

"At eleven o'clock of the Saturday morning, the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude, the king of England, attended by his uncles and nobles, waited on the king of France in his tent. Dinner-tables were laid out; that for the kings was very handsome, and the sideboard was covered with magnificent plate. The two kings were seated by themselves, the king of France at the top of the table, and the king of England below him, at a good distance from each other. They were served by the dukes of Berri, Burgundy, and Bourbon: the last entertained the two monarchs with many gay remarks, to make them laugh, and those about the royal table, for he had much drollery; and, addressing the king of England, said,—'My lord king of England, you ought to make good cheer, for you have had all your wishes gratified. You have a wife, or shall have one, for she will speedily be delivered to you.'—'Bourbonnois,' replied the king of France, 'we wish our daughter were as old as our cousin of St. Pol,'¹ though we were to double her dower, for then she would love our son of England much more.' The king of England, who understood French well, noticed these words, and, immediately bowing to the king of France, replied,—'Good father-in-law, the age of our wife pleases us right well. We pay not great attention respecting age, as we value your love; for we shall now be so strongly united, that no king in Christendom can in any way hurt us.'"

When dinner was over, which lasted not long, the cloth was removed, the tables carried away, and wine and spices brought. After this the young bride entered the tent, attended by a great number of ladies and damsels. King Charles led her by the hand, and gave her to the king of England, who immediately rose and took his leave. The little queen was placed in a very rich litter, which had been prepared for her; but of all the French ladies who were there, only the lady de Coucy went with her, for there were many of the principal ladies of England in presence, such as the duchesses of Lan-

¹ This young lady was niece to king Richard, the daughter of Maud Holland, surnamed the Fair. She was probably the beauty of that festival.

caster, of York, the lady Poyntz, Isabella with her, of England and, riding at

On the Tuesday England was in the church of St. Martin in France. Greys heralds and musicians were satisfied." Relation of the marriage of the king of France in right of the queen of England at Orleans and the queen of England on the morrow they were queen of France king Richard and drunk so had been prepared than three hours the castle, and through Dartford the nobles and and went to the

The young chroniclers:— 'the Little,' (from Kenningworth, to the multitude of persons nine persons were Tiptree was on queen slept on conducted in his

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