

1975—MAY—31 days.



THE ARREST OF QUEEN MATILDA OF DENMARK.

1 S	Prince Arthur born, 1850.
2 S	Rogation Sunday.
3 M	Archbishop Sharp assassinated, 1679.
4 Tu	Thanksgiving for the termination of the Russian War, 1856.
5 W	Wellington defeated Marshal Massena at Fuentes De Onoro, 1810.
6 Th	HOLY THURSDAY.
7 F	In the reign of Henry VIII. no less than 72,000 criminals were executed for theft and robbery—being about 2,000 a year.
8 S	
9 S	Sunday after Ascension.
10 M	<i>Caroline-Matilda of Denmark d., 1775.</i>
11 Tu	Commercial panic in England, 1866.
12 W	The Divorce Court came into operation, 1858. —Since the Reformation up to 1857, there had been in England only 317 divorces by Act of Parliament.
13 Th	
14 F	Mr. Hunt condemned to fine and imprisonment for sedition at Manchester, 1820.
15 S	
16 S	Whit Sunday.
17 M	The right of reporting parliamentary debates was established in 1771.
18 Tu	Anne Boleyn beheaded, 1536.
19 W	Battle of La Hogue, 1692.
20 Th	Siege of Acre terminated, 1799.
21 F	Island of St. Helena discovered by the Portuguese, under Juan de Nova Castilla, on the festival of St. Helena, 1502.
22 S	
23 S	Trinity Sunday.
24 M	Queen Victoria born, 1819.
25 Tu	John Evelyn records, in his <i>Diary</i> , May 25, 1632:—"After drouth of near four monthes there fell so violent a tempest of haile, raine, wind, thunder, and lightning, as no man had scene the like in this age; the haile being in some places four or five inches about, brake all glasse about London."
26 W	
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30 S	1st Sunday after Trinity.
31 M	Joseph Grimaldi (comedian) died, 1837.

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THE MOON'S CHANGES.

New Moon .. 5th, .. 4 min. past 3 aftrn.
First Quar. .. 12th, .. 37 min. past 7 morn.
Full Moon .. 20th, .. 50 min. past 8 morn.
Last Quar. .. 28th, .. 30 min. past 6 morn.

Reference to Illustration.

THE sad fate of Caroline Matilda, youngest and favourite sister of George III. of England, and the unhappy wife of Christian VII. of Denmark, is a most melancholy one—and the more so, as it is believed that she was perfectly innocent of the crimes for which she was so vindictively and remorselessly punished.

She had been married to Christian VII. in the year 1766—a man of mean appearance and physical defects, and whose mind had so sunk under his early excesses that he had almost become an imbecile. Though an absolute sovereign, he was completely under the control of his mother, the Queen-Dowager. Soon after he ascended the throne he dismissed some of his mother's favourites, at which she was so enraged that she determined to wreak her revenge on his young queen, Matilda. This was the more easily accomplished, as his neglect of his wife was most marked, and commenced shortly after they were married. In 1768 he set out upon a tour, during which he visited England, and also every court in Europe, leaving his wife behind him in Denmark, to be harassed and tormented by the Queen-Dowager—an opportunity of which she fully availed herself. In the course of his travels he became acquainted with Count Struensee, who had studied law and medicine, but renounced both for the more agreeable life of a courtier. Struensee possessed considerable abilities, as well as a handsome person, and he soon became not only the chief favourite of Christian, but also his prime minister. Naturally enough, from his pleasing qualities, and from his being so frequently with the king, Struensee also became a great favourite with the queen, who, being of a gay, light-hearted, and thoughtless disposition, had not the slightest suspicion that she was watched by unfriendly eyes when in familiar and animated conversation with Struensee; and soon an opportunity offered to put a diabolical plot into execution. On the night of January 16th, 1772, a *bal masque* had been given

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