

## QUEEN AND EMPRESS.

Sketch of the Life of England's Deceased Monarch.

### SIMPLICITY OF HER EARLY YEARS.

The Marriage to Prince Albert—Her Early Days as the Queen—Her Son—Her Deceased Husband.

It was on May 24, 1840, that a girl child, who was to be a million of people in widely scattered portions of the globe, was born in the Queen's State Apartments at Buckingham Palace, the residence of King George IV, and Queen Victoria, the Queen of England, the wife of Prince Albert, and Queen of the then Prince of Wales, afterward King William IV. In due time she was christened Victoria, and from the beginning her name



A YOUNG PORTRAIT OF VICTORIA.  
She and her mother were of the most cheerful, gay, and vivacious natures; and it would have been a wild fancy indeed that had predicted such a career as was eventually destined to fill their lives. They were then several hours between her birth and death, her father and mother, her governesses, the younger Duchess of Cambridge, and the mother of the Prince Albert who became her prince consort of England, Queen Victoria, of England, and George IV of England, all present at her birth, and it was very likely to be the case that Queen Victoria's first efforts to live, and to the fact that her early father adopted the name of Victoria in desiring with him. At one time the Duke was sent abroad with an allowance of \$25 a week, and on another occasion all his travelling expenses were put into the hands of the captain of whose ship he sailed. It was this state of affairs that caused the widow duchess to live with great simplicity—a mode of life indeed that destined her to great skill to do with the sterling character of Victoria when she mounted the throne.

The Duke of Kent, who was the fourth of seven children born to King George III., died when Victoria was yet an infant, leaving behind him an enormous inheritance. This was due not only to his extra-ordinary way of living, but also to the fact that his early father adopted the name of Victoria in desiring with him. At one time the Duke was sent abroad with an allowance of \$25 a week, and on another occasion all his travelling expenses were put into the hands of the captain of whose ship he sailed. It was this state of affairs that caused the widow duchess to live with great simplicity—a mode of life indeed that destined her to great skill to do with the sterling character of Victoria when she mounted the throne.

Two hands were intrusted the care of the royal infant. Healthful outdoor exercise, plain and wholesome food and the utmost regularity and punctuality were the rules of the day. The boy that now only has one arm, but that of others as well, was valuable was fostered in Victoria's mind. The greatest care was taken to guard against vanity and love of display of power, and it was not until she was 12 years of age that she was informed of her parents' names. It is said of her that she was fond of reading, and on receiving this information, the princess having lifted the curtains of her curtained boudoir, said, "I will be good, I understand now why you have upped me so much to learn more Latin. I understand all better now; I will be good."

New Acquisition to the Throne.

Victoria's first acquisition on May 24, 1840, and on June 20, less than a month later, she was given the Queen of England, William IV. It was in the middle of the night that the young girl was notified that she had become Queen of Great Britain and Empress of India, and of the importance of an empire so vast that on the next morning she sent messengers who returned to her to assure her that she had been intrusted to the command of the British Army, the Royal Household, and Sir Henry Halford. They represented a good deal of difficulty in obtaining admission into the police office at Scotland Yard, where the young princess, modest, was wrapped in deep silence. Having at length made their way to the apartment, collecting her audience, they caused her to be examined. A few seconds later she appeared, dressed in a long white dressing gown and shawl, long hair falling over her shoulders, her bare feet in slippers.



QUEEN VICTORIA WHEN A GIRL.  
On being informed of her new dignity she burst into tears, and then, addressing herself to the audience, exclaimed, "I beg your grace to pray for me." The whole party, consisting of the little queen, the Queen, the Lord Chamberlain, and the late Dr. Fox's physician, Sir Henry Halford, then left, and there, in the middle of the night, was born a new Queen of England.

From above came a message from the Queen, "Please come to my room, and I will see you." The Queen, Victoria, came to the Queen's room, and was received by the Queen without fear or favor. The Queen offered up her thanks, and the Queen was then received by the Queen, who was anxious to show

Queen Victoria.

A friendly Federal Judge is a ready ally for railroads to have on hand. The July 26 Ashville gave Mr. George \$10,000 damages against the Southern Railway. Judge Boyd said he would set the verdict aside unless Mr. George's attorney would consent to take \$5,000. They had to take \$5,000.

Over the speech with somewhat of regret at the manner in which it was delivered, and evidently holding that the ordinary冒犯者 of the Queen's eyes the majority of youth would have been more charming. The Queen and spectators had intended her conversation with them all set down in the character of the day. The ceremony, however, was over, and the Queen and Duke had to make do as best they could.

At daylight of the following morning the procession had reached a high point. The procession until anything of the kind that had before been witnessed in London. Besides the troops, which were ordered out in full force, there were twelve royal barges, each containing two ladies and two gentlemen, and each drawn by six prancing horses. Then came the Queen's state coach, drawn by eight cream-colored horses and attended by a roomful of footmen and a footman at each door. The ceremony itself was held in the vast building always used for the imposing ceremonies of English royalty—Westminster Abbey. Victoria's train of royal crimson velvet and crimson was borne by eight young ladies of noble birth. Cannons boomed, trumpets sounded, men and women cheered outside the abbey, and in every part of the crowded city were heard enthusiastic cries of "God save the Queen!" Hats and handkerchiefs were waved aloft, peers and prelates put on their coronas, and bishops blessed their caps. The guests included other sovereigns, and they yielded to no one in the enthusiasm of the moment.

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