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THESE LINES (written in the first instance for my own children) are intended to assist young people in remembering the order in which the principal events of English History occurred;—and also to enable them readily to associate these events with the reigns to which they respectively belong.

The verses have been condensed, in order that they may readily be learned by heart,—and as 'what is learned *in verse* is long retained in the memory, and soon recollected,' it is hoped that young students may find this little book useful as a companion to English History.

M. B. C.

October, 1869.



1ST INVASION OF BRITAIN BY THE ROMANS

B.C. 55.

Ancient Britain was peopled by wild Celtic tribes,
As the Hist'ry by Julius Cæsar describes,
And Phœnicians found tin on its south-western coasts,
B.C. Before he arrived with his bold Roman hosts;—
55 He invaded the Island B.C. fifty-five,
And the Britons against him did manfully strive,
But when Cassivelaunus, their Chief, was subdued,
Their submission to Julius Cæsar ensued,—
And then from the Island the Romans retired,
Nor returned till a century more had expired.

THE SAXON HEPTARCHY.

Scots and Picts oft, in many a pillaging horde,
 On the fertile, defenceless, South provinces poured,—
 Vain appeals for Rome's help by the Britons were made,
 449 And then Vortigern asked Jutes and Saxons for aid.

449 Under Hengist's and Horsa's command they arrived,
 And repulsed the North tribes,—but they also contrived
 457 To subdue their allies, and (on conquest intent)
 457 Their bold Hengist soon founded the kingdom of Kent.