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years ago there was no fairer
in London Town than Mistress
daughter of Thomas Wainstead,

surprisingly lovely was she,
the beauty of golden hair, eyes
like violets, and dimpled rose-tint-
cheeks, that, as the old ballads
say, there was no 'prentice lad or
man east of Temple Bar who
had not have shed his blood for a
kiss from her pretty lips. But her
smiles were reserved for the
patrons who looked eastward

from the Court to feast their eyes on
the beauty of which they had so much.

Tried to Steal Her by Force.

The most daring of these noble
wooden was my Lord Hastings, one of
the handsomest and most gallant of
Edward's courtiers, who conceived
the bold design of carrying her off by
force, if necessary. His Lordship's
coach was actually in waiting, but at
the last moment the courage of Mis-
tress Jane's maid, whom he had bribed

ed, failed her, and he was left to
drive away—alone.

Small wonder that the good mer-
chant, with so many covetous hands
eager to snatch his treasure from
him, grew alarmed at last, and de-
cided that it was high time his daugh-
ter had the protection of a wedding-
ring and a husband to shield her
from the perils to which her beauty
exposed her.

A Dangerous Rival Appears.

And thus it was that one day Mis-
tress Jane stood at the altar, a tear-
ful and unwilling bride, by the side
of William Shore, a London gold-
smith, who had loved her long and
vainly. But even as the goldsmith's
wife, Jane was no more free from the
attentions of the Court gallants; to
at least one of whom her husband was
obliged to administer a sound thrash-
ing.

But a much more dangerous rival
was soon to come on the scene. One
day there appeared at the London
shop a tall and handsome stranger in
merchant's garb, intent on purchas-
ing some plate. By a skilful manipu-
lation of the conversation he induced
the innocent goldsmith to boast of his
wife's charms, and finally to fetch her
to display them.

The story goes on that Jane came
attired in a sky-coloured morning-
gown, flowered with gold; her head
attire being curious lace, under
which her bright hair flowed; and
her blushes made her yet more lovely
to behold.

The appearance of this radiant
vision in the drab London shop had
consequences as startling to Mistress
Shore as to her husband, for, we are
told, "the stranger promptly stepped
forth and saluted her soft lips, press-
ing upon them many ardent kisses.

Whatever surprise the goldsmith's
wife may have felt, however, yielded
quickly to admiration of the mer-
chant's towering figure and handsome
face; for she seems to have been noth-
ing loath to meet him again—when
her husband's watchful eye was not
on her.

A trying-place was easily found
under the roof of one Mistress Blague,
the Court lacewoman, a friend and
neighbour of Mistress Shore; and
here one stolen and blissful meeting
followed another.

The climax came when one day
Mistress Jane was induced to accom-
pany her friend, the lacewoman, to a
Court ball. A magnificent stranger
stepped forward and invited the gold-
smith's wife to dance. Her terror
was great when she recognized in her
partner at once the king and her mer-
chant lover. Nor was it diminished
by a note containing a passionate
avowal, which he had crushed into

her hand when the dance was over.

Her Lover Was King of England.

This then was the secret of the
amorous stranger, who was none
other than Edward, King of England,
hero of many a battlefield, and the
most splendid man in his realm. One
can well imagine how the head of
the City beauty was turned by such
a dramatic discovery; and how her
Royal lover had little difficulty in
persuading her that "It is a gallant
thing to be loved by a King."

A few days later, Mistress Shore
rose from the supper table in Lon-
don-Street saying that she did not
feel well, kissed her husband, and a
few moments later was whirled away



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