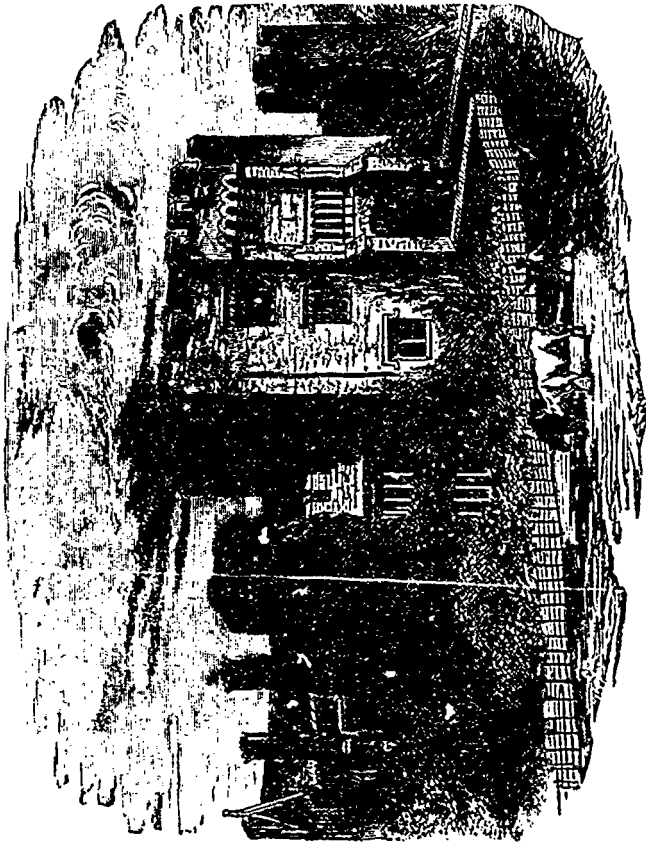


After eight years abroad, she became maid of honour to Queen Catharine, wife of Henry VIII., and was thus brought under the notice of that detestable and profligate monarch. She was betrothed to young Lord Percy, but the King banished him from court, and compelled his marriage to another. The broken-hearted girl retired to the moated manor of Hever, and when the



HEVER CASTLE. ENTRANCE GATEWAY, WITH PORCHES.

royal voluptuary came a-wooing, she kept her chamber under pretext of illness, and refused to see him. But the King summoned her father to court, and she was obliged to accompany him.

The unhappy story of the wicked divorce of good Queen Catharine and marriage of Anne Boleyn are part of English history, and need not be here repeated. The beauty of the young Queen at her coronation captivated all hearts. From her Irish