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SKETCHES," "THE TWO NEIGHBORS," &c.

CHAPTER VII.

The lust of power, of wealth the pride,
Is politics intensified—
In nations, persons, country, town,
We see this grasping for renown;
Murder and rapine are its friends,
And every social tie it rends.

—*Border and Civil Warfare.*

BENT AND HIS FRIENDS ON THE WAR PATH.

It is worthy of our notice and remark what strange coincidences are sometimes found between the lives of father and son. When White was yet a young man he joined the Scotch rebellion and marched into an adjoining country. Similarly his son, whom we incidentally mentioned in the last chapter as being at the commencement of the war about twenty-four, joined the American rebellion, and marched with Arnold's force to Quebec. It is also curious and instructive to note and study the different motives which influence men's actions, and lead them into courses of conduct at which no one is more surprised, perhaps, than themselves, when time and circumstances have given different views to the mind. During the American civil war between the Northern and Southern States many young men left Canada to join the armies there engaged, and fight in a war in which they had really no concern, in fact, in which neither principle nor duty called them to take a part. With some a love of adventure was the inducement, mixed up, possibly, with some romantic notions of fame and fortune. With the great majority,