

THE HISTORY OF ENGLAND.

Amiability of the Jew and Per-
versity of the Scot.

BANISHED FROM THE KINGDOM.

When Times Were Hard, the Hebrew Was
Held For Ransom and After Payment
Was Still Considered Unredeemed—A
Wasteful Fluke in the King Business.

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CHAPTER XIII.

In 1278 the Jews, to the number of 280, were hanged for having in their possession clipped coins. Shortly afterward all the Jews in England were imprisoned. Whenever times were hard the Jews were imprisoned, and on one job lot alone \$12,000 was realized in ransom. And still the Jews are not yet considered as among the redeemed. In 1290 they were all banished from the kingdom and their property seized by the crown. This seizure of real estate turned the attention of the Jews to the use of diamonds as an investment. For 400 years the Jews were not permitted to return to England.

Scotch wars were kept up during the rest of Edward's reign, but in 1291, with great reluctance, Scotland submitted, and Baliol, whose trouble with France had been settled in favor of the former, was placed upon the throne. But the king was overbearing to Baliol, inasmuch that the Scotch joined with the Normans in war with England, which resulted, in 1293, in the destruction of the Norman navy.

Philip then subpoenaed Edward, as Duke of Guienne, to show cause why he should not pay damages for the loss of the navy, which could not be replaced for less than £20, and finally wheedled Edward out of the duchy.

Philip maintained a secret understanding with Baliol, however, and Ed-

ward in Warwick castle, and in 1312 the royal favorite was horrified to find near him a large pool of blood, and on a further search discovered his own head lying in the gutter of the court. Turning sick at the gory sight, he buried his face in his handkerchief and expired.

The nobles were forgiven afterward by the king, who now turned his attention to the victorious Scots.

Stirling castle and the fortress of Berwick alone remained to the English, and Robert Bruce was besieging the latter.

The English, numbering 100,000, at Bannockburn fought against 30,000 Scots. Bruce surprised the cavalry with deep pits, and before the English could recover from this an approaching reinforcement for the Scotch was seen coming over the hill. This consisted of "supes," with banners and bagpipes, and though they were really teamsters in disguise their hostile appearance and the depressing music of the bagpipes so shocked the English that they did not stop running until they reached Berwick. The king came around to Ber-



THE UNFORTUNATE KING WAS TREATED WITH REVOLTING CRUELTY.

wick from Dunbar by steamer, thus saving his life and obtaining much needed rest on board the boat.

Edward found himself now on the verge of open war with Ireland and Wales, and the population of the Isle of Wight and another person, whose name is not given, threatened to declare war. The English nobles, too, were insubordinate, and the king, who had fallen under the influence of a man named Spencer and his father, was required by

Berkeley castle, whither he had been removed.

Thus ends the sad history of a monarch who might have succeeded in a minor position on a hen farm, but who made a beastly fluke in the king business.

The assurance of Mortimer in treating the king as he did is a blot upon the fair page of his life in high life. Let us turn over a new leaf.

BILL NYE.

"Doubtless this is an error, so far as the steamer is concerned, but the statement can do no harm, and the historian cannot be positive in matters of this kind at all times, for the strain upon the memory is too great. The critic, too, should not be forgotten in a work of this kind. He must do something to support his family, or he will become disliked.—Author.

"The clock may safely be omitted from the above account, as later information would indicate that this may be an error, though there is no doubt that Mortimer at this time wore out two suits of the king's pyjamas.—Author.

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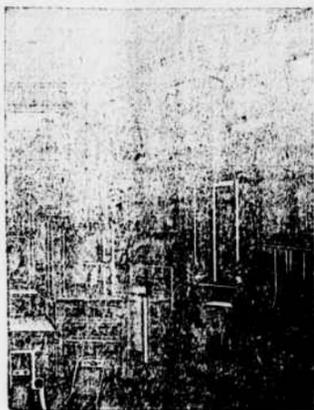
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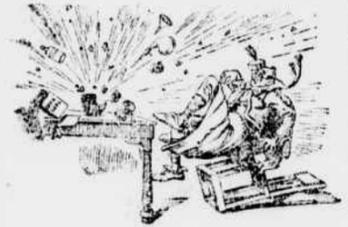
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THE FRENCH KING ENTERS INTO A SECRET ALLIANCE WITH BALIOL.



ROGER BACON DISCOVERS GUNPOWDER.
Edward called a parliament, founded upon
the great principle that "what con-
cerns all should be approved by all."
This was in 1295, and on this declara-
tion, so far as successful government is
concerned, hang all the law and the
profits.

The following year Edward marched
into Scotland, where he captured Baliol
and sent him to France, where he died,
in boundless obscurity, in 1291. Baliol
was succeeded by the brave William
Wallace, who won a great battle at
Stirling, but was afterwards defeated and
executed at Falkirk, and in 1298 was ex-
ecuted in London prison.

But the Scotch would not give up
their independence, and in 1304 Edward
was obliged to withdraw his army from
Scotland.

During the summer of 1301
Edward called a parliament, and in
1301, he issued a decree which
was to be regarded as a declaration of
war, and the Scotch were subdued.

Edward then called the English Jus-
tices, yet these were for which he is
most famous were reluctantly done be-
cause of the demands made by a deter-
mined people.

During his reign gunpowder was dis-
covered by Roger Bacon, whereby Guy
Fawkes was made possible. Without
him England would still be a slumber-
ing fog bank upon the shores of time.

Young Edward was not much of a
monarch. He fought the Scots,
and soon Robert Bruce had won back
the fortresses taken by the English, and
Edward II, under the influence of an at-
tractive trifter named Gaveston, daw-
dled away his days and frittered away
his nights. Finally the nobles, who dis-
liked Gaveston, captured him and put

the best society, headed by Lancaster,
to exile both of these wicked advisers.

Afterward the king attacked Lancas-
ter with his army, and, having captured
him, had him executed in 1322.

The Spencers now returned, and the
queen began to cut up strangely and
create talk. She formed the acquaint-
ance of Roger Mortimer, who consented
to act as her paramour. They organized
a scheme to throw off the Spencers and
dethrone Edward the Thinkless, her hus-
band, in 1325.



ON A HEN FARM.

Any one who has tried to be king
even for a few weeks under the above
circumstances must agree with the his-
torian that it is no moonlight frolic.

Edward fled to Wales, but in 1326
was requested to come home and remain
in jail there instead of causing a scandal
by staying away and spending his
money in Wales. He was confined in
Kenilworth castle while his son was os-
tensibly king, though his wife and Mor-
timer really managed the kingdom and
behaved in a scandalous way, Mortimer
wearing the king's clothes, shaving
with his razor and winding the clock
every night, as though he owned the
place. This was in 1327.

In September the poor king was put
to death by correspondent Mortimer in a
painful and sickening manner, after
having been miserably treated in