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## RELICS *and* MEMORIALS *of* LONDON CITY

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There are fine trees, an aviary, and a stretch of greensward ; something of an enchanted garden, too, for all may not enter there. It is reserved for the residents and the children of the Tower. And if you ask one of these little personages at play, "Where do you live, my dear?" the answer will probably be, "In the Tower, sir;" for the Yeoman of the Guard, so well known to us in light opera, is a family man, and probably always has been so, though it may strike us as a strange thing that children should be born and have their home in that grim fortress.

It is with something of surprise that at the western corner of this garden you find the paved space, with a stone marking the place of the block, engraved with two names only. Common malefactors and others of high degree were executed all over London, but this space was more particularly reserved for treason executions. Persons of royal blood, and a few others, were executed inside the Tower. The persons who suffered here were handed over to the Sheriffs of London at a point about half-way between this and the present gate to the Tower; and for centuries, but especially during the reign of Henry VIII., the place must have reeked of blood; nobles, commoners, citizens, priests, and 'prentices were executed singly or in batches, in an endless stream. In an ordinary way these scenes were regarded by the citizens merely as part of the diversions of their daily lives, but occasionally they seemed somewhat oppressed by fear and foreboding, as at the execution of Protector Somerset. This, Grafton describes as an eye-witness. "The 22nd day of January, Edward, Duke of Somerset, the king's uncle, was brought out of the Tower, and