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“If an Englishman has no knowledge of those Kings that filled the throne of Persia ; if his memory is embarrassed with that infinite number of Popes that ruled the Church ; we are ready to excuse him ; but we shall hardly have the same indulgence for him if he is a stranger to the different LINES OF KINGS who have reigned in England.”

FREDERICK THE GREAT.

TABLE I.

William I, surnamed the Conqueror, began to reign
14th October A. D. 1066; died of a fall from his
Horse 9th September, 1067.

William II, surnamed Rufus, or the Red-headed; be-
gan to reign 9th September 1087; killed by an arrow
whilst hunting in the New Forest 2nd August, 1100.

Henry I, began to reign 2nd August, 1100; died 2nd
December, 1135.

The House of NORMANDY held the Crown 69 years;
from 1066 to 1135.

Stephen, surnamed of Blois, began to reign 2nd
December, 1135; died 25th October, 1154.

The House of BLOIS held the Crown 19 years; from
1135 to 1154.

THE YOUNG HISTORIAN'S
Poetical Remembrances
OF
THE SOVEREIGNS OF ENGLAND.

WILLIAM the **CONQUEROR**, and next,
His son, as **RUFUS** known;
At whose demise **FIRST HENRY** rose
And seiz'd his Brother's throne!
Next, **HOUSE** of **BLOIS**, thy **STEPHEN** came,
Usurp'd the regal sway;
And many a parent, child, and friend
Did rue that luckless day!

TABLE II.

Henry II, Plantagenet, which signifies *broom-twig*, surnamed Curtmantle from the short Cloak which he wore, began to reign 25th Oct. 1154; died 7th July, 1189.

Richard I, surnamed *Coeur de Lion*, or Lion-hearted, began to reign 7th July, 1189; died 6th April, 1199.

John, surnamed *Sans-terre*, or Lackland, began to reign 6th April, 1199; died 19th Oct., 1216.

Henry III, surnamed of Winchester, began to reign 19th Oct., 1216; died 16th November, 1272.

Edward I, surnamed Longshanks, began to reign 16th November, 1272; died 7th July, 1307.

Edward II, surnamed of Caernarvon, began to reign 7th July, 1307; murdered in Berkeley Castle, 21st Sept., 1327.

Edward III, surnamed of Windsor, began to reign 25th January, 1327; died 21st June, 1377.

In long succession we behold,
 PLANTAGENET, thy race:—
 HENRY the SECOND—RICHARD FIRST—
 And JOHN the Tyrant base!
 Arm, Barons, arm—a glorious band!
 And nobly dare be free;
 At *Runnimede* the Charter gain
 Of British Liberty!
 'Tis done:—and pow'—“Goodnight to John:”
 HENRY the THIRD succeeds,
 Follow'd by EDWARDS—ONE—TWO—
 THREE;
 And Pity weeps and bleeds!
 The fate of *Wallace*:—*Cambria's Bards*:
 The shrieks from *Berkeley's Keep*:—
Crecy and *Poictiers'* crimson fields,
 Have horrors dark and deep!