

writes, "that nobody does anything but laugh at what he says, he would do a great deal of harm with his nonsensical speeches. Coming from him, nobody minds. *What can you expect from a man with a head like a pineapple?*" The king's head was exactly of that shape.

Writing of Macaulay, Greville says: "*He is a book in breeches.* All that he says, all that he writes, exhibits his great powers and astonishing information, and yet he is not an agreeable companion."

He tells of the great duel between Lord Alvany and Morgan O'Connell, that the only persons looking on were an old Irishwoman and a Methodist parson; the latter implored Alvany "to think of his soul," and the former *wanted to be paid for her attendance.*

William the Fourth, according to Greville, hated the Duchess of Kent, the mother of the Princess Victoria (the present Queen). At a dinner-party given in honor of his birthday, the Duchess sat on one side of the king, and the Princess Victoria opposite. After dinner, the king, responding to his health, said: "I trust that my life may be spared for nine months longer, after which period, in the event of my death, no regency would take place." (The Duchess of Kent would have been Regent.) "I would then have the satisfaction of leaving the royal authority to the personal exercise of that young lady, (pointing to the Princess Victoria), the heir presumptive of the crown, and not in the hands of a *person* now near me (the Duchess of Kent), who is surrounded by evil advisers, and who is herself incompetent to act with propriety in the station in which she would be placed. I have no hesitation in saying that I have been insulted—grossly and continuously insulted—by that person (the