

## QUEEN VICTORIA

Simple and Unrestricted Childhood to Strong and Beautiful Womanhood—The Story of Her Marriage.

The childhood of Victoria was much more simple and unrestricted than would have been the case had it been known that she would become the queen of England.

She was born in Kensington Palace on May 24, 1819, and she lived there the greater part of the time until the death of William IV. made her queen.

She was a happy little child, and her amusements were much the same as those of other English girls.

No little girl ever loved dolls more dearly than did Victoria. She liked best those which came from Holland, and when she became old enough to manage needle, thread and thimble she made with her own fingers dresses, coats and hats for her children, as she called them.

She had doll-houses and doll furniture. Some visitor at Kensington gave her a picture book showing the native costumes of many different races, and it was one of her chief pleasures to dress her dolls as warily as she could like the strange peoples pictured in the book.

Victoria was deprived of a father's care in her infancy. The Duke of Kent contracted a cold, which developed into pneumonia, while carrying the baby Victoria around Kensington.

Her mother, the Duchess of Kent, practically devoted her life to the rearing of the little girl. In the Kensington household method, system and punctuality in all things ruled. One day of the little princess' life was much like another.

She rose early, breakfasted simply at 8 a. m. in the morning room of the palace, sitting beside her mother in a little rosewood chair, a table to match in front of her, on which were placed her bread and milk and fruit.

After breakfast she mounted her donkey and rode around Kensington Gardens accompanied by her nurse. From 10 to 12 o'clock she received instruction from her mother, assisted by Fraulein Lehzen. Then she romped through the palace with her nurse, Mrs. Brock, whom she affectionately called "dear, dear Boppy."

At 2 p. m. she lunched with her mother, then there were lessons until 4 p. m. At that hour she went driving with the duchess.

Seven o'clock was the dinner hour. The duchess dined sumptuously, but the little princess had only bread and milk. Sometimes she was permitted to have small portions of the dessert served at the large table, but those were rare events.

As she grew older more time was given to study and less to play. Her governesses were selected with great care. Her playfellows were limited in number.

She had barely passed out of the hands of her governess and had begun to be the fashionable life of the court when she became queen.

SEE BECOMES QUEEN.

Victoria was awakened out of a deep sleep at 5 o'clock in the morning of June 20, 1837, to learn that she was Queen of England. She received the news clad in her nightgown, her bare feet in slippers and her hair falling loosely over her shoulders.

On that eventful morning she was a young girl. Only 27 days before on May 24, she had celebrated her 18th birthday, when she became legally of age.

King William IV. had died at 2 a. m. in Windsor, three hours before Victoria was notified of her accession in Kensington palace, where she lived with her mother, the Duchess of Kent. In expectation of the king's death a carriage had been kept ready at Windsor. As soon as the king breathed his last the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Chamberlain, Lord Conyngham, left the death chamber and entering the carriage were driven with all speed to Kensington. Victoria had retired the night before with no thought of the vast change that a few hours would make in her life. Kensington palace was wrapped in slumber when the two emissaries arrived. What followed is told in the "Diary of a Lady of Quality" in this way.

## QUEEN VICTORIA PASSES AWAY.

The Queen is Dead—Long Live the King! Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22--Queen Victoria is dead and Edward VII. reigns. The greatest event in the memory of this generation, the most stupendous change in existing conditions that could possibly be imagined, has taken place quietly, almost gently, upon the anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria's father, the Duke of Kent.

The end of this career, never equalled by any woman in the world's history, came in a simply furnished room in Osborne house. This most respected of all women, living or dead, lay in a great four-posted bed and made a shrunken atom, whose aged face and figure were a cruel mockery of the fair girl who in 1837, began to rule over England.

Around her were gathered almost every descendant of her line. Well within view of her dying eyes there hung a portrait of the prince consort. It was he who designed the room and every part of the castle. In scarcely audible words the white-haired bishop of Winchester prayed beside her, as he had often prayed with his sovereign, for he was her chaplain at Windsor. With bowed heads the imperious ruler of the German empire and the man who now is king of England, the woman who has succeeded to the title of queen, the princes and princesses and those of less than royal designation, listened to the bishop's ceaseless prayer.

Six o'clock passed. The bishop continued his intercession. One of the younger children asked a question in a shrill childish treble and was immediately silenced. The women of the royal family sobbed faintly and the men shuffled uneasily.

At exactly 6:30 Sir James Reid held up his hand, and the people in the room knew that England had lost her queen. The bishop pronounced the benediction.

The queen passed away quite peacefully. She suffered no pain. Those who were now mourners went to their rooms. A few minutes later the inevitable element of materialism stepped into this pathetic chapter of international history, for the court ladies went busily to work ordering their mourning from London.

The wheels of the world were jarred when the announcement came, but in this palace at Osborne everything pursued the usual course. Down in the kitchen they were cooking a huge dinner for an assemblage, the like of which has seldom been known in England, and the dinner preparations proceeded just as if nothing had happened.

The body of Queen Victoria was embalmed and will probably be taken to Windsor Saturday. The coffin arrived last evening from London.

An incident characteristic of the queen's solicitude for others occurred two days ago, when in one of the intervals of consciousness, she summoned strength to suggest to her dressers, who had been acting as nurses, to take the opportunity of getting some fresh air.

Monday afternoon she asked that her little Pomeranian spaniel be brought to her bedside.

It was feared that the queen was dying about 9 o'clock in the morning and carriages were sent to Osborne cottage and the rectory to bring all the princes and princesses and the bishop of Winchester to her bedside. It seemed then very near the end, but when things looked the worst, the queen had one of the rallies due to her wonderful constitution, opened her eyes and recognized the Prince of Wales, the Princess and Emperor William. She asked to see one of her faithful servants, a member of the household. He hastened to the room, but before he got there the queen had passed into a fitful sleep.

Four o'clock marked the beginning of the end. Again the family were summoned and this time the relapse was not followed by recovery. The Prince of Wales was very much affected when the doctors at last informed him that his mother had breathed her last.

Emperor William, himself deeply affected, did his best to minister comfort to his sorrow-stricken uncle, whose new dignity he was the first to acknowledge.

From all parts of the world there are still pouring into Cowes messages of condolence. They came from crowned heads, millionaires, tradesmen and paupers and are variously addressed to the Prince of Wales and the king of England.

Emperor William's arrangements are not settled. His yacht will arrive here to-day (Wednesday), but it is believed that he will not depart until after the funeral. Several other royal personages are likely to be present at the funeral, which probably will be a ceremony never to be equalled in this century.

The record of the last days of the reign of Victoria is not easy to tell. The correspondent of the Associated Press was the only correspondent admitted to the Osborne house and his interview with Sir Arthur John Riggs, private secretary to the late queen, was the only official statement that had been given out. For several weeks the queen had been failing. On Monday week she summoned Lord Roberts and asked him some very searching questions regarding the war in South Africa. On Tuesday she went for a drive, but was visibly affected. On Wednesday she suffered a

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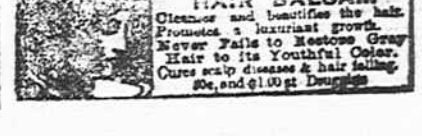
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