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THE KING'S VINE - - The season's crop of grapes
from the famous 338-year-old vine sold by auction at
Fontainebleau. -France-

Picture.:- Although France is a Republic, the King's
Grape Vine still flourishes !

It was planted in the reign of Henry IV--
--of France, and every year yields a--
--crop of about one thousand pounds of choice bunches.

They're sold by public auction, and the unique event--
--attracts many visitors to Fontainebleau. Even a good--
--Republican's home feels honoured by having a dish of
kingly grapes--

--on the table - - and grapes--

--like those. Eager buyers--

--bid for the luscious fruit.

Ten kilos of the best gone to Mademoiselle--
--for 250 francs. Two shillings a pound isn't too
bad a price for such royal quality.

Ah ! No grape minds being squeezed in a wine press
like that !