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INTRODUCTION.

BEFORE I enter fully into my subject, I shall briefly relate the chief events which created and caused the downfall of the second French Empire.

I will not go farther back than the Revolution of July, in 1830, which was caused by the violation of the Constitution by Charles X. and his Ministers. That Revolution put an end to the old French Monarchy of "Divine Right," to be replaced by that of the younger branch of the d'Orléans.

The political leaders of the *bourgeoisie*—or middle class—in presenting Louis Philippe to the people, declared that he would be a kind of "citizen" king to the new and liberal monarchy. Great were the rejoicings all over France to celebrate the new era of concord and liberty.

In course of time the "citizen" disappeared, as in dissolving views, to be replaced by a rather