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585. CORONATION OF ANNE BOLEYN.

Extracts from a manuscript account unfavorable to Anne.¹ Though it was customary to kneel, uncover, and cry "God save the King, God save the Queen," whenever they appeared in public, no one in London or the suburbs, not even women and children, did so on this occasion. One of the Queen's servants told the mayor to command the people to make the customary shouts, and was answered that he could not command people's hearts, and that even the King could not make them do so. Her fool, who has been to Jerusalem and speaks several languages, seeing the little honor they showed to her, cried out, "I think you have all scurvy heads, and dare not uncover." Her dress was covered with tongues pierced with nails, to show the treatment which those who spoke against her might expect. Her car was so low that the ears of the last mule appeared to those who stood behind to belong to her. The letters H. A. were painted in several places, for Henry and Anne, but were laughed at by many. The crown became her very ill, and a wart disfigured her very much. She wore a violet velvet mantle, with a high ruff (*goulgiel*) of gold thread and pearls, which concealed a swelling she has, resembling gotre. She was crowned by Cranmer, who is called "one of the judges of Susanna," and "le pape patriarche." Eighteen knights of the Bath were created. The presents to the various officers of the court cost them 200*l*. The duchess of Norfolk, daughter of the duke of Buckingham, would not appear at the ceremony, from the love she bore to the previous Queen, although she was Anne's aunt. The French ambassador and his suite were insulted by the people, who called him "Orson queneve, France dogue" (whoreson knave, French dog).

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¹ Perhaps the account written by Chapuys to Granville. *See* his letter to the Emperor, 16 June.