doubt, he repented too late;

When at *Pontefract Castle* he met with his fate;

He was born at *Bordeaux*; the grandson was he

Of Edward, the flower of chivalry, &c.

HENRY IV.



Born 1367, began to reign 1399.

This is HENRY THE FOURTH, call'd Boling-Broke,

Both warlike and wise; till death he retain'd The crown, which by force from his cousin he gain'd—

Poor Richard the Second, an imprudent king, &c.

HENRY V.



Born 1389, began to reign 1413.

This is Henry the Fifth, a hero as bold As any of whom in romances we're told; In conquests he placed his chief delight; At Agincourt beat the French in fight, And brought most of their land beneath his yoke.

Son of Henry the Fourth, call'd Boling-

broke, &c.

HENRY VI.



Born 1421, began to reign 1422.

This is HENRY THE SIXTH, meek, timid, and mild,

Who came to the throne when a little child. The whole of his reign by trouble was cross'd,

And his father's conquests in France were lost.

Then the factions of *Roses*, White and Red, Caus'd rivers of noble blood to be shed; Until his young heir, and himself beside, By the hands of cruel assassins died. Son of Henry the Fifth, a hero as bold, &c.

EDWARD IV.



Born 1442, began to reign 1461.

This is EDWARD THE FOURTH, of handsome mien,

In whose time the first English printing was seen:

Of the *House of York*—his forces prevail'd, When they the Lancastrian troops assail'd. Successor to Henry the Sixth, meek, timid, and mild, &c.

EDWARD V.



Born 1471, began to reign 1483.

This is EDWARD THE FIFTH, poor hapless boy,

Son of Edward the Fourth, of handsome mien, &c.

RICHARD III.



Born 1443, began to reign 1483.

This is RICHARD THE THIRD, that in fight was kill'd;

A monster as frightful in body and mind As ever was suffered to plague mankind; His own little nephews he did destroy; One was Edward the Fifth, poor hapless boy, &c.

HENRY VII.



Born 1456, began to reign 1485.

This is Henry the Seventh, of *Tudor* line, Two insurrections disturb'd his reign, But courage and vigilance made them vain. His policy much the realm improv'd, Though hoarding his money he dearly lov'd.

He won the great battle of Bosworth field, Where Richard the Third in fight was kill'd, &c.

HENRY VIII.



Born 1492, began to reign 1509.

This is HENRY THE EIGHTH, who married six wives,

And ended by violence two of their lives:
He was a tyrant, fat, savage, and proud;
Yet still he was useful, it must be allow'd,
As first of the sov'reigns who govern'd this
nation,

That sanction'd the Protestant Reformation, Crown'd in the year Fifteen hundred and nine,

Son of Henry the Seventh, of Tudor line, &c.

EDWARD VI.



Born 1537, began to reign 1547.

The next that rul'd was that excellent youth, A pattern of piety, wisdom, and truth, King Edward the Sixth, who left this sad scene

For the regions of bliss at the age of sixteen. Son of Henry the Eighth, who married six wives, &c.

MARY.



Born 1516, began to reign 1553.

This is MARY, that married KING PHILIP OF SPAIN,

(May times such as hers be ne'er seen again,)

Full of "zeal without knowledge," she Protestants burn'd,

Unless to the Romish religion they turn'd. Cranmer, Ridley, and Latimer perish'd in flames,

And distant posterity honours their names. Half-sister was she to that excellent youth, &c.



Born 1533, began to reign 1558.

This is Elizabeth, England's boast,
Who saw the Armada approach her coast;
Then the storm-shatter'd remnant that
fled from the fight,

Hurrying homeward in pitiful plight.

Long and splendid her reign, it yet had some spots,

The worst was the death of Queen Mary of Scots.

Unmarried Elizabeth lived and died;

A sister was she, by the father's side,

To Mary, who married King Philip of Spain, &c.

JAMES I.



Born 1566, began to reign 1603.

This is James the First, since whose time we "Remember"

The "Gunpowder treason," and "fifth of November."

Then England with Scotland united became,

As he to both sceptres had lineal claim,

At the death of Elizabeth, England's boast, &c.

CHARLES I.



Born 1600, began to reign 1625.

This is Charles the First, who lost his head,

After his men from battle had fled; For disputes arose, and to war he went With his unruly Parliament: Son of James the First, since whose time

we remember, &c.

OLIVER CROMWELL.



Commonwealth lasted from 1649 to 1660.

This is OLIVER CROMWELL, the state's director.

Under the title of Lord Protector,

Who rose from a private gentleman's station

By courage and cunning.—He govern'd the nation

When Charles the First had lost his head, &c.

CHARLES II.



Born 1630, began to reign 1660.

This is CHARLES THE SECOND, who, when elevated [pated, On Great Britain's throne, prov'd gay, dissi-Luxurious, and vain: loving pow'r above law. Then England some dreadful calamities saw; The Plague desolated her principal town; Which, in the three sixes,* was burnt nearly down. [rounded, The court and the city by spies were sur-Executions were frequent — for treason abounded. began, Charles reign'd nearly twenty-five years, and Less than two from the death of that bad clever man. Oliver Cromwell, the state's director, &c. * The year 1666.

JAMES II.



Eorn 1633, began to reign 1685.

This is KING JAMES, who did abdicate
In Sixteen hundred and eighty-eight,
After he'd earnestly striv'n in vain,
To set up the Popish pow'r again:
The brother of Charles, who, when elevated, &c.

WILLIAM AND MARY.



William born 1650, began to reign 1689.

These are WILLIAM AND MARY, of ORANGE NASSAU,

Who jointly were sov'reigns, for such was the law.

He was valiant in battle, in council serene, And she was an excellent woman and queen, Daughter of James, who did abdicate, &c. ANNE.



Born 1665, began to reign 1702.

This is Anne, to Prince George in wedlock join'd,

Who died without leaving an heir behind.
Whig and Tory squabbles then reach'd great

height,

Marlborough conquer'd at Blenheim's fight,
And in other battles shed much blood,
Of which we never found out the good.
Saint Paul's Cathedral finished by Wren,
Eighth year of this reign;—Seventeen hundred
and ten.

This queen was the last of the Stuart race, Of pleasing manners and handsome face. Next to William and Mary, of Orange Nassau, &c.

GEORGE I.



Born 1660, began to reign 1714.

This is King George, the First of the name, In whose time the *Pretender* to *Peterhead* came;

Then finding he had but a slender chance To conquer Great Britain, return'd to France; And his followers, unable the troops to withstand,

For disloyalty lost both their lives and their land.

So the throne to the *House of Brunswick* went, As laid down in the Act of Settlement.

After Anne, to Prince George in wedlock join'd, &c.

GEORGE II.



Born 1683, began to reign 1727.

This is George the Second; in his reign The French and English fought again. The young Pretender, in forty-five,*
In the north of Scotland did arrive; At Preston Pans the royalists beat, But at Culloden suffer'd a great defeat; Then fled away from Britain's shore, And his cause was ruin'd for evermore. George was the last, a foreigner born, By whom our island's crown was worn. Son of King George, the First of the name, &c.

GEORGE III.



Born 1738, began to reign 1760.

This is the patriarch, George the Third; In his longest of reigns great events occurr'd:

Th' Americans fought for a new constitution;

France was convuls'd by a vast revolution;
Duncan, Howe, Jarvis, Nelson, great victories gain'd;

And Britain the rule of the ocean maintain'd;

India, Egypt, Spain, Portugal, torn by alarms,

In turns saw the conquests of old England's arms;

The last of her triumphs, the greatest one too,

Was by Wellington won, at fam'd Waterloo. Then swords slept in peace, and banners were furl'd,

When, aged eighty-two, the king left the world.

Before his accession his father was dead, So he was advanc'd in his grandfather's stead,

King George the Second, in his reign, &c.

GEORGE IV.



Born 1762, began to reign 1820.

This is George the Fourth, who the state did guide,

When illness laid his father aside; The office of *Regent* then he bore,

And govern'd as sovereign ten years more;

He had one daughter, Prince Leopold's bride,

Who in the bloom of her beauty died; In her grandfather's days she sank to the tomb,

Plunging the nation in deepest gloom:

Never was sorrow more sincere
Than that which flow'd round Charlotte's
bier.

Buonaparte, who to govern all Europe aspir'd,

At St. Helena, a prisoner expir'd. In Eighteen thirty,* at Windsor's height, The last of the Georges sank to night: Son of the patriarch, George the Third, &c.

^{*} The year 1830.

WILLIAM IV.



Born 1765, began to reign June, 1830.

This is WILLIAM THE FOURTH, the last king, who reign'd

When the Bill for Reform was contested and gain'd.

While parties were eagerly struggling at home,

To no foreign climates our armies did roam.

The ships too were quietly kept at their stations,

For peace was preserv'd with the neighbouring nations.

As Duke of Clarence the king was known, Till his brother by death was remov'd from the throne—

King George the Fourth, &c.

VICTORIA.



Born May 24, 1819; began to reign June 20, 1837; married to her cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, February 10, 1840. Princess Royal, born November 21, 1840. Prince of Wales, born November 9, 1841. Princess Alice, born April 25, 1843. Alfred Ernest Albert, born August 6, 1844. Princess Helena Augusta Victoria, born May 25, 1846. Louise Caroline Alberta, born March 18, 1848. Arthur Patrick Albert, born May 1, 1850. Leopold Duncan Albert. born April 7, 1853. Princess Beatrice Mary Victoria, born April 14, 1857.

This is the Sovereign fair and young, Whose plaudits flow from every tongue. Long may she reign, belov'd, in peace, Each year her happiness increase. Of all her ancient royal line, May hers with noblest glories shine, And bright in History's page be seen Victoria's name, our youthful Queen—Niece to William the Fourth, &c.

SUMMARY OF THE SOVEREIGNS.

Seventeen Saxons, and three of the Danes, Three Normans, one Blois the crown obtains;

Plantagenet eight, of Lancaster three, Three Yorkists, and then the five Tudors we see,

Five STUARTS, one ORANGE. To finish, we join

The six of the Brunswick or Hanover line.

Fifty-five as our total of Sovereigns appears
In about a thousand and seventy years.

Saron Kings of England.

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Began to	Began	
Born reign	Born reign	
Egbert 800	Edred 924 946	
Ethelwolf —- 836	Edwy 939 955	
Ethelbald and	Edgar 943 959	
Ethelbert - — 856	Edward the	
Etheldred — 866	Martyr — 975	
Alfred the Great 849 871	Etheldred the	
Edward the Elder— 901	Unready 968 978	
Ethelstan 865 924	Edmund Ironside —— 1016	
Edmund 923 941		
Danish Kings.		
Canute the Great 986 1016	fessor (OF THE	
Harold — 1035	ROYAL SAXON	
Hardicanute - — 1040	LINE) — 1042	
Edward the Con-	Harold (a Saxon) — 1066	
Porman Line.		

William the Con-	Henry I. (Beau-
queror (Duke	clerc) 1068 1100
of Normandy) 1027 1066	Stephen (LINE
William Rufus - 1057 1087	of Blois) - 1105 1135

Line of Plantagenet.

Henry II 1133 1154	Edward I 1239 1272
Richard I. (Cœur	
de Lion) 1157 1189	Edward III 1312 1327
John 1166 1199	Richard II 1366 1377
Henry III 1207 1216	

Line of Lancaster.

	Regan	Began to	
TT T.V.	Born reign	Born reign Henry VI 1421 1422	
Henry IV	- 1367 1399	Henry VI 1421 1422	
Henry V	- 1389 1413		
	Line o	f York.	
Edward IV.	- 1442 1461	Richard III 1443 1483	
Edward V.	- 1471 1483		
Line of Tudor.			
Henry VII.	- 1456 1485	Mary 1516 1553	
Henry VIII.	- 1492 1509	Elizabeth 1533 1558	
Edward VI.	- 1537 1547		
Line of Stuart.			
James I	- 1566 1603	Charles II 1630 1660	
Charles I	- 1600 1625		
Line of Orange.			
William III.	- 1650 1689	Anne 1665 1702	
71 in			
Line of Brunswick.			
George I	- 1660 1714		
George II	- 1683 1727	William IV 1765 1830	
George III.	- 1738 1760	Victoria 1819 1837	

REMARKABLE EVENTS.

	3. C.	A. D,
Julius Cæsar landed at		Battle of Bannockburn
Dover	55	won by Robert Bruce 1314
	A. D.	Battle of Cressy 1346
Britain finally left by		Battle of Poictiers - 1356
the Romans	448	Death of Edward the
Saxons landed in		Black Prince 1376
Britain under the		Windsor Castle built
command of Hen-		by Edward III 1386
ghist and Horsa -	449	Westminster Abbey
Christianity intro-		rebuilt 1399
duced into England		Battle of Agincourt - 1415
by Augustine	597	Maid of Orleans burnt
Alfred born	849	at Rouen 1441
The Danes become		Defeat of the Lancas-
masters of England	913	trians at Tewkes-
Battle of Hastings - 1	066	bury 1471
First Crusade preached 1	.096	Art of printing brought
Murder of Thomas à		into England 1471
Becket 1	170	Murder of Edward V.
Ireland annexed to the		and Duke of York - 1483
crown of England - 1	172	Battle of Bosworth
Magna Charta signed		field 1445
by John 1	215	America discovered by
Wales annexed to the		Christopher Colum-
English crown - 1	282	bus 1492
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Battle of Flodden field 1513	A. D.
	Execution of the Earl
Commencement of the	of Strafford 1641
Reformation in Eng-	Commencement of the
land 1529	Rebellion 1642
Anne Boleyn beheaded 1536	Execution of Arch-
First authorized Eng-	bishop Laud 1645
lish Bible printed - 1540	KingCharles beheaded 1649
Lady Jane Grey be-	Charles II. defeated at
headed 1554	Worcester 1651
Bishops Ridley and	Oliver Cromwell made
Latimer burnt 1555	Protector 1653
Cranmer burnt 1556	Death of Cromwell - 1658
The 39 Articles of the	Restoration of Chas. II. 1660
Church of England	The Plague in London 1665
established 1556	Great Fire of London 1666
Parisian Massacre on	Trial of the Seven
St. Bartholomew's	Bishops 1688
day 1572	Landing of the Prince
Sir Francis Drake	of Orange 1688
sailed round the	Battle of the Boyne - 1690
world 1580	James II. died in
Mary Queen of Scots	France 1701
beheaded 1587	Battle of Blenheim - 1704
Spanish Armada de-	Union of England and
stroyed 1588	Scotland 1707
Gunpowder Plot - 1605	St. Paul's, London, re-
Opening of the Long	built 1710
Parliament in 1640;	Rebellion in Scotland
dissolved by Crom-	in favour of the Pre-
well 1653	tender 1715
1000	- 1/13

A. D.	
Execution of the	Catholic Emancipa-
Scotch rebel Lords - 1716	tion Bill passed - 1829
Rebellion in favour of	Reform Bill passed - 1832
Charles Edward - 1745	Slavery Emancipation
Defeat of the Rebels	Bill passed 1833
at Culloden 1746	Princess Victoria was
Battle of Quebec - 1759	of age, May 24, and
The Americans de-	ascended the throne,
clared themselves	June 20 1837
independent 1776	PennyPostage, Jan. 10 1840
King and Queen of	The Queen married,
France put to death	Feb. 10 1840
by their subjects - 1793	Union of the Canadas 1841
Battle of Seringapatam 1799	French Revolution,
Union of Great Britain	Louis Philippe abdi-
and Ireland 1801	cated, February 24 1848
Battle of Trafalgar, and	Louis Napoleon elected
death of Lord Nelson 1805	Emperor of the
Abolition of the Slave	French, December - 1851
Trade 1807	War with Russia, by
War with America - 1812	England, France,
Battle of Salamanca - 1812	Turkey, and Sar-
Battle of Waterloo - 1815	dinia 1854
PrincessCharlotte died 1817	Peace between the
Death of Buonaparte - 1821	above 1856
Death of Queen Caro-	Mutiny in India - 1857
line 1821	





