



THE ASSASSINATION OF JAMES I. OF SCOTLAND.

1 M	Battle of Mortimer's Cross, 1461.	1
2 Tu	Prince Alfred elected King of Greece by 230,016 votes. He was proclaimed, but was not permitted by the English government to accept the crown, 1863.	2
3 W		3
4 Th	Baffin's Bay (North America) discovered by William Baffin, an Englishman, 1616. The extent of his discovery was doubted until the expedition of Ross and Parry, when Baffin's statement was proved correct.	4
5 F		5
6 S		6
7 S	Shrove Sunday—Quinquagesima.	7
8 M	The Year 1292 of the Mohammedan era commences.	8
9 Tu		9
10 W	<i>Ash Wednesday.</i> Queen mar., 1840.	10
11 Th	A comet of extraordinary magnitude was visible in this month, 1471.	11
12 F	John Scott (afterwards Lord Eldon) called to the bar, 1776.—Made Lord Chancellor in 1801.	12
13 S		13
14 S	1st Sun. in Lent.—Quadragesima.	14
15 M	Sir John Jervis achieved his victory over the Spanish fleet, off Cape St. Vincent, 1797.	15
16 Tu	John Sadleir committed suicide, by swallowing essential oil of almonds, 1836. His body was found on Hampstead Heath.	16
17 W		17
18 Th	Stamp Duties imposed, 1671.	18
19 F	The <i>John Rutledge</i> wrecked on an iceberg, on her voyage to New York, 1856.	19
20 S	James I. of Scotland assassinated, 1437	20
21 S	Second Sunday in Lent.	21
22 M	National Portrait Gallery established, 1857.	22
23 Tu	The "fourpenny-piece" brought into general circulation by an order in Council, 1836.	23
24 W	French Revolution commenced, 1848.	24
25 Th	In 1822 the Salt-tax was repealed by a majority of four.	25
26 F	The Bank of England by an order in Council suspended its payments in cash, 1797.	26
27 S		27
28 S	Third Sunday in Lent.	28

"The earnest and determined man will always find a way. If he cannot find means for the accomplishment of his objects, he will create them. It is the man who wants the Will, who complains of the absence of the Way."

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

New Moon ..	6th, ..	55 min. past 7 morn.
First Quar. ..	13th, ..	20 min. past 5 morn.
Full Moon ..	20th, ..	1 min. past 8 morn.
Last Quar. ..	28th, ..	51 min. past 9 morn.

Reference to Illustration.

JAMES I. of Scotland, was born in 1394, and was the second son of Robert III., fourth monarch in descent from the celebrated Robert Bruce, the restorer of the Scottish monarchy. Early in life David, the elder brother of James, fell a victim to the ambition of his uncle, the Duke of Albany, who made him a prisoner in the Tower of Falkland, and there starved him to death. Anxious to save his second son from a similar fate, Robert resolved to send James to the court of France, for the completion of his education; and accordingly the young prince, then in his eleventh year, was embarked on board a vessel under the care of the Earl of Orkney; but when off Flamborough Head, they were intercepted by some English cruisers, and in spite of a truce, were carried as a fair prize into an English port. Henry IV., overjoyed at this unlucky accident, shut the prisoners up in Pevensey castle. The tidings of this disaster afflicted the old monarch to such an extent, that he abstained from all food, secluded himself in his bed-chamber, and in a short space of time died of hunger and grief.

Although upon his death becoming known James was proclaimed King of Scotland, yet on account of his minority and absence the regency of the kingdom devolved upon the Duke of Albany, the murderer of David, who, as may be supposed, instead of endeavouring to procure the release of his unfortunate nephew, did all he could to protract the period of his exile. For eighteen long and weary years the prince was kept in close and unremitted captivity. It is singular to note, however, that whilst being barbarously denied freedom, air, and exercise, the utmost attention was paid to the cultivation of his mind. He was furnished with the best of teachers; and as the result of their exertions he became a perfect prodigy of learning and talent. His favourite study was poetry; and forming himself on the model of the immortal Chaucer, he became the best poet of his age.

It is doubtful how long the persecution of his uncle, and the apathy of the nobles would have

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