

THE MURDER OF KINGS.

THE "FATAL LINE" AS IT RUNS THROUGH HISTORY AND LEGEND.

The House of Stuart in Scottish and English Annals—Some Very Remarkable Facts Catalogued by a Careful Student—Curious Reminiscences.

In the Free Press recently, under the head "The Murder of Kings," is a resume of some of the notable murders of "civil rulers in the world's history. In speaking of the rulers of Scotland, reference is made to the murder of Duncan by Macbeth, the king of the Red Comyn by Bruce, and of the fate of the first James, the first of the Jameses in the Stuart line, which has won the title of "The Fatal Line."

Robert Stuart, duke of Rothesay, eldest son of Robert III, and heir apparent to the Scottish crown, was murdered by the Duke of Albany, who sought to cut off the direct succession so that he might succeed to the crown of his brother, Robert III. A male prince, instead of cutting his brother's (the duke of Albany) head off for his infamous crime, adopted the milder course of sending his second son, James, to France, to shield him from Albany's power of harm.

James was intercepted en route by the English and held in captivity for eighteen years, but was well treated, was educated in the learning and sciences, and when the English court, won an English wife, and was finally restored to his kingdom for a moderate ransom. His education developed intellectual qualities that manifested themselves in literature, for which the Stuarts were all more or less distinguished, and upon more than Harry, James of Scotland, and was murdered because he was vigorous in punishing those who had been guilty of disorders during his captivity.

James IV, the youngest son of James III, was a rebellious in his name against the father, who was defeated in battle, fled, took refuge in a mill, and was slain by his pursuers. The young king, James IV, upon reaching maturity, became smitten with contrition because of the part which had been made to play toward his father, and he was habitually the "penitential" James IV.

James V, himself fell at the fatal battle of Pinkie. He died of a broken heart because of the treachery for want of proper support on the part of his nobles at the battle of Pinkie. Though a spirited and courageous man, his spirit seemed to have deserted him, and he retired to the palace of Falkland, he took to his bed. The intelligence was then brought him that his father, Charles I, had been killed. He inquired if it was a man or a woman, he exclaimed, "Adieu! farewell; it can't be a man, it will go to a lass"—meaning that he would follow his father through the female line it would in his manner pass from his house; upon saying which he turned his face to the wall and died.

Of Mary, the daughter thus orphaned, her misfortunes and her tragic end at the stake of Elizabeth of England are well known. Even to persist in accusing her of complicity in the murder of her husband may find satisfaction for the act in the fact that royal homicides were the rule, and that the king's daughter, the virtuous in Scotland, had a man's conduct will not fall back upon this questionable plea.

James VI (James I of England), son of Mary, though he died in peace, a natural life, was yet the victim of various plots, aimed against his life or liberty, notably the Gowrie plot in his own country, and the Gunpowder plot in England.

The head of Charles I. fell under the ax of the commonwealth. His immediate successor, Charles II, was restored, was so careless and volatile a prince to incur the enmity, and was wont to say to his brother James, who was next in the order of succession, that they "are not going to kill me to make you king." Upon the death of Charles, James became king, and was deposed and driven into exile by his son-in-law, William of Orange. James' descendants for two generations made efforts to recover the crown, but the last of the house took orders in the Roman Catholic church, leaving no heirs, thus closing the Stuart line.

James II, who was a Catholic, was deposed by his daughter, Anne, who was married to George I, a Protestant. Anne, a granddaughter of James I, who was married to George I, was deposed by her son-in-law, George I, who was married to Anne, who was married to George I.

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FACTS FOR THE CURIOUS.

The Discovery of Glass—Other Equally Interesting Passages.

There is little or nothing known with certainty in regard to the invention or discovery of glass. Some of the oldest specimens are Egyptian, and the age of certain glass vessels made by that people, which are now kept in the British Museum, is believed to be at least 4194 years, dating back to the year 2960 B.C. Translucent glass was first used about 750 B.C. The credit of this latter discovery being given to the Phoenicians. The old story of its accidental discovery is fanciful. Herodotus who was visiting their country, tells on blocks of subcarbonate of soda found glass produced by the union, under heat, of the alkali with the sands of the desert.

Tombs of the Builders of Babel's Tower. In the year 553 A.D., while workmen were engaged in trenching the mines in Prussia, they unearthed a triangular building in which was a column of white marble. At the side of the column was a tablet of brass, over it a slab of agate, inscribed with these words, which were in Latin: "Here rests the Ashes of Noah, Grand Architect of the Tower of Babel." The Ashes of Noah, it is said, he saw as he came to the desert.

Vegetable Ivory. The vegetable ivory of commerce is an albuminous substance formed from a milky fluid in the fruit of a species of Central and South American tree, which seems to flourish best in New Guinea and Peru. It corresponds to the meat of the cocoon, which latter is the fruit of another species of palm. When vegetable ivory suits are ripe they are covered with brown skin, are bean-shaped, the interior being perfectly white and very hard.

A Delicate Mechanical Feat. R. A. Williams, a watchmaker, of Broadway, New York city, recently accomplished a remarkable mechanical feat—that of drilling a hole through the entire length of a common pin, from head to point, the opening being just large enough to admit the passage of a five hair. Mr. Williams is the mechanic who in 1874 cut a sewing needle in two longitudinal and then drilled holes and fastened it together so finely that the split could not be seen with the naked eye.

How to Find the Day of the Week. Divide the number expressing the year by four (4), taking no notice of the remainder. Next find the number of days in the date from the last of January to the date in hand, reckoning February always as having only 28 days. Add together the result of the division and the number of days in the date, and divide this by seven (7). The figure of the remainder gives you the day of the week, one (1) standing for Sunday, two (2) for Monday, and so on.

Shots by the Young Idea. The school examinations closed recently and some remarkable answers were given by the scholars in the primary department. One teacher reports the following: Three rules for taking care of the eyes: Answer—First, by straining your eyes to read in the dark; second, by looking up at the sun; third, by clearing your nose. Why should children do this? Because they will get bogged and round-shouldered.

What effect has alcohol on the muscles? It makes them sore and gives cancer. Other answers are: The way you can grow strong is to eat a lot of work hard. Alcohol has all kinds of liquors in it and it weakens the muscles. Steamboat is a very useful thing it carries cargoes of early passengers and goods.

Daniel Boone was a great hunter he used a gun soon as he put it to his shoulder. The Atlantic cable was a great invention the great Eastern laid it.—Baltimore News.

Alertness of thought and the ability to adapt knowledge to any case which may arise, is an essential for a liberative position in good stead a short time ago. When the application was made the applicant was told that the position had just been filled, and that the prospective employer was very sorry, but that there was really no room for him. The applicant immediately turned to a water-cooler, which was at hand, and filled the glass to overflowing.

Proverbs. Time and beauty will never wed. Beauty is not to love only its mirror. No man is wise enough to answer a child. It is a bad thing to have credit at a fare bank. Many a man rides to a race track and walks back.

Hop's anchor is made of heavier metal than gold. You have probably noticed that when men seldom fight. The turkey does not show the fore where she lays her eggs. A borrower is often but the meanest kind of a beggar in good clothes.

All men are created equal. Young, old or middle aged, who find themselves nervous, weak and exhausted, who are broken down from excess or overwork, resulting in many of the following symptoms: Mental depression, premature old age, loss of vitality; loss of memory, bad dreams, dizziness of sight, palpitation of the heart, anisometropia, neuralgia, rheumatism, indigestion, flatulency, headache, tingling in the face and limbs, itching or peculiar sensation about the nostrils, wasting of the organs, distention of the stomach, vertigo, twitching of the muscles, eyelids and eyelashes, bashfulness, deposits in the urine, loss of will power, tenderness of the scalp and spine, weak and flabby muscles, desire for solitude, falling to be pleased by conversation, dulness of hearing, loss of voice, desire for solitude, excitability of temper, sunken eyes, surrounded with tearful circles, city looking skin, and all are symptoms of nervous debility that lead to insanity unless cured. The spring of vital force having lost its tenor, every function weakens in consequence. Those who through abuse commit this in ignorance, may be permanently cured. Send your address and 10c in stamps for such an interesting pamphlet to me, sent free. Address: Y. L. Lewis, 31 Macdonnell Ave., Toronto, Ont., Canada. Please mention this paper.

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