

of gaining a little glory by fighting : so very soon after he became king, he had a war with France, and another with Scotland.

The war with Scotland ended sadly for the Scotch. The English army was commanded by a very brave and clever nobleman, named the Earl of Surrey, and he had with him several brave lords and knights. The Scotch army was almost all made up of the boldest and best men in Scotland, with their own king, James the Fourth, to command them. The two armies met at a place called Flodden Field. They fought all day ; sometimes one side got the better, and sometimes the other ; so when night came, nobody knew which had beaten the other. But in the morning, the Scots found that they had lost their king, whom they all loved very much, and that with him the best and bravest of the Scottish nobles had been killed.

After this there was peace between Scotland and England.

As to King Henry's war in France, it did not last very long. I told you Henry was young, and wished for the kind of glory that princes gain by fighting. But he forgot, that, besides the glory, there must be a great deal of fatigue and suffering : so, after one battle, he was very glad to have peace again. That one battle was called the *BATTLE OF THE SPURS*, because the French made more use of their spurs, to make their horses run away, than of their swords to fight with.

Not long after this battle, the old French king died. The new king was called Francis I. He was almost as young as Henry VIII. He was handsome, too, and very fond of gaiety, and dancing, and riding, and feasting, and playing at fighting,