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A Note About The Author

Samuel Langhorne Clemens was an American writer. He used the name 'Mark Twain'. Twain was born on 30th November 1835. He lived in Hannibal, in the state of Missouri, United States of America (USA).

Twain's father was a lawyer. Twain had one brother and one sister. Twain had many jobs. From 1853 to 1854, he worked for a printer. Twain learnt about books and newspapers. After that, he travelled around the USA. He worked on a steamboat and he worked in a gold mine. Then he started to write stories for newspapers. From 1861 to 1865 there was a civil war in the USA. Twain might have fought in this war. After the war, he moved to San Francisco and became a journalist.

His first successful story was called *The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County* which he published in 1865. This is a funny story about the old American west. It made Twain into a famous writer.

Twain loved to travel, and he travelled around the USA, Europe and the Middle East. He wrote a lot of stories about his travels. In 1876, he published *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, which was his first big bestseller.

After that, he wrote a lot of books in many different styles. He was very interested in science and technology. He was friends with the inventors Nikolai Tesla and Thomas Edison. He was one of the first writers to use a typewriter.

In 1870, Twain married Olivia Langdon. They lived in Hartford, Connecticut, in the east of the USA. They had two daughters. In 1904, Twain's wife and both his daughters died. Twain died in Redding, Connecticut on 21st April 1910.

A Note About The Story

The Prince and the Pauper was published in 1881, after *Tom Sawyer* and before *Huckleberry Finn*. At first, people did not like the book. They wanted to read more of Twain's stories about the American west, not a historical story about England. Now it is one of his most popular books.

The story takes place in 1547. At the beginning of the story, Henry VIII is the King of England. Henry VIII was a very important king in English history. He fought wars against France and he changed England from a Catholic country to a Protestant country.

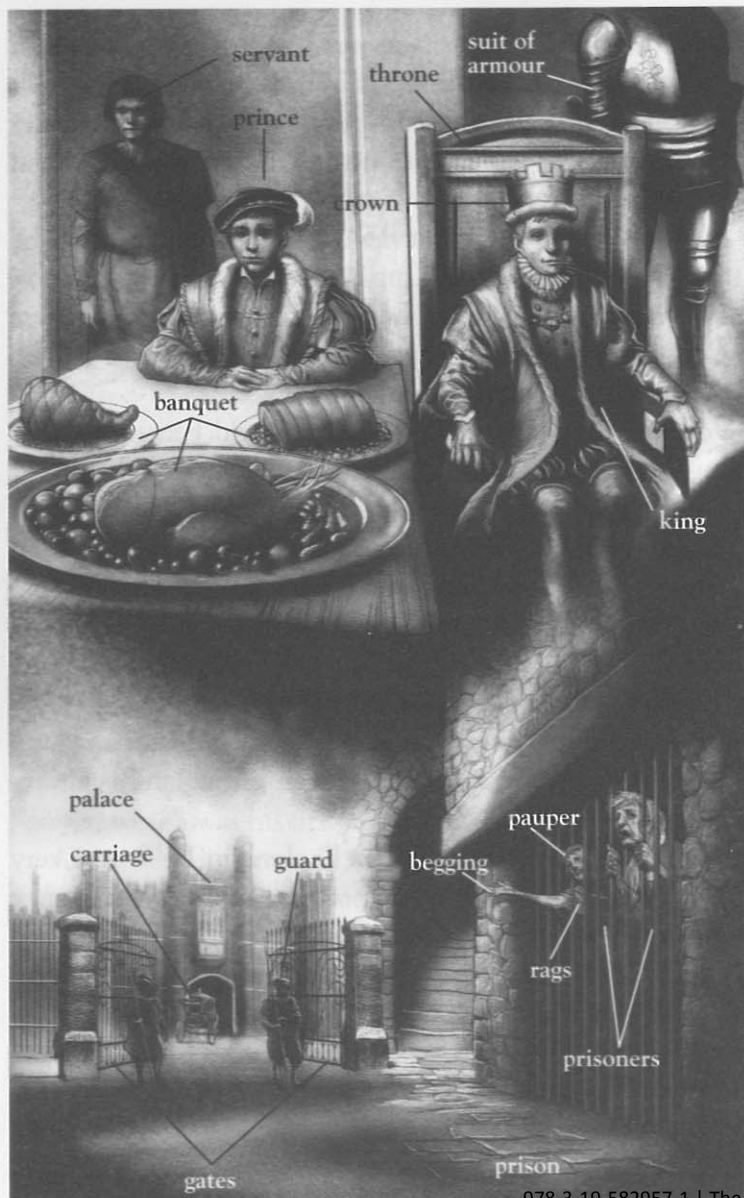
Henry really wanted a son who would become a good king. He didn't want his daughters to become queen.

Henry's only son, Edward, was born in 1537. He was not a healthy boy but Henry took care of him very well. When Henry died in 1547, Edward became King Edward VI. He was only nine years old. Edward died when he was only fifteen.

In the story, Edward is called the Prince of Wales. Wales is a small country which is now part of the United Kingdom. The oldest son of the King or Queen of England is always called the Prince of Wales.

About one third of people in England in 1547 were very poor. Old people or disabled people could beg for money but for other poor people this was a crime. A lot of poor people did not have a place to live or any food to eat, and they often had to steal food. Most poor families lived in one room and had to sleep on the floor. Poor children had to work, so they did not go to school.

A Picture Dictionary



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The People In The Story



Edward Tudor



Tom Canty



John Canty,
Tom's father



Mrs. Canty,
Tom's mother



Miles Hendon,
Edward's friend



Lord Protector,
Edward's uncle



Henry VIII,
Edward's father

The Birth of the Prince and the Pauper

Nearly five hundred years ago in London, two baby boys were born on the same day. One family wanted their baby very much. This baby wore beautiful, expensive clothes. His family and lots of servants took care of him. He was Edward Tudor, the future King of England.

Everybody in England wanted this baby. When he arrived, the country was very happy. There was a holiday, and everybody had big parties. People kissed each other and danced in the streets.

The other baby boy's family were very poor and they did not want another baby. This baby was called Tom Canty. Nobody danced for him. He was a pauper and he wore rags.



For nine years, Tom Canty lived in a small house near London Bridge. About one hundred thousand people lived in the old city of London then, perhaps more. Some parts of London were very rich but London Bridge was very poor. The houses were made of wood and they had small, dark windows. The streets were narrow and dirty and there were too many people. There was always a horrible smell because people threw rubbish on the streets.

Tom lived in a house in Offal Court. Many poor families lived in that house and it was often a noisy and dangerous place to live. Every night people shouted and argued. There were always lots of fights.

Tom's family lived in one room on the third floor of the house. He lived with his mother, father, sisters and grandmother. They all dressed in rags. Tom's mother and father slept in a bed and the others slept on the dirty floor.

Tom had twin sisters, Nan and Bet. They were both fifteen years old. His mother and his sisters were not clever people but they were kind and friendly. Tom loved them but he was frightened of his father and his grandmother. They often hit Tom, his sisters and his mother.

Tom's father was called John Canty. He did not work. He stole money and told Tom and his sisters to steal, too. Tom said he did not want to be a thief but his father hit him. The family was very poor and hungry. Tom and his sisters begged for money in the streets. Some people gave them money. Other people laughed and shouted at them.

But little Tom Canty was happy. He thought that everybody was poor and hungry like his family. He sometimes played with his friends. They went swimming in the river or they played in the mud.

A man called Father Andrew lived in Offal Court. Father Andrew was a good man. He taught Tom to read and

write. Tom loved listening to Father Andrew's stories about princes and palaces. He read Father Andrew's books about kings and queens. When he read, he dreamt of a different life. Tom's big dream was to see a real prince.

Tom sometimes pretended he was a prince. He walked and talked like a prince. He had a royal court and people asked him for help. These people thought Tom was a very clever boy, like a real prince!

Tom wanted to see a prince very much. He thought about it all the time. One night, Tom dreamt about being a prince. He lived in a beautiful palace and he was loved by many people. When he woke up, he knew it was a dream. He looked at the small, dirty, cold room and he cried.

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Tom Meets the Prince

The morning after his dream, Tom felt sad and hungry. He left his home and he walked and walked. Tom thought about princes and palaces. After a long time, he arrived at the royal palace in Westminster. It was very far from Offal Court.

Tom was amazed. He thought the palace was beautiful. It was a large building, with lots of tall towers and big windows. Outside the palace gates, people from all over the country waited. Everybody wanted to see the Royal Family.

Tom saw fine carriages with white horses go into the palace. Rich, important people were sitting in the carriages. They did not look at the poor, dirty people outside. Two strong guards stood at the gates to stop ordinary people from entering.

Tom waited in his rags and looked through the gates. He was hoping to see the prince. He saw some servants walk into the palace. Then a young boy came out of the palace. He wore expensive clothes and a hat with purple feathers. He was carrying a sword. The servants all bowed.

Tom knew the boy was the prince and was very happy. He heard the people shout, 'Long live the prince!' Tom was lucky. This was a real prince, Prince Edward! Tom wanted to see the prince better. He ran to the palace gates but a guard pulled him away.

'Go away, beggar boy!' shouted the guard.

Prince Edward heard the guard and felt sad for Tom. 'Don't do that!' shouted the angry prince to the guard. 'He's only a boy. Let him in!' The gates opened, and the pauper Tom Canty walked slowly into the royal palace.

'You look tired and hungry,' said the prince. 'You must eat.'

The prince's servants were surprised and worried. Poor people did not eat in the palace.

'Bring this boy food and then leave us alone!' the prince said to his servants.

Soon, Tom was sitting in a beautiful dining room, eating beef and chicken with potatoes. At home, Tom was always hungry. He never dreamt he would eat nice food like this.

Tom ate and the prince watched him. The prince was very interested in Tom. For the first time in his life, he asked a pauper some questions.

'What's your name?' he said.

'Tom Canty,' said Tom, quietly.

'Where do you live?' asked the prince.

'In Offal Court, near London Bridge,' replied Tom. Tom was surprised that the prince was interested but he was very happy to answer the prince's questions.