

had apartments on this street, and here wrote his "Poor Jack." On St. James' Street lived Waller, Wren, Pope, Swift, Steele, Gibbon, Fox, Crabbe, Moore and Byron; and in St. James' Palace also lived Addison, Parnell, Lord Guilford, Sir Francis Burdett, James Wyatt and Samuel Rogers. Piccadilly is said to have derived its name from "Picadil," a ruff worn by the gallants in the time of James I. In Hyde Park Corner stands Apsley House, the residence of the late Duke of Wellington. In this corner used to stand some

swampy field attached to St. James' Hospital, but Henry VIII. had it drained and inclosed, and turned into a pleasure-ground. It was while walking in this park that Cromwell said to Whitelocke, "What if a man should take upon himself to be a king?" to which the memorialist replied, "I think that the remedy would be worse than the disease." On the south side of the park is Milton's garden-house.

Hyde Park seems to have been very early the haunt of the gay and fashionable, for the Puritans com-



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taverns, in one of which Sir Richard Steele and the poet, Savage, dined together, after having written a pamphlet, which Savage sold for two guineas to enable him to pay their reckoning.

In Leicester Square lived Elizabeth, the unfortunate Queen of Bohemia, daughter of James I., Colbert, and successively two Princes of Wales after they had quarrelled with their fathers, George I. and George II. Sir Joshua Reynolds, William Hogarth and Charles Dibdin, the song-writer, lived in this square.

St. James' Park used to be a

plained that it was the resort of "most shameful powdered-hair men and painted women." On a fine afternoon in the season may be seen here the wealth and beauty of London, and a display of splendid equipages and fine horses such as no other city in the world can equal. Hyde Park was once a forest belonging to the monastery of St. Peter, Westminster, where kings and nobles were wont to hunt deer. During the civil war Essex and Lambert encamped their forces here, and Cromwell reviewed his terrible Ironsides. But the crowning event of the