

trothed when they were little, because, when they grew up, they sometimes didn't like the wives or the husbands they had been betrothed or married to.

Well, now Richard, the youngest of the princes was going to be married to a little girl, about his age and now I am going to tell you about their wedding.

The only people that came to Richard's marriage was his father and mother, the people of the court, the Lord High Bishop, some grand dukes and princes, lords, and barons, his brother Prince Edward, and the cancellors.

Prince Richard wore at his marriage a white satin suit all sparkling with silver and gold jewels, and over his shoulders was an azure blue velvet cape, embroidered with golden fleur-de-lis, and the little girl wore a lovely long white satin train.

Lady Mary (that was the little girl's name) died a few years after her marriage.

She did not live to grow up. Perhaps it was fortunate for her that she did not, as those were unhappy times.

CHAPTER I

THE DEATH OF THE PRINCES.

Let us skip eight years. Prince Edward was to become the king.

Perhaps you have forgotten the prince's uncle the Duke of Gloucester spoken of on the first page. He was bad and wanted to be king in little Edward's place. If the king is weak,

as Prince Edward was, somebody else is very apt to get his place and the kingly crown.

So their uncle pretended that the princes were not the sons of the late king, and many people to please him, pretended they believed him; or they were afraid to do otherwise for fear they should lose their heads.

Then the uncle had them put in the Tower of London, telling their mother that it was much safer for them there until Edward was crowned.

Poor little princes. How sad they felt when they were separated from their mother, and left in the tower.

Before I proceed with my story I must tell you why Prince Richard was sent to the tower.

He was sent there because if Edward had only been killed he would have been king.

I think, now, I will begin and tell you about the night the princes were killed.

The princes climbed up stairs. They stood a moment on the stairway; they were frightened, and hastened to their room, and after saying their prayers, got into bed and were soon fast asleep.

By and by two murderers came up the stairway. They listened to see if the princes were awake, but on opening the door they found the little fellows fast asleep.

They seized a pillow from under each of the princes' heads, and held