



ELIZABETH

THE PRINCESS
AND THE QUEEN



HENRY THE VIII AND QUEEN ANNE WERE SO DISAPPOINTED THAT THEIR ELIZABETH WASN'T A BOY!

SHE WAS A PRISONER IN THE TOWER AT 21

BUT WAS CROWNED AT TWENTY-FIVE.

IT SEEMS THAT THE EARL OF ESSEX TURNED HIS BACK UPON THE QUEEN—AND THAT JUST WASN'T BEING DONE!

THE little girl pictured here by Artist Ethel Hays became the world's most important baby from the very hour of her birth, which was at 2:40 in the morning of April 21, 1533. She is Princess Elizabeth, heir presumptive to the British crown since the abdication last December of her uncle, Edward VIII. Little Princess Elizabeth, whose 11th birthday party will be celebrated just a few weeks before the coronation of her father, King George VI, will some day reign over the empire in her own name, should her father die without a male heir.

There has been only one Elizabeth as queen regnant in British history. That was famed good Queen Bess, the last of the Tudors. Queen Elizabeth was the daughter of Henry VIII, by Anne Boleyn, and her parents both mourned because she was a girl and not a boy.

During part of Mary Tudor's reign, Elizabeth was held prisoner in the Tower of London, but the whole countryside rejoiced, as a reaction to "Bloody Mary's" reign, when Elizabeth was crowned at 25.

At 60, she made a favorite of the youthful Earl of Essex, who later was to be charged with treason and beheaded. When he married she was furious; he turned his back on her—something not done to a queen—and she spiritedly retaliated by slapping his face.

Today, more than three centuries after the death of good Queen Bess, it is indeed a different world that this other Elizabeth lives in. Kings and queens are different, too, than they were in those days when the displeasure of the throne might mean imprisonment in the grim Tower, or the loss of one's head. So Princess Elizabeth plays unconcernedly with her younger sister, Princess Margaret Rose, still too much the little girl to worry very much about crowns and thrones and the supreme responsibilities that go along with them.

