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mixture of carelessness and pre sumption with low artifice and cunning. He wished to banish from the minds of the chivalry around him his own indecent and unacceptable jest respecting the Jewess Rebecca; he was desirous of conciliating Alicia's father Waldemar, of whom he stood in awe, and who had more than once shewn himself dissatisfied during the course of the day's proceedings. He had also a wish to establish himself in the good graces of the lady; for John was at least as licentious in his pleasures as profligate in his ambition. But besides all these reasons, he was desirous t) raise up against the Disinherited Knight (towards whom he already entertained a strong dislike) a powerful enemy in the person of Waldemar Fitzurse, who was likely he thought, highly to resent the injury done to his daughter, in case, as was not unlikely. the victor

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And so indeed it proved. For the Disinherited Knight passed the gallery close to that of the Prince. in which the Lady Alice was seated in the full pride of triumphart beauty and, pacing forwards as slowly as he had hitherto rode swiftly around the lists, he seemed to exercise his right of examining the numerons fair faces which adorned that splendid circle.

It was worth while to see the different conduct of the beauties who underwent this examination, luring the time it was proceeding. some blushed, some assumed an air of pride and dignity, some looked straight forward, and essayed to seem utterly unconscious of what was going on, some drew back in alarm, which was perhaps affected. some endeavored to forbear smiling, and there were two or three laughed outright. There were also some who dropped their veils over their coarms; out as the Wardour Manuscript says, these were fair ones of ten year's standing, it may he supposed, that, having had their full share of such vanities, they were willing to withdraw their claim, in order to give a fair chance to the ising beauties of the age.

At length the champion paused beneath the balcony in which the Lady Rowena was placed, and the expectations of the spectators was excited to the utmost.

It must be owned that if an interest displayed in his success could have bribed the Disenherited Knight, the part of the lists before with the richest war furniture : which he paused had merited his

verjoyed at the discomfiture of the Templar, and still more so at the miscarriage of his two malevolent neighbors, Front-de-Boouf and Malvoisin, had, with his body all stretched over the balcony, accompanied the victor in each course, not with his eyes only, but with his whole heart and soul. The Lady Rowena had watched the progress of the day with equal attention, though without openly

betraying the same intense interest. Even the unmoved Althelstane had shown symptoms of shaking off his apathy, when, calling for a huge goblet of muscadine, he quaffed it to the health of the Disinherited Knight.

Another group, staticned under the gallery occupied by the Soxons, had shown no less interest in the

"Father Abraham!" said Isaac of York, when the first course was selecting from among the beauties run betwixt the Templar and the who graced the galleries, a lady Disinherited Knight, "how fiercely that Gentile rides! Ah, the good Queen of Beauty and of Love, and horse that he brought all the long way from Barbary, he takes no more of him than if he were a wild ass's colt-and the noble armor, that was worth so many zecchins to Joseph Pareira, the armorer of Milan, besides seventy in the hundred of profits, he cares for it as little as if he had found it in the highways!"

"It he risks his own person and limbs, father," said Rebecca, "in doing such a dreadful battle, he can scarce be expected to spare his

"Child," replied Isaac, somewhat heated, "thou knowest not what "Sir Disinherited Knight," said thou speakest-His neck and limbs Prince John, "since that is the only are his own, but his horse and Frince John, "since that is the only title by which we can address you, it is now your duty, as well as pri-vilege, to name the fair lady, who, as Queen of Honor and of Love, is to preside over next day's festival. If, as a stranger in our land, you should require the aid of other judgment to guide your own, we can only say that Alicia, the daugh-ter of our gallant Knight Waldemar Fitzurse, has at our court been long quered, and the uncircumcised held the first in beauty as in place. held the first in beauty as in place. Nevertheless, it is your undoubted prerogative to confer on whom you please this crown, by the delivery Philistine hath fallen before his lance—even as Og, the King of Bashan, and Sihon, King of the Amorites, fell before the sword of our fathers! of which to the lady of your choice our fathers! Surely he shall take the election of to-morrow's Queen their gold and their silver, and their will be formal and complete. Raise war-horses, and their armor of brass and of steel, for a prey and for a

The same anxiety did the worthy its edge a circlet of gold, the that was run, seldom failing to upper edge of which was relieved hazard a hasty calculation concern by arrow-points and hearts placed ing the value of the horse and the by arrow-points and hearts placed armor which was forfeited to the interchangeably, like the straw-berry leaves and balls upon a ducal crown.

In the broad hint which he drop-ped respecting the daughter of Disinherited Knight, by those who Waldemar Fitzurse, John had more occupied the part of the lists before

(To be continued.)

