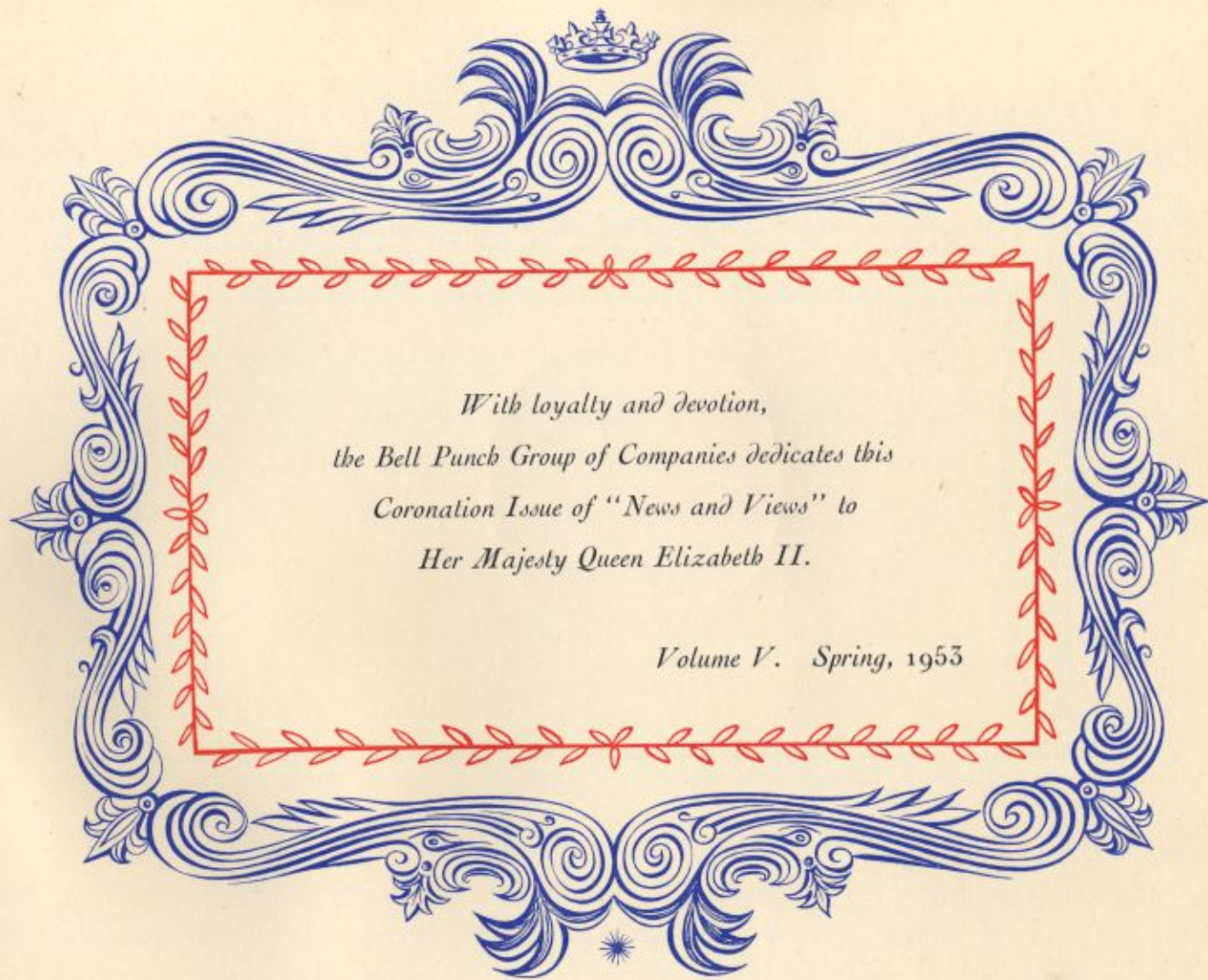


A.D.

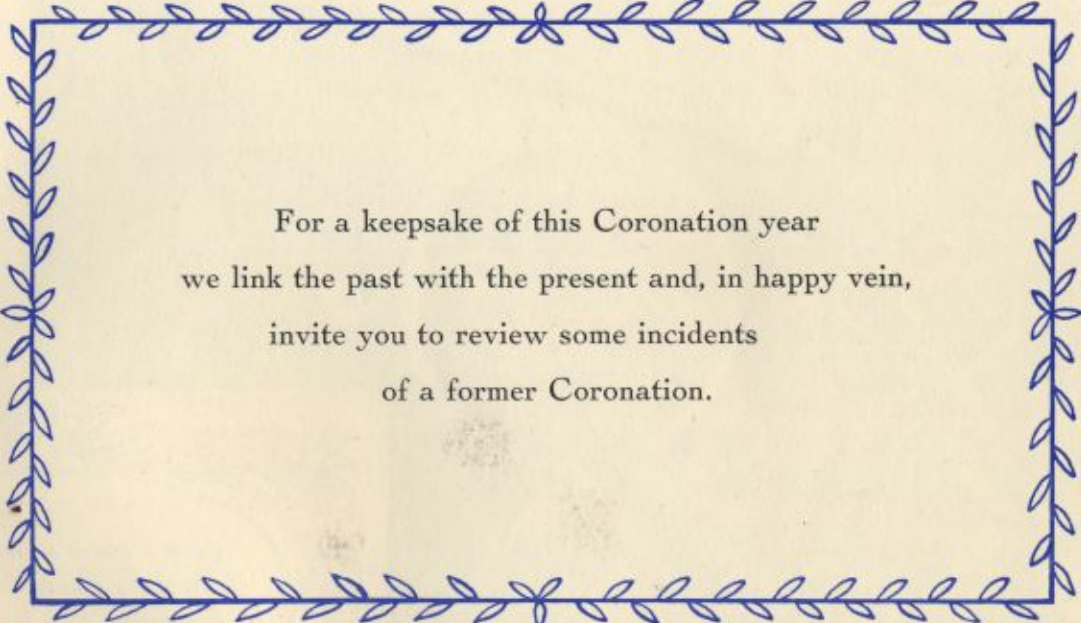


1953

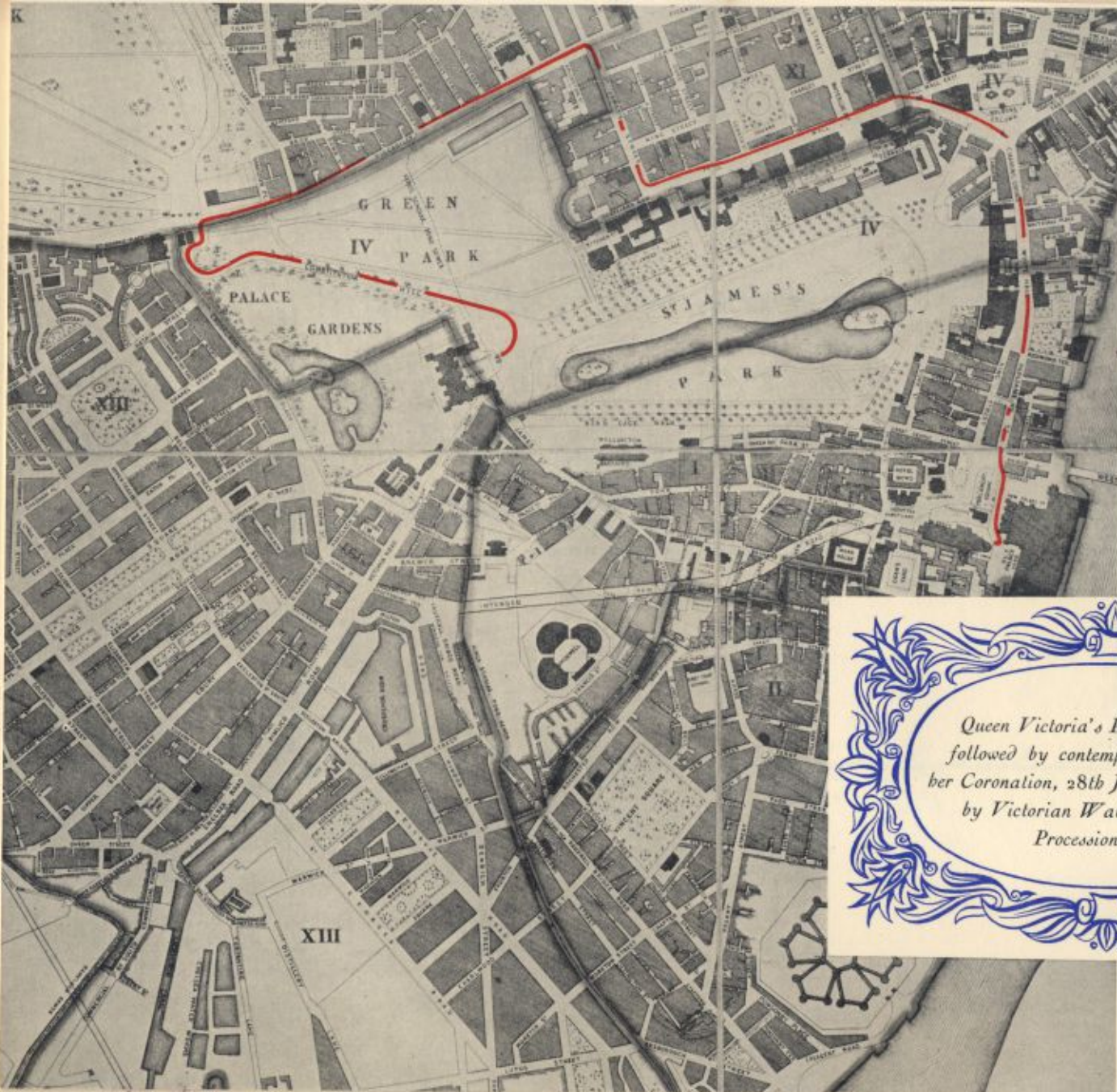


*With loyalty and devotion,
the Bell Punch Group of Companies dedicates this
Coronation Issue of "News and Views" to
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.*

Volume V. Spring, 1953



For a keepsake of this Coronation year
we link the past with the present and, in happy vein,
invite you to review some incidents
of a former Coronation.



*Queen Victoria's Processional Way,
followed by contemporary Accounts of
her Coronation, 28th June, 1838. Illustrated
by Victorian Water Colours of the
Processional Way.*

“28th June, 1838 — London is as if the population had been suddenly quintupled—horse-



men, footmen, carriages squeezed, jammed, intermingled, the pavement blocked up. The town is all mob, thronging, bustling, gaping and gazing at everything, at anything or at nothing.”

“Apprehension of rain disappeared, the weather was delicious during the whole day.”



“The crowd was more orderly and well-regulated than we ever remember to have seen a London mob; indeed, it is hardly fair to apply to them that designation”.

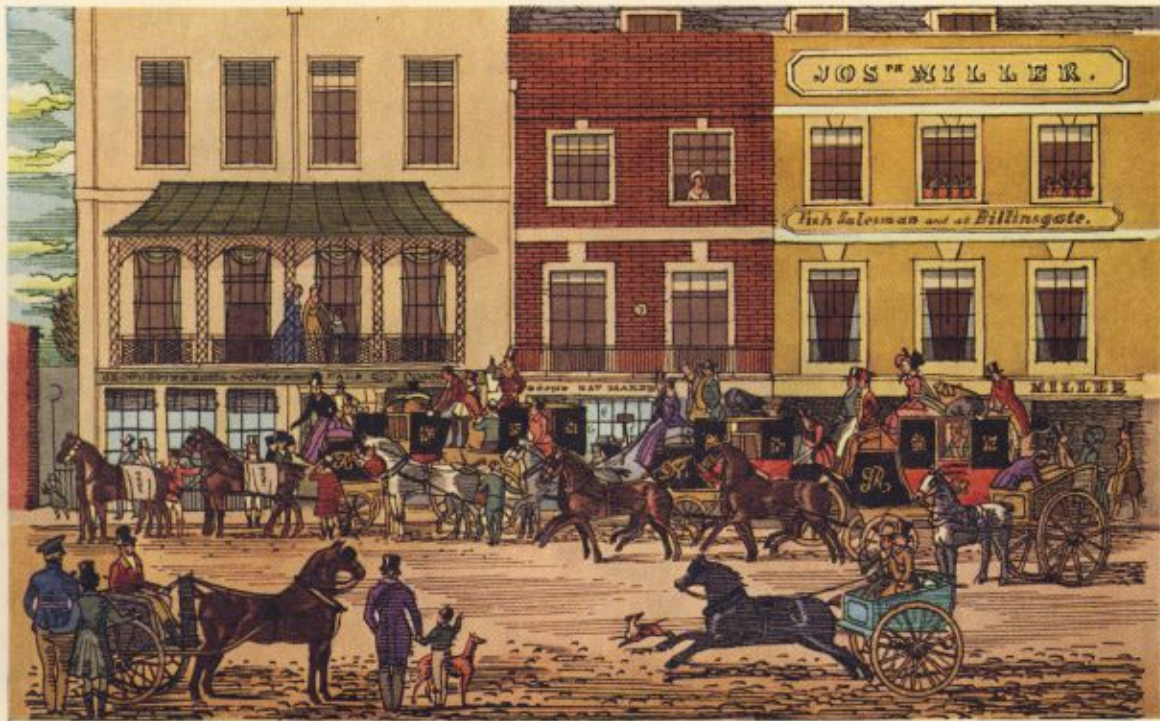
“One ludicrous circumstance occurred. For some time a bird of large dimensions had been observed flying backwards and forwards, and then to hover over the Palace, as to call particular notice of a coterie of old ladies. ‘What!’





HYDE PARK

From the lithograph by T. S. Boys



PICCADILLY

From the painting by F. Pollard, engraved by C. Rosenberg

exclaimed they in one voice—'what! a goose; lor, you don't say so. Who'd have thought it, that a nasty, ugly, long-necked goose should be fated to mar the happy events of this day! There will surely be some accident, or the poor dear soul, God bless her, will not long survive the ceremony!'"



"Numberless carriages thronged the way towards the Abbey, with fair occupants, all anxious, no doubt, to arrive as soon as possible, but compelled to wait patiently in spite of their dignity."



"An old gentleman, duly habited in court apparel, had ensconced himself in one of the new fashioned cabs with the door behind: another old

gentleman followed close in his wake. But there being proclaimed the cry of 'halt', a collision took place between the two parties, and the horse of the chaise most indecorously thrust in his head at the windows, to the great dismay of the elderly inmate."

* * *

"On the arrival of her Majesty the cheers were enthusiastic, accompanied by the waving of



small but tasteful flags and banners."

* * *

"Sundry contacts of a very angry nature were soon suppressed because the parties had not room enough to fight it out."



"The Coronation, you must know, (*writes an American Correspondent*), is not a sight to be seen every day in the United States, where we have



PALL MALL

From the lithograph by T. S. Boys



CHARING CROSS

From the lithograph by T. S. Boys

neither King nor Queen, so I shall just get into one of those new steam ships which take one across the Atlantic so quickly, and have a look at the affair."



"The various Foreign Ambassadors formed into line in the Bird-cage Walk. Their equipages excited the greatest admiration, especially that of Marshal Sout, who brought to England the frame of the carriage used on occasions of state by the last great Prince of the House of Condé."



"Prince Esterhazy was almost as much admired as his diamonds."

"He looked as though he had been caught in a rain of them and come out dripping."

* * *

"The Queen looked very diminutive and never knew what she was to do next. The ruby



ring was made for her little finger instead of her fourth, on which the rubric prescribes it should be put. She said it was too small and could not get it on, but as he (the Archbishop) insisted, she yielded, but it hurt her very much, and as soon as the ceremony was over, she was obliged to bathe her finger with iced water to get it off."

* * *

"Nothing occurred to disturb the harmony, except the restiveness of the Sardinian ambassador's horses made some dozen yeomen of the guard scamper from their posts with more agility than we had hitherto given them credit for."

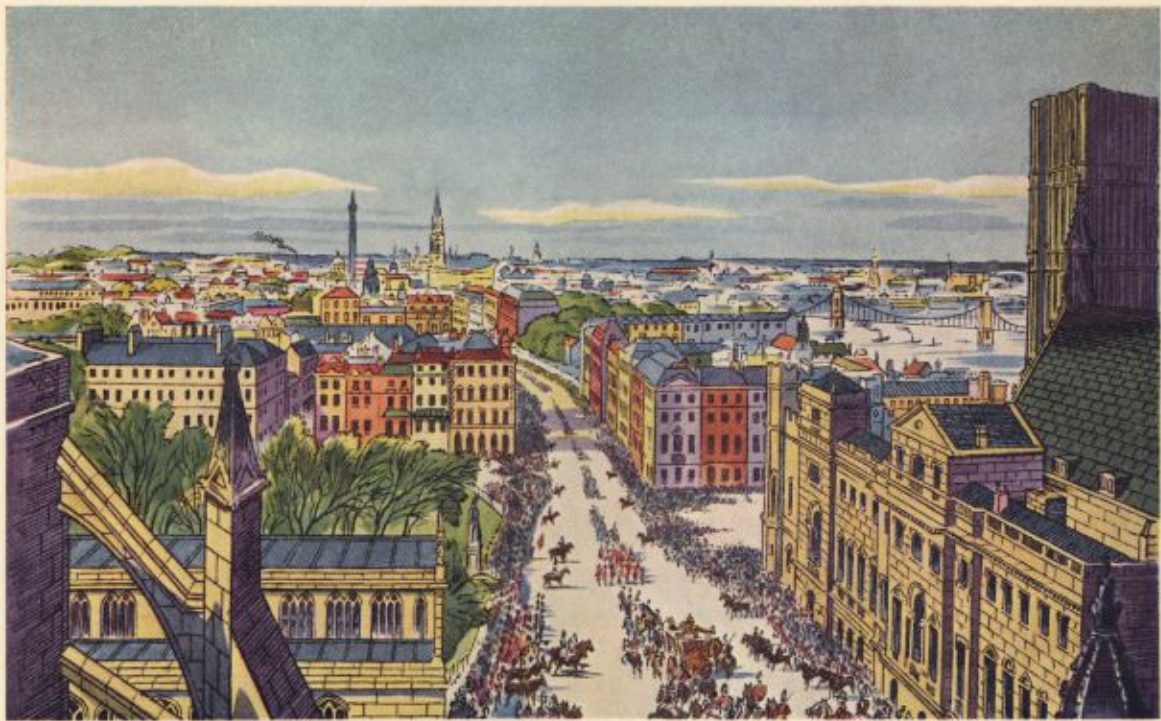
* * *

"Lord Rolle, from his feeble and infirm state, fell in ascending the steps; whereupon her Majesty rose from her seat, extended her hand for

him to kiss and expressed a hope that his lordship was not hurt."

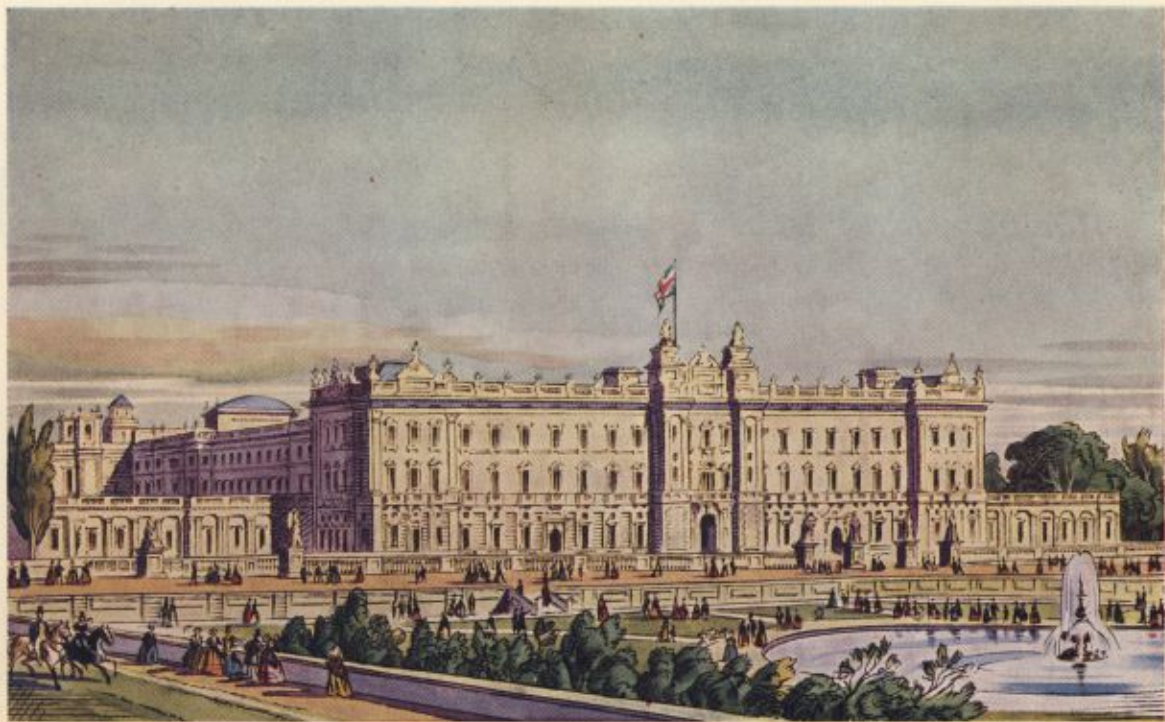


"A foreigner in London gravely reported to his country that the Lords Rolle held their names and title on condition of rolling down the steps of the throne at every coronation."



PARLIAMENT SQUARE

From a contemporary woodcut



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

From a picture by E. R. Bedford

“It was now late in the day, and no doubt sundry deep potations had been made: the sun too was shining brightly, and these combined seemed to produce a very irritable spirit in the lower classes of the population.”

“We could not help smiling, however, at the police turning the open area near the Athenaeum into a sort of penal settlement.”



“At one stage a stout and powerful-looking man was so pressed that he fell down insensible and lay there for more than half an hour.”

* * *

“Soon after 2 o'clock on Thursday, while the Coronation ceremony was in progress, Mrs. Graham ascended from Hyde Park in her balloon. No aeronaut perhaps was ever so long over the

Metropolis, for the currents of air varied so much, but yet so light, that it was found impossible to get away, or to rise to any considerable height, owing to the condensation of gas, and after discharging all the ballast, with every moveable



article, with the exception of the grapnel, and having remained in the air upwards of 1 hour and a half, they descended safely in Marylebone lane."

* * *

"The gorgeous pageantry of the State procession was not more attractive to the sight-loving multitude during the day than at night were the illuminations, which shed their particoloured and dazzling lustre throughout all the principal streets and squares of the Metropolis."

* * *

"Pontet, snuff-purveyor to the Royal Family, displayed a radiated gas star of the Order of the Garter."

"Amongst others who planned were her Majesty's loyal showmen who decided that a fair

in Hyde Park would prove not the least of London's attractions."




"Richardson's Theatre was there with all the best actors of the day performing Shakespearian dramas."



"Giantesses were well represented by the Misses Cockayne, described as the American twin sisters. Their birthplace was Whitechapel. Miss Scott, the two-headed lady, Yorkshire Jack, the living skeleton, learned pigs and fortune telling ponies, Madame Stevens the Pig-faced Lady, amazed the public for a considerable period."

"All persons confined in her Majesty's gaol, of whatever degree, were supplied by the sherriffs with a pound of beef and a pint of strong beer, and prisoners doomed to solitude were allowed to mingle for a short space with their fellow men."





ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

All extracts appearing in this issue of "News and Views" are taken from contemporary accounts. These have previously appeared in:

THE TIMES

THE GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE

"SEVENTY YEARS A SHOWMAN" by LORD GEORGE SANGER (Dent)

"THE GREVILLE DIARY" (Heinemann)

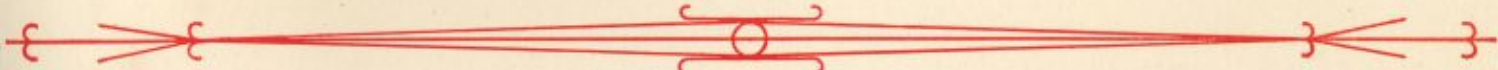
"THE LIFE OF BENJAMIN DISRAELI" by MONEYPENNY (Murray)

PEN SKETCHES

by Steven Spurrier, R.A., R.B.A.

MAP

by kind permission of County Hall, Westminster



*Designed & Produced by Alfred Pemberton Ltd.
Printed by The Chaseton Press Ltd.*

A. D.



1953