



“GRANT ME BUT HER!” THE NOBLE PRISONER CRIED!

1 M	<i>“Time, with its mighty strides, will soon reach a future generation, and leave the present in death and forgetfulness behind it.”—CHALMERS.</i>
2 Tu	
3 W	
4 Th	<i>Lady Russell born, 1636.</i>
5 F	Edict of the Emperor of China issued, interdicting all trade and intercourse with England for ever! 1840.
6 S	<i>Epiphany.</i>
7 S	<b>1st Sunday after Epiphany.</b>
8 M	The first Sabbath school was founded by Ludwig Hacker, in Pennsylvania, 1742; and in England, about the same time, by Raikes, an eminent printer at Gloucester.
9 Tu	
10 W	Penny Postage commenced, 1840.
11 Th	<i>Fabert born, 1599.</i>
12 F	Vaccination was discovered by Dr. Jenner in 1799. He received £10,000 from Parliament in 1802; and £90,000 in 1807.
13 S	
14 S	<b>2nd Sunday after Epiphany.</b>
15 M	The first printing executed in Australia was in the year 1810.
16 Tu	<i>Lady Hamilton died, 1815.</i>
17 W	In 1794 bigamy was declared to be no longer a felony, but to be punished as larceny.
18 Th	150th anniversary of the Prussian monarchy celebrated with great state in Berlin, 1851.
19 F	The last of the French invaders evacuated Russia, 1813. 500,000 men crossed the Niemen in June previous, and only 20,000 returned.—Ciudad Rodrigo stormed, 1812.
20 S	
21 S	<b>3rd Sunday after Epiphany.</b>
22 M	The royal family of Portugal, driven from Lisbon by the French, arrived at Brazil, 1808.
23 Tu	In 1772 £5,000 was paid by Parliament to Mr. Irvine for his discovery of a method to make salt-water fresh.—Frederick the Great born, 1688.
24 W	
25 Th	Robert Burns born, 1759.
26 F	In 1546, millers were forbidden to grind their corn twice, as being pernicious!
27 S	The title of “citizen” was first allowed to be used in France in 1792.
28 S	<b>Septuagesima Sunday.</b>
29 M	[Peter the Great died, 1725.
30 Tu	The first “life-boat,” built by Mr. Greathead, of South Shields, launched, 1790.
31 W	The first post-office steamer entered Dover harbour from Calais in 1822.

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THE MOON'S CHANGES.

Last Quar.	.. 3rd, .. 59 min. past 9 night.
New Moon	.. 10th, .. 58 min. past 2 aftern.
First Qv.r.	.. 17th, .. 2 min. past 12 noon.
Full Moo.	.. 25th, .. 14 min. past 5 aftern.

Reference to Illustration.

THE trial of LORD WILLIAM RUSSELL is one of the most famous, and, at the same time, infamous events in all English history. It has, ever since it took place, formed a fruitful theme for generation after generation of historian, of poet, and of painter. That the noble victim was in some way mixed up with the conspirators of the Rye-House plot it is not sought to deny, but no proof has ever been adduced that he was associated with the conspiracy. But he was the man against which a corrupt and vicious government set itself with all the earnestness and vindictiveness of vice. Some great head must fall to tell the people how dreadful was the danger from which the king and country had just escaped; and what head so high to strike down, what fame so bright to tarnish, as the associate of Algernon Sidney!—a man who, for his very virtues, was hated by the king and the court.

The trial of Lord William Russell was a cruel mockery. Before the prisoner was impeached he was condemned. The judges had received their orders from the ministers; the prosecuting counsel were instructed to charge the prisoner in the most malicious and malignant manner; and an array of perjurers was marshalled to swear away his life. The most cruel part of the proceedings was the denial of counsel to the prisoner, instead of which he was granted permission to employ an amanuensis. On the morning of that memorable trial the court presented a striking appearance. The judges arrayed in their robes of sullied ermine—the soldiers of the guard in their bright uniforms—the courtiers in their bright dresses, and the ladies in the galleries blazing in jewelled coronets—for every noble family in the land had there a representative. Great was the curiosity excited to learn who could be got to act as amanuensis for the prisoner—who would have the courage to befriend him who was the common object of hatred to the king and his ministers. What must have been the excitement, therefore, when the beautiful, amiable, and high-born Lady Rachel Russell entered and took her seat at the table by the side of her accused husband. A murmur of admiration and commiseration ran through the court, and many a sob broke through the silence which followed upon the first expression of pity and surprise. Through-