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Long before the morning dawned, the Irsh of day, and the enemy at the saine time. As soon as is was light, the English commeneed
crosing opposite the canip at Drouonlunch, crossing opposite of Magure were stationed.-
where tite a pally or
Company after company crossed, and formed in Company afticr company crosed, and formed in
frontit the Irssh ; who, having no artillery, and being too weak in nurbers, contented themsel res
will a amiting the attack behind their entrench
 ments. Bafaid, weaken lis force, by cansing
bers was araid
a diression ; and accordingiy pushed forward lis squarrons, will a a yiew of piercing the eentre of
the rish line. O'Neil, seeing this, left lisis oun position, and united lis forces with those of his gratherst troops, who could not bear to atack of their foes, and the signal was gyen for
the onset. With a wild cheer, they left their entrenchinents, and advanced steadily, each body under the command of its own fhie. haughty Burrougl, he who had gained such rethe "arch rebel," Hugb O'Neil. His reputation was at stake, and he made hly dispositions with
his wonted skill and daring. He stood in the front of his men, cheeriug theim by his own example. For an instant his tall plume shone
abore the crash, as the Frish closed upon lis ser ried raks. The nest moment a pike was thrust betireen the jonts of his arnor and he fell
among bhis followers. The English, seeing the overthrow of their cominander, fell back, panic-
stricken ond dismaged ; but the Earl of Kildare, on whom the conmand devolred, again rallicd
them, and the Irish, in their turn, were obliged to give ground. The English were continually re-
inforced, and their cavalry were forming for charge. At this crisis, O'Neil, who was stationed on an eminence, and foresaw the havoe this
splendid body of horsemen must make in naked ranks, calling up his own cavalry, gave
the rord to charge. Like the thunderbolt let loose, Maguire bounded forward, followed by his
fierce ruders. The ground shook beneath thein as they advanced, and so terrible was the velo-
city of their charge, that ther bore down their opponents without striking a blow. It was not
till Maguire reached the river brink that lie drew rein, annl, wheeling round, attacked them, sword
in land. The melce was terrific. For a moment they fought hand to land; neither yieldconspicuous from their rich armor, and Maguire bad already defeated one of them in single com-
bat. O'Connor, singling out the other, made his way through the ranks, exclaiming-" Let me measure brands with this champion ? All bore They engaged, and the troops on either sid dealt their blows with the fury of national animosity. At length the Englislunan received a
blow on the arm, and the sword dropped from bis grasp.
"Yield !" shouted $O^{\prime}$ Connor. enly. And, with the word, he was cloven to The Englisin seeing their leaders fall, thought only of saving themselves, and fled across river, closely followed by their now exulting
enemy. Wilh titlle advantage on either side. Upon the retreat of their caralry, the English again re tired, and some even threws down their arms and
Iled. But the energy of Kildare rallied them, and the cavalry recrossing, adranced again to greater defeat. The whole of the Irish hine desperate clarge. In the onset Kildare was
wounded, and his tiro foster-brothers were billed in putting him on horseback. His follorers wer Curown into disorder, anil rushed madly for thic nder Art O'Neil, who huried them back upo heir enemies. Thus pressed in front and rear either drowned or slain, few reaching the oppo site bauk. The cavalry endeavored in vain to
protect the retreat. The Trish, nerved by the memories of their wrongs, cut then to pieces, he infantry, increasing their cison wo ortunate as to escape, took the road to Armagh to tell the defeat they had suffiered on the banks of the Blackwater. The Irish were too much fatigued to Collovs this ffing remnant, and con-
tented themselves with securing the bootg.

Standards, guns, ammunition, aur every thing b longing to a well-appointed army fell into the
power of the victors. power of the victors.
O'Connor was dispatched with a body of c ralry, to take possession of the eneng's bagnage
on the riglit bank of the river. He had fulfilled on mission; and was about to recross when,
his ment
looking to the West, he beheld a cloud of dust adrancing toward him. The thoight flashed across his mind that this might be a fresis enern and resolving not to be drisen from the hield
rictory, he formed lis men to alvait the result. The cloud adranced against the wind, and he eft the main road, and struck across the fields, the cust rolled away, revealing about fifty horse When they approached near enough io recogdheir spee and their leader aproched where O'Connor was standing
"I should know the owner of that device," he
sid, courteonsly, dofling this helmet and point ing to the Kniguts shied. "Redmond O"Connor hath no reason to con"night. When we half known already," said the stranger, grasping the Knight's hand. "Did I
not spend Iwo hours in listening to my father, Richard Tyrrell, relate your adrentures?"
"If you are, indeed, Henry Tyrrell, of whom "If you are, indeed, Henry Tyrrell, of whom
I have heard, I am glad to meet you, and hope
that our friendshpp will not end with a day." "S So be it, from ing beart. But I see ye lave achiered a glorious victory; and here hare we ridden ten mortal mules
light, and all for nothing my golden rosary for a single charge into their deased to see us return urich unsoiled armor," The youth's eyes flashed with entlusiasm as he looked unon the evidences of victorg. O"Con-
nor had at last found a wild chivalrous spirit like his own, and every moment increased their friend ship. The two unted their. strength, and re-
crossed to the battle ground. Parties of troops were moving over here hede others burying the dead, and all wilh melancholy looks, for numbers of therr own comrades strewed the plain, anid the heaps of their clarity; and when might set in not a restige of faded grass. The rifer flowed on as tranquill as betore, and the stars shone as brighty over the nerv-made graves as if hundreds of bocicies
did not tenant them-a bloody sacrifice to blind intolerance.
In the camp the scene was difierent from withaut. The troops were allowed a double hare The chiefs were invited to the general's tent to celebrate the rictory. When the revel was "very tongue was silent
"My friends," he said, "ye have all beard of the melancholy end of our common friend, Shane
O'Connor, and his daughter Eva, and how the 'Connor, and his daughter Eva, and how the bis faitluful followers. Ye hare seen the ser vices that his son hath rendered to liss country and rellgion in the short tume he hath been with cid in Meath, and he hath behayed hervice his day as becometh his illustrious descent.English for some time to come, that he hare guard and retinue suited to his rank, and that be go to demand lis rights. What is the an-
swer, my friends? Have 1 said well ?"

## "Ay, 'tis well said," resounded from all parts

"Then," said O'NeIl, rising, with a flowing oblet in has hand ; "I driak the enterprise of our brother in arms."
"Success to O"Connor !" was cchoed from every lip, as cach pledged the toast.
"And if our general wwill permit me," said
Henry Tyrrell, rising, " w will be his companion "But what will become of the men you hare miling.

## "As for that matter he will be glad to sces

 them return under any leader; for, I give youmy word, he never expected to see any of us alive, and considered us as a sacrifice to Mars." "I see you are determined to make up promise to gra
It was arraoged that $O^{\prime} \mathrm{Comnor}$ should start Orfaly the next morning, and the banqu
chapter x.-castle dearg.
Having left our hero preparing for his long-
ishaed for expedition, we will now, with the wished for expedition, we will now, with the
eader's permission, clange the scene to the cotreader's permission, clange the scene to the co--
tage of the outlaw, in Fertullagh. On this par-

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| ticular morning, Alice O'More arose from her | but well she knew that a hopeless captivity was |
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| humble |  | passed the night in frigluful drearys and visions choly lorebodings, sought filled with melanber comiorter on all occasions. The frugal toaknst was spread, but the

"Moch troubled to heed it.
"Mother" she said, addresing her nurse, by that endearing name, "I fear somnsthing hath be-
Fallen our friends in Ulster. I could get no rest all night for dreaning of blood and cirnage."
"Do not gre way to these thoughts, my
chid" replided the anxious nurse. "All is well chind," replied ghe way anxious nurese. "All is well
with our friends, I trust." "I pray to the Virgin it may be so ; but I
have strange rnsgivings. I an not wont to dreann
such terrible dreans." uch terrible dreams."
O'Connor bad never crossed our bumble, ": this You are losing your bloom and siirits, da
day, and on lis account, I sec too well." "This is a cruel wish, mother." And Alice tame, was he not, in your opivion, the handsone est caralier in Menth
"That was befor
fiat was betore he stole your young beart "Then rait til
"Then wait till you are mistress, and my fa-
her senesclal, of the strongest castle in Meath, you will change this cruel opinion.
"But you arc buildng castles in
"aslle you arc buildng castles in the air, cliild. Castle Dearg is not yet taken.
"It will not long ren
"It will nol long remain so, mother, if Redside of justice."
The nurse seemed anxious to turn the conversation, which sle perceived was oppressing her
tair charge, and, going to the window, she ob"Brien
"Brien should be leere ere now. He promised to be home by eighlt of the clock, and this
must be liin, for I see the glcam of steel coining through the trees. But, no! may leaven
help us, they are Barnewell's or Wingfield's cutthroats, I see by their lisery.
Alice sprang, trembling, Alice sprang, trembling, to the window; and, sure enough, there, ridung up to the door, were a
dozen men at arms, whom she took, from ress, to be a party of marauders. Overcone with terror, she sank on a seat as tile leader
the band cntered; a short, burly fellow, with erocious and repulsive countenance.
"I see"" he observed, surveying the apart-
nent, "we hare missed the old fox himself, and it is vell for him. Come, my preity mistress he continued, addressi.
with us this morning.
"Bood for your pretty face
"By what authority do ye thus make prisonrs of defenceless women ?" asked the nurse, for " By the authority of the
lame. Your lusbor the strongest, my good traitor and a rebel, and, failug to be the leasure of bis acquaintance, we will take his loyalty, and it may be, get a right loyal husband o boot. Eh? Walden," he said, winking !
"You are right there, captain; better than
"her Trish blood deserves." " Keep your opinions till they are asked," was he snappish reply
such canaille as thou art."
Turning to Alice, he again commanded her to
prepare for the road.
"Is there no alternative ?" slie tremblingly
asked, looking up nto his cruel face. "Thiuk you lad a mother or a sister, you would not see then insulted. We are but poor wonnen,
and cannot add to the glory of your mistress by our submissian to her
ed nor never broke."
"Ha, ha, ha," laughed the fellow. "By make a dashing preacher, in those times of free a little of that myself; 'tis the best paying pro-
fession I see. Come, I have no mind to hurt you; but liare orders to scatter this den; and
go you must." go you must." ${ }^{\text {So so saying, }}$ he snatched her cloalk from the wied her from the room. The marauders had woinen were firmly strapped. Their cries for mercy were ansivered by a loud laugh from their
captors, who, keeping them in the centre, mate captors, wio, keeping thein in the centre, thate
their way to the main road as rapidly as the After ganing this, they set of at a canter, evinot a inving soul could be seen till hiey were
dear of Fertulagh. This rapid pace was coninued for nearly an hour till they hat gained the erel country. Fiere they dropped to
nd Alice, who had got accustowed and Alice, who had got accustoned to the rid siluation. Her destination to her was a secret,
but well she knew that a hopeless captivity was
before her. As she reflected on the hiuts droppeo by her captors, her innotent heart beat
wildy at the thought of a life worse to her than death-the wife, perhaps, the slare of some soulher, and vainly tried to soothe here rrive by hold-
ing out hoperes whlich her own heart told her could never be realzed. On every hand, as they passed, the rotintry
 or the raven. On every conmanding emmente
were seen the ruins of stately abbeys and lordly castles; theer inhabitants buried beneath hem,
or making the last stand for liberty, bencath the bed hillsides far away the blue stonote curledd from his mative flains by the hand of the rulhless invader. In these fastuesses, he still main-
tained a widd independence, subsisthig ola the Heuits of the midught loray agatast the invader. Here and there by the wayside a tew huls wo
be seen standung il a clusier, and haysard
nen would tean ulpon ther spades, and gize lived in terrible loneliness, hlhwe women, by theit
extreme poverty escaping the rapacity of their extrene poverty escaping the rapacity of their
Saxon tyrants, who permitted then to win, with Saxon tyrants, who permited then to win, with
their own lands, a scanty living for themselve their own lands, a seanty livigy for themselve
and their famishing orpllams. Not a man wat tion. War, with all its horrors, had overt:iken then, and they perished vainly batling for their sufferings, her owa sorrows grew insignificant fate as became the brave ancelors.
Toward nocul, the party hatied beside a spring roots of a sprcading oak. The priswaners were
ifted from their saddes and seater on the grass and one of the solditers quenethed their chirst wit drayht of water from lis helmet. Some fised, whate their captors deroured it with erident gusto.
The meal
he roath, and near sumser turned in
to the lefi, which wis bordered by thick wonot
heir ears as they adranced, and in a lew
nutes they came in fromt of a narrow wooden
Ihis, two abreast, and alier noding for some dis-
an open in front of a formidable looking casile.
This was perched on the extrumaty of a 1 dge on It was a splure building, wih tower at each angle, and spemeal to have gained nothiug from the
arclitectural changes of centuriss. It was built Of that age when the lrinh borruwed thur plan
of defence from theur Dinish iwauders, an strength was the only object hhe arclitect haid welve feet high, with towers at eminvonient disEroul a llag-staff on the main building hung a lood red hay, with an engle in the cratre, supl-
porting in his talons a dkull, he emblem of death. The buildings were of revis sandstone, takenf fron
the quarime in the viriaity, and the declining sun the quarries in the virinity, and the declining sum
reflecting on wall and tower, gave them a still edder appearance.
From the description Alice hast harard of Ca tie Dearg, she at noce cincluten that the pite
before lher was no orher, and her hratt numk its savage maver. She had hult ine to indulge in these reveries, for the lealer
of the band, gowing a blas on tiis horn, the gate suag open and they entered the crurt yard. tro a side door of the matul herltingy, and after as many glights of stoae stars, thry werre showi into a sman chamber by invir ynide, who turned
he key in the door and leit ithonto their own They were about half an hour ia their new bughes when an ofld womin emered wibl a liyh
nut refreshments. An she proceathal to spread
 what part 1 , woult it be any unfene to ash find ourselfes?"
rom beneath a pair of arey eychrows, and dhe

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canged here hum hat reiom In kunw is juitor."

"Ingfield !" ns the is c.allowl."
 With this consolung piece of iuformalio old woman lett the room, and when the sound of her footsteps had died a way, Alice clasped her "May Cod and our Blessed Lady protect us, "On the contrayy," sad Dileen, "tis here w may expect the readiex aid. I will wager that
0 Commo will have tt beleagured before a weelk o ower. We hare only io bat what tials are
before us and Coul will seal he succor in good "Anen!" respmited Alce, as she went to
 bastened the done inade as best they whenhth, they
 Meanwhile, a dififerent scense was being enatet Wingfield occupied a seat raised a few indhes nan of about forty years, with a stern, forbitiding conntenance, readeres more so by a deep ryght elreek. Prom his dark cye not a a ray of and semsuatiom. Du his rushl sat a yourr inan his jumior by at least ten yeats, with a brow of
which groad hanuer coutinually sal, and a fiee ati chivalrous bearing, which contristed strangis
with that of hiss stern surerior. On the left of Wingfiedd was a clerical-looking personage, who He seenned whapt in deep meditation on the ine of the me, holding a cup dantily hetween his lingers, sipping a intle, and anom castiug a
wild reproving louk around, as an ooilh would "the glad tuduys" to the " benightreal lrish," and had fixed upon Castle Deary as the sifest phee for
commencing his tuissionary labors. Thre worthy nan was to comncace by converting those with-
in the Caste, and mio this fold he intented gather che " wild lrishl""-provided he could eateh The conversation had gradually died aray, and a delieious drowsy teeling was begiming to
hat extitited toward the lo:ser cad of the table. began to show stgns of soon becins hors de cont bat, as one ratianer after another droppred gently tue most provokiar temptation for thein superiors to follow. 'The young man on the right was the ouly sober person of he party, and howing to
his slluef, he excluimed, half jocosely, as if not aratly confitemt of the inpression bis specth "Congratulate nee, most noble Sir Geofireg, "ay very unexpected piece of good fortune."
"'ग. is the first time you have coupled good ortune with yourself siace setting foot in lre-
 lien roost or pig pen for the plundering, that your
tice betrays suchn siges of dugle"
hare barried a nest that will make my fortune; but to keep you no Ionger in suspense I will gire you the
story. You have lieard of the band of outlaws if flocks from the gren when you were on your Spanish expetilion, six of whom Wen hat the pieasure of hauging on your return? Cognized their leader, and in one of his rambles
came upon has den, in the full of Eertullagh.Lnow, then, that Mi, oge had a foster-daughter
belonging to the O'Mores of Leix, and, as hacquand sweirs, more beautiful still than the last lins hife ia the affir of Mullaghuast, and it were a sin to let such a flower pine and wither in solitude, and sent a dozen of our fellows to hudee and they lave brought her and her nurse to thas yool castle. I mean to pay my respects in no doubt 1 will be, ) this reverend doctor will the he kiot, and I hope you will give me the patch "I wih you ill the jog such madness can briug; but beiore you sent ing men on such an
rianl, it were but common couttesy to acquaint ;ind hat if you bring a swarran of rebels to deawn bath ; ly the rood, no lelp will
The face of the young man grews purple as he "You are grown wonderfully cautious of late,
ir Geoliry Wingfield. You were not so nig-

