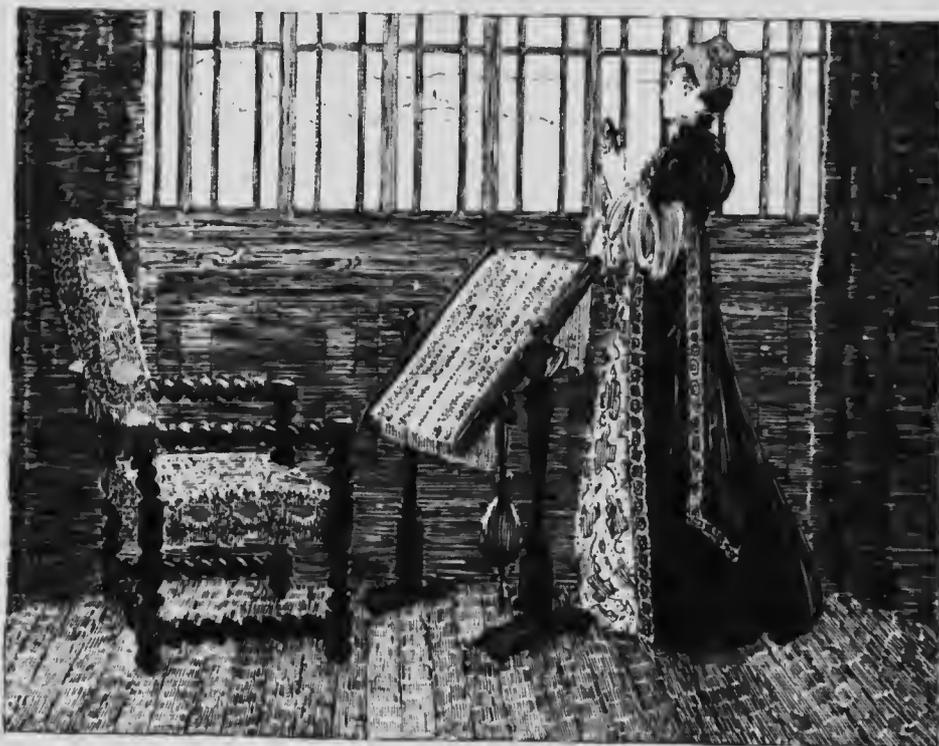


LITTLE STORIES OF GREAT PEOPLE

XII. MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS

WHILE Henry VIII was King of England, there was born in Scotland, in 1542, a little princess who was destined to have a sad and stormy life. At that time Scotland was an independent kingdom and James V was its king. When he heard that a girl-baby had been born to him he felt very badly. Already ill, he did not seem to make any effort to get better, and a few days after the birth of the Princess Mary he died.



MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS

The very next year the baby was crowned queen by a Catholic cardinal, who took upon himself the duties of managing the kingdom for her.

Over in England, King Henry saw in the baby queen a chance to unite the English and Scotch kingdoms. He wanted to make a treaty that would marry Mary to his own son, who was later to become King Edward VI. The Scotch people did not wish this to happen, and therefore King Henry invaded Scotland with his army. After two attempts, however, to overcome the Scotch he gave it up;