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the guise of the early morning baker, entered the house, and having got rid of the contents of his basket, filled their place by the lady herself. The story goes on to say that the father, meeting the young man on his way downstairs with his burden on his head, presented him with sixpence, and a commendation upon his earliness. However this may be, the couple were married and promptly disinherited by the irate parent. Such an escapade was just the thing to please Queen Elizabeth, who determined to arrange matters, and called upon the merchant to be god-father to a child in whom she took an interest. The alderman was so delighted at this piece of royal condescension that he agreed to make it heir to the property which he had diverted from his daughter. Is it necessary to say that the happy babe turned out to be his own grandson? The alderman's fortune is said to have amounted to £30,000, so that Lord Compton carried off a valuable prize in his basket of bread. He was created Earl of Northampton in 1618, by James I., who had visited his house in the previous year. His son Spencer, a firm adherent of Charles I., was killed at the battle of Hopton Heath, and left six sons. One of these, by name Henry, at first a soldier, afterwards became a clergyman, and was successively Canon of Christ Church, Bishop of Oxford, and Bishop of London. He educated, and afterwards officiated at the marriages of the Princesses Mary and Anne, was suspended from his episcopal functions by