

FABLES OF HISTORY.

The story of King Arthur and his round table is a myth, although what purports to be the round table is still to be seen in a south of England town.

Alfred the Great did not visit the Danish camp disguised as a minstrel. There is no good reason to believe that he could either play the harp or speak Danish.

The maelstrom is not a whirlpool which sucks ships down into the depths of the ocean. It is an eddy, which in fair weather can be crossed in safety by any vessel.

Queen Eleanor did not suck the poison from her husband's wound, as she did not accompany him on the expedition during which the incident is alleged to have taken place.

The "Man in the Iron Mask" did not wear a mask of iron. It was black velvet, secured by steel springs.

Cesar did not say, "Et tu, Brute." Eye-witnesses to the assassination deposed that he died fighting, but silent, like a wolf.

Richard III was not a hunchback, but a soldier of fine form, some pretensions to good looks, and great personal strength and courage.

Bondel, the harper, did not discover the prison of King Richard. Richard paid his ransom, and the receipt for it is among the Austrian archives.

Cesar did not cross the Rubicon. It lay on the opposite side of the Italian peninsula from the point where he left his own possessions and entered Italy.

Fair Rosamond was not poisoned by Queen Eleanor, but after long residence as a nun in the convent of Gadstow, died greatly esteemed by her associates.

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