

counsel, Whittington grew up to be a thriving merchant, and a wise and good citizen.

With all his success, he never lost his old modesty of bearing, and deeply as he loved Alice, he for a long time delayed to make his secret known to her father, lest he should be thought ungrateful; but the kind merchant had long suspected the fact, and at last taxed Richard with it. He could not deny it, but found he had no cause to regret having opened his heart to Mr Fitzwarren. That worthy man, on Whittington's coming of age, rewarded him with the hand of his daughter, who fully shared his love, having long in secret regarded him with favor.

Whittington rose in importance every year, and was much esteemed by all persons. He served in Parliament, was knighted also, and was thrice Lord Mayor of London—thus fulfilling the prophecy uttered as he had fancied, by Bow Bells. When he served that office for the third time, it was during the reign of Harry the Fifth, just after that great king had conquered France. Sir Richard gave a feast to him and his queen in such great style, that the king was pleased to say, "Never prince had such a subject!" to which it has been said the Lord Mayor loyally replied, "Never subject had such a prince!" At this feast the king was much pleased with a fire made from choice woods and fragrant spices, upon which Sir Richard said that he would add something that would make