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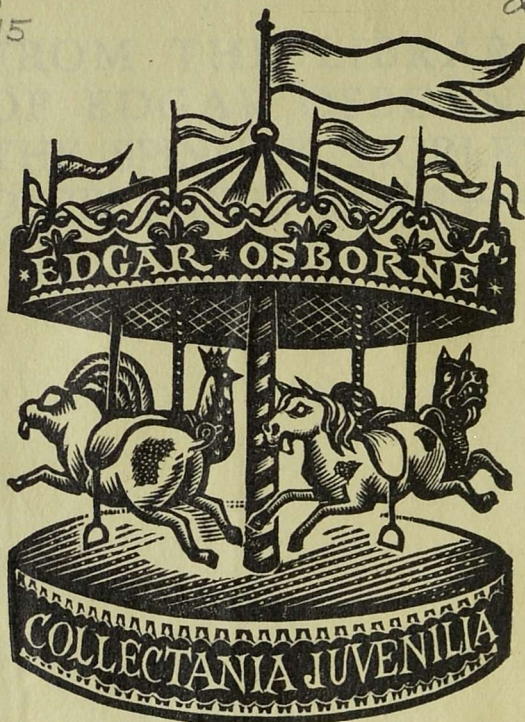
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TO MISS ELIZABETH EDGAR.



MY DEAR ELIZABETH,

THE very great pleasure I have always derived in instructing you, from your constant attention to the different branches of your education, since under my tuition, (and being not a little proud of the consequent progress you have made,) induces me to dedicate this little volume to you, which I have written for the amusement and instruction of the younger part of your schoolfellows; and doubt not, by the time you have made yourself acquainted

DEDICATION.

with the contents of this, your continued application will receive, as reward, a copy of the Roman History, on the same Plan, from

Your affectionate friend,

LOUISA BROWN.

No. 9, Brighton Place,

New Kent Road.



WILLIAM I.

WHO visited Great Britain's shore,
 With twenty thousand men, or more,
 And the proud name of Conqueror bore?
 William the First.

Who bravely fought on Hastings' plain,
 Till Harold and his son were slain,
 And then commenc'd the Norman reign?
 William the First.



WILLIAM RUFUS.

When Wiliam died, who seiz'd the throne,
 His elder brother being gone,
 To gain in the Croisades renown?

William Rufus.

And who was by an arrow slain,
 While chasing the fleet stag in vain,
 And left his brother next to reign?

William Rufus.



HENRY I.

But who for deeds of arms was fam'd,
 And Beauclerk, from his learning, nam'd?
 Who had himself a king proclaim'd?

Henry the First.

When Robert claim'd his lawful right,
 Who had him then depriv'd of sight,
 And kill'd at last, in justice' spite?

Henry the First.



STEPHEN.

Pray who did next seize England's throne,
 And make it, with address, his own,
 Though Maud contended for her son?

Stephen of Blois.

And who was it who was decreed
 To wear the crown for life, indeed,
 Whom youthful Henry should succeed?

Stephen of Blois.



HENRY II.

Who next did on the throne appear,
 Curbing the monks, as doth appear,
 The state reforming every year?

Henry Plantagenet.

And who was scourg'd at Becket's tomb,
 As death had been that prelate's doom,
 When he did too much power assume?

Henry Plantagenet.



RICHARD I.

Who conquer'd Saladin's proud host,
 But home return'ng, England's boast,
 Did Austria seize, a captive lost?

Richard Cœur de Lion.

For whom did England ransom pay,
 And, after ten years' royal sway,
 What king did Tourdon's arrow slay?

Richard Cœur de Lion.



...JOHN.

Who next Great Britain's realm commands?
 Who sold his crown and royal lands,
 Into the Pope's imperial hands?

King John.

Who did the Barons, bold and great,
 Make sign that bulwark of our state,
 The Magna Charta, still in date?

King John.



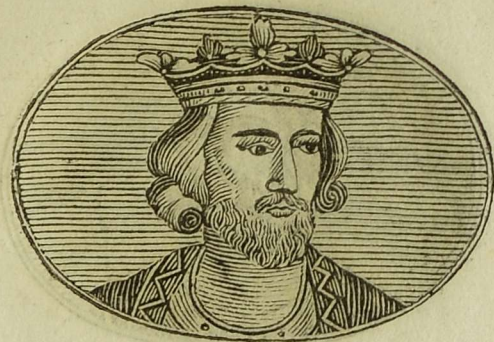
HENRY III.

When John, who kill'd his nephew, died,
 Who then did o'er these realms preside,
 Sway'd by ambitious fav'rites' pride?

Henry the Third.

Who fill'd this land with warlike fears,
 Yet reign'd for six-and-fifty years,
 Some part a minor, it appears?

Henry the Third.



EDWARD I.

Who next did over England reign,
Humble the Turks, and then obtain
Vict'ries o'er Scotland's warlike train.

Edward the First.

When wounded by a poison'd dart,
Whose wife was it that eas'd the smart,
Sucking the poison from the part?

Edward's the First.



EDWARD II.

But after Edward, who came next,
 And England by his weakness vext,
 Till civil wars himself perplex?

Edward Caernarvon.

Who was his crown made to resign?
 Who did his enemies confine?
 To murder whom did lords combine?

Edward Caernarvon.



EDWARD III.

When Edward laid aside his crown,
 Who was that prince of high renown,
 Whose arms took French and Scotchmen
 down?

Edward the Third.

Whose son the name of Black Prince bore?
 Who first 'gainst *men* made cannons roar?
 Made Cressy tremble, Poitiers more?

Edward's the Third.



RICHARD II.

Who to the throne did next succeed,
 Was blam'd for many a cruel deed,
 His uncle Gloster's death decreed?

Richard the Second.

'Gainst whom did Lancaster rebel,
 With Percy leagu'd, who fought full well?
 And who depos'd by traitors fell?

Richard the Second.



HENRY IV.

Who then did o'er Great Britain's land,
 Usurp the sovereign command?
 Whom Percy met with hostile band?

Henry the Fourth.

Who, after Percy bold was slain,
 Continu'd fourteen years to reign,
 Whose son occasion'd him much pain?

Henry the Fourth.



HENRY V.

Who Agincourt's great battle won,
 Obliging France him heir to own,
 Of Gallia's proud imperial throne?

Henry the Fifth.

Pray who in dissipation spent
 His youth—yet did in time relent,
 Nor England made his reign repent?

Henry the Fifth.



HENRY VI.

What minor prince was next proclaim'd,
 But Bedford for a regent nam'd,
 While York to gain the sceptre aim'd?

Henry the Sixth.

And when in battle York was slain,
 But his young son did vict'ry gain,
 Who did he in the Tow'r retain?

Henry the Sixth.



EDWARD IV.

Who then did Warwick raise to pow'r,
 Then pull him down in evil hour,
 Releasing Henry from the Tow'r?
 Edward the Fourth.

When Warwick died, who then did reign,
 And Henry send to Tow'r again,
 And thirteen years did king remain?
 Edward the Fourth.



EDWARD V.

What infant king the crown obtain'd,
 Who, when he but few months had reign'd,
 Was pris'ner in the Tow'r detain'd?

Edward the Fifth.

Who there was with his brother slain,
 By his base uncle, thus to gain
 The throne he could not long maintain?

Edward the Fifth.



RICHARD III.

Who was it that in night's dark hour,
 Murder'd his nephews in the Tow'r,
 And then usurp'd the kingly pow'r?
 Richard the Third.

But God, who saw the cruel deed,
 And ne'er lets wickedness succeed,
 Soon caus'd in Bosworth's field to bleed,
 Richard the Third.



HENRY VII.

Who was it that by marriage right,
 Did York and Lancaster unite,
 Two royal houses prone to fight?

Henry the Seventh.

And when two young impostors rose,
 Who with address repuls'd these foes,
 (Whose reign at last the gout did close?)

Henry the Seventh.



HENRY VIII.

Who was it first the title took,
 Of *Faith's Defender*, from his book,
 Which much 'gainst Martin Luther spoke?
 Henry the Eighth.

Who was that sensual, cruel king,
 Who six wives had, and two did bring
 To death, through jealousy's keen sting?
 Henry the Eighth.



EDWARD VI.

Who was that mild and learned prince,
 Who did such humane zeal evince,
 As four hospitals* now convince?

Edward the Sixth.

Who, though proclaim'd at nine years old,
 (And reign'd but seven years, we're told,)
 Did learning to the poor unfold?

Edward the Sixth.

* Christ's, St. Bartholomew's, St. Thomas's, and Bridewell.



QUEEN MARY.

What bigoted and cruel Queen,
 Succeeding Edward now is seen,
 A prey to malice, rage, and spleen?

Queen Mary.

Who burn'd at Smithfield's shameful stake
 Four bishops, for their church's sake,
 Who made three hundred death partake?

Queen Mary.



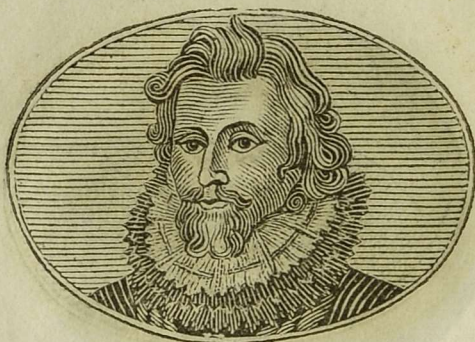
J. BURNAL
ELIZABETH.

What great and glorious princess rose,
 To govern here, when death did close
 The barb'rous course which Mary chose?

Elizabeth.

Who o'er th' Armada of proud Spain,
 (Call'd the Invincible,) did gain
 Decisive vict'ry on the main?

Elizabeth.



JAMES I.

When fam'd Elizabeth was dead,
 Who govern'd England in her stead,
 Whom Guy Fawkes gave much cause of
 dread?

James the First.

Who first united into one,
 The Scottish and the English throne,
 Of Mary Queen of Scots the son?

James the First.



CHARLES I.

What luckless king o'er England sway'd,
 Who war 'gainst French and Spaniards made,
 To gain supplies forc'd means essay'd?

Charles the First.

Who was beheaded at Whitehall,
 Doom'd by his parliament to fall?
 Who does our church a martyr call?

Charles the First.



OLIVER CROMWELL.

What bold usurper took command,
 And call'd Protector of the Land,
 Whose power his foes could not withstand?
 Oliver Cromwell.

Who lords and commons both defied,
 Dissolv'd the parliament with pride?
 Who rul'd eleven years, then died?
 Oliver Cromwell.



CHARLES II.

When the usurper died, who rose
 Victorious o'er his many foes,
 Whom Crómwell's son did not oppose?
 Charles the Second.

Yet, who was prodigal and vain,
 While secret plots disturb'd his reign,
 And caus'd his subjects to complain?
 Charles the Second.



JAMES II.

Which of his brothers now ascends
 The throne, nor much the state befriends,
 For Popish zeal shap'd all his ends?

James the Second.

But who was forc'd to abdicate
 The crown—and found, when 'twas too late,
 That Pop'ry ill befits the state?

James the Second.



WILLIAM III.

Who did the parliament agree,
 Conjointly with his wife should be
 Chosen to reign o'er England free?

William the Third.

Who beat the French, made Scotchmen yield,
 Made James at Boyne soon quit the field,
 And ne'er ceas'd England's laws to shield?

William the Third.



QUEEN ANNE.

Whose battles did great Marlbro' fight,
 Nor armies met but put to flight?
 For whom maintain'd Great Britain's right?
 Queen Anne.

Who o'er the seas, with like success,
 Did all her naval foes repress,
 And made them England's pow'r confess?
 Queen Anne.



GEORGE I.

Who first of Brunswick's house appears,
 And reigns, 'tis said, for thirteen years,
 Tho' the Pretender caus'd some fears?

George the First.

Yet who was blam'd for favour shown,
 His German subjects, though alone
 He fill'd Great Britain's royal throne?

George the First.



GEORGE II.

Who next made war with France and Spain,
 When George the First had ceas'd to reign,
 Whose son Culloden's field did gain?

George the Second.

Who crush'd the young Pretender's pride,
 And thirty-three years did preside,
 Over these kingdoms, till he died?

George the Second.



GEORGE III.

But now who does o'er England sway,
 Who countries distant far obey,
 Even to India's lengthen'd way?

George the Third.

And whose domestic virtues shine,
 With brightest lustre, and combine
 To make him lov'd by all his line?

George the Third.

THE END.

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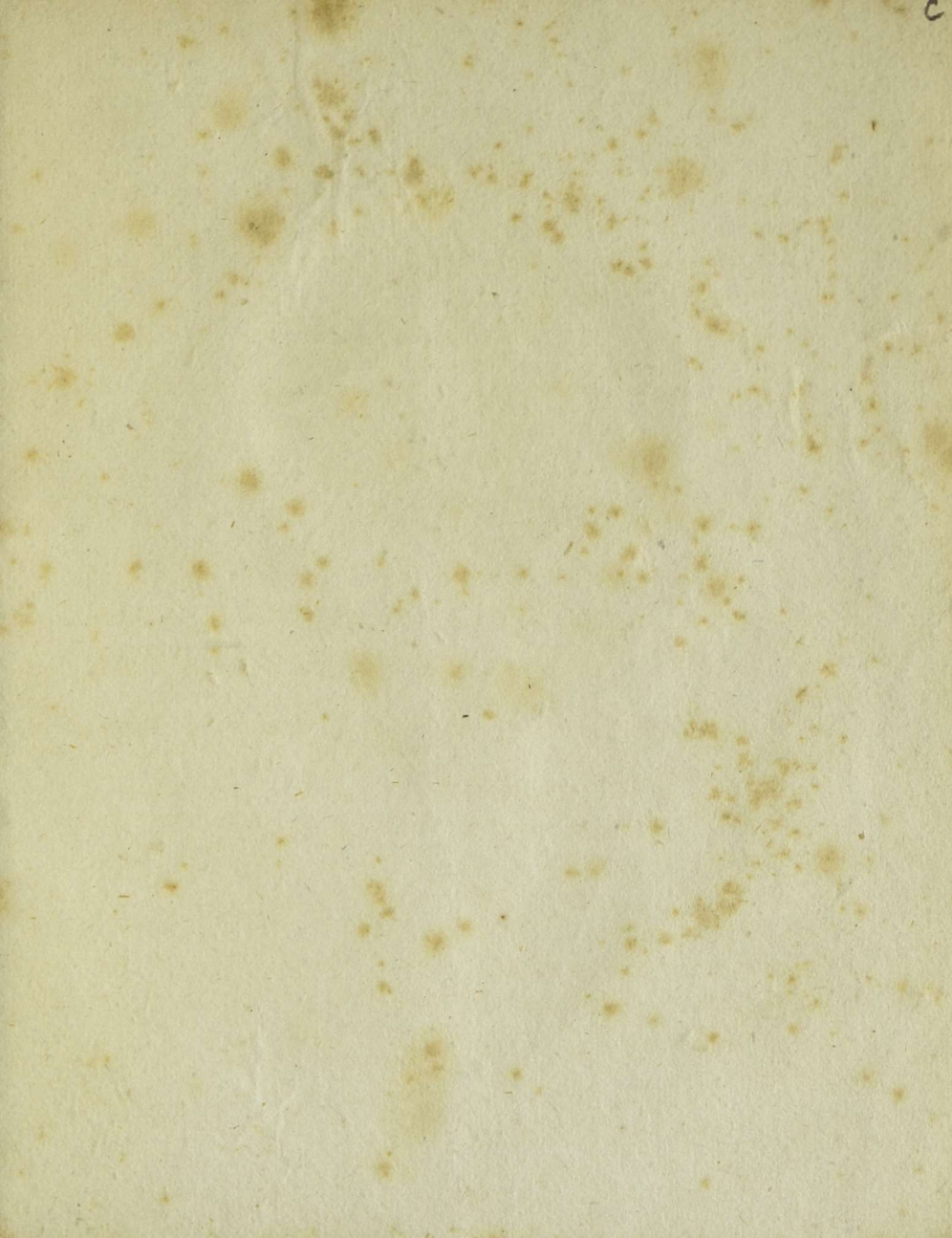
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