

## HISTORY OF ENGLAND.

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**Q.** WHAT was the ancient state of England?

**A.** The ancient state of England, with respect to its constitution, was originally a monarchy, under the primitive Britons; afterwards a province in subjection to the Romans; then an heptarchial government under the Saxons; then a kingdom subordinate to the Danes; next after them, under the power and dominion of the Normans; but at present a monarchy again.

**Q.** What was the Island at first called?

**A.** The whole Island was at first called Albion, or Alpion, because the term Alp, signifies a hill; it was also called Olbion, a Greek word for happy, because the ancient Britons lived, for a long while, in