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THIODOLF THE ICELANDER.
"Yes," said Thiodolff after a tume, "all
ow right and good ; we love each other heartit now right and good; we love each other heartily,
and we could hre as happy as kings, only by ill and we could hee as happy as kings, only by ind
not we have not yet got at any gold. What is luck we have not yet got at auy gold. What is
there about here that we can take? For I tell here about here lat we can take? for I tell
ou 1 will go no further with empty purses.-
We must see how we can do the people liere ome great service, for which we may receive ithout shame, a rich recompense. Or, what
would be yet better, we may seareli out for soine Fould be yet better, we may seareli out for sone
pirates or oller rogues, shom we may kill, and,
with a clear constience, take away what they
 "Sir," answered an experienced s, "Cephatunia: repeated Mhodolf, thought
fully; ;and looking at another island whish wa seen in said the old man.
"There was nothing to guess about," sai
Thiouolf. "Unce Nefioll bus so often toh! tur o these two istiads, aud of ilecein which he did hare been deal or a blockderad, it I dud unt
know how these istands lie. Kitow ye, clidires, hat our money comlanat have come the met of Zian awe me, thromgh my hatier, wibute and treastires of Cephalonia, wad the prophte, in return, pro mised yold and goolis in great abundance-if -but when the tune for paymene came, they orthern heroes tar out to sea, toward so shorot he whole adventure; and Uncle Nefiolf also did not altack the allied sslands. But wait awhile.
Now shall they pay erery fartemg, and a good frep besides. for a fight
sighed Malgherita, " another fight already! Forgive them rather; I pray "Ludy," he answered, "I would rather give "Thou bast nothing ?" asked she, with sur prise. "Are then, those precious jewels no
thing which thou bearest with thee, and wit whose sparking brightuess thou hast so oftea
litle Malgherita," said Thiodoir, "the Tery weil to look at, and play with, but be yond that the
to Bertram."
and I also tuot, Bertren well, lad I' will answer for lim that he would lend you, with joy tue ball of his reasure; and
will bring us out of dificulty.
Bertram himself is not be," sad Thiodolf; "bu one who cannot refuse you or withold his purse seems to me not the nost bonorable procceding Besides, why borrow when we need only fight a little sharply to win back our lawful property?
Thou musl not oppose ane too much, little Malgherita, or we shall end by beiag quite unde And but
forthrith sailed gaily toward ail the northern warriors stood in order on dect in full, heary armor, with their large shiniag
shields beld before their breasts, and with the points of their spears, which glittered in the sun could lyorwards, so that hose on the island warlike intentions. The Iceland mar-horns blow a wild blast. There was also a great movement on the shore; signal-fires were kindled, warlike banners were unfurled, much preople ran or rode
to and fro. Thiodolf looked ou with a steady eye, and said at length, with a displeased smile ter, and with more order, they will do but titte and we shall have but a pitiful fight with them.' But it appeared that he was not even to hare
that; for a litte bark, from which floated many flags of peace, was seen steerims towards the largest ship. As it was allowed to approach, is an eloquent and difuse speech touching the bless
ings of peace, into which he skilliuly wove pleasant tales from the old Grecian legends."
"Dost thou see, Malgherita," said Thiodolt to his gentle companion, "now are we coine to
the people who believe in the Apollo of whorn thou faund the worshipers of Mahe arealy long ago found the worshippers of Mahound ; and per
clance we will soon meet those who hold to the But with
the man at length concluded with a Cbristian ex-

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 Him whom Thiodolf, with reverential meaning,
was wont to call the white Cbrist. ground; ;ieopie you he cried, stamping be amongst those who hoid it an honor to call upon the white Christ ; and
you bring forward your Apollo, and who know What besides! Have you not enough of one; and he so great? I pray you to take half a
dozen more, and mix up in your speecil Maliound and Trevisant, so tiat all may find in it what will suit their taste. Only I desire linat you
cave out of your melley our hero-gods of As gard. They will not tolerate such a motley
lool's-gamee a and many a northnan could so pay stroyed by sword and flane.:"
The wise wan stood opposite the angry pouth with mouth wide open, and knew neither white
had raisel this sudden storm, nor how to could be
appeared.
Thiodolf soua became calm again, and cou-

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The ensogs did as the yomg chine directed;
and he: totd them what they owed to liss father,
meani now to renuire of them. Then they
ranst preat comphime that they were unfarly
dealt by, and sadd that they would hardly have
paid so much tressure to the largest squadron.
"That depends upon the squadron," said T
odolf, "wiether it would take more or leses, of
rather if it could ret at more or less. But
to take pattera by other people."
He remainti, howerer, quite gente, and le ene envers eshanst theumselves in wise and well
stated reasonings. But when they at length be stated reasoniugs. But when they at length b
gan greatly to lameut themsed res, he said: you that $T$ mean you no evil, I will do you pleasure. My uncle will have to send agann for
bis share, and you will have a second fight. So
So

## with me."

looked upan this offer as an insult, Thiodol "A honorible man would sooner hare fire his house than the properly of aunther; and yo
would keep my uncle's. Wat awhile. I se that you would rather not pay Uncle Nefiolt share; a little more delay, and I will land wit take ingself what belougs to us-perchance als a little orer; for swords are rules with which is dificult to measure exactly.
Then the enroys became very humble and
ery submissive ; aud before lo very submisswe; and before long, many boat rowed from the shore, laden with gold, and pur-
ple stufts, and silver vessels, and carried them to Chiodolf's ships, where they were takea in.


"Half reluctantly, half confidingly", was th fixed ber queen-like eyes on hum as if inquiringly,
ill he trembled as if struck by an arrorm. The till he trembled as if struck by an arrow. Then
agann he would speak to her of slrange thingsogan he would speak to her of slrange things-
of the destruction of her tather's castle-" " That is a falsehood," interrupted Thiodoli "And how the whole country lay in smole "Enough!" said Thion." silenee, seizing Malgheritu's And after a long sighed
deeply, saying: "Hear, oll ! hear, she nees from He looked like a man dangerouly mounded who yet, with the noble pride of a lealer, himh
himsell crect before his troops. [But suddenty


"I lave not get fallen lonorably before the and sank slowly down again.
"Leave him," said Whiodolf to bis warriors "he is going to sink down arain into his bed of But it could be seen by the faint star-light hat he lay unou the grass. Then the soldier dying ; and after a few heavy breathings, be lay there a corpse.
"It is one o
Pietro. "Just such has their strunge dress, and
fagure been described to me. He must hav
fallen in a slary tight. See moly out of ho





encamputent. As rietro bad altesty teft in tie
darnans, the altar was inded crowne, with
flowers, and they so fresh and abundant, fina is

SSrapge," said Pietro. "Do we, then, yet
ive in the old Greth heathen times?", An
onking nearer, he real these words cut in
stone: "Consecrated to the serd-burn Aphrer
stice." "Jeares," said he, looking up at Mtal
gherita, fuil of renewed and joyouss devotitn
hhat is for thee. Whan dust leave the sea $f$
night, and now thou art. enthrowed on the altir,
very gravely. "But if I now lie as vicime on
the altar? Seest thou the bloody soldicr y y
der? All here is fearful. Perlians I an be
come an chblimage to be shumed by all.
Lietro shuddered involuatarity ; but This:
saidtro "Do not put foolish fancies into your lear
Things are twt so bal with you two ; that cint
answer for. But to drive away ngin thoughe
ountry which glows in the morning light
Therewith le lighty lifter Malghtrit
dee altar, and they all went flown into a fertil
ing sky above them, beside them the luxtrian
of the hill, clothed in soft fragrant grass, a
drew the eyes of the travelers with a swaet et-
chantment, and poured a refreshing cheerfilne
into their souls and bodes. The Northmen sath
some lines of their love-tays, the tedent
some lines of their love-lays, the tenderest on
their native land; and even from Malgurita
thieir native land; and even fom Malguerita
forth no songs, there came a fews sweet, enchant-
ing tones, mingling with the fresh morning breeze
Thiodolf the while wailked on with head ben
down, but joy sparkling in his eges.
"Dost thou then so delight in the flowers,"
asked Malgherita, "that thou hast no lonk
raise to stry, and bill, and wood? An! yet they

akening from deep thoughtr. "Who was thirik
ius of Dowers? But look at these deep mark
on the grass. They are made by spears, dear
Malgherita; and truly I must be greatiy de
plowed so deeply tne grassy ground."
Tle Iceladers agreed with their youn
and followed these traces of their young leader
men with a longing which only those can kno
Who, cast on a desert island, perceive tha foot-
marks of men on the sand of the beach. The
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$\qquad$ spear," cried one, "was fung by a bold hero." "What sayest thou, then, to this oue ?" answered another; "see how deep it went
ground; and the bloody trace shows th
They went on deeper into the forest; and few spears fast driven nto the trees gave ye
more plain proots of the skill and strength of ihe hirower, as the shape of the weapons made more certann that they had flown from a northern the superior throws, now praising the depth the the superior throws, now praising the deth it hat
spear had penetrated, when the arch which described in its course, Thiodolf rematned motionless before a laurel, in whose stem was a
lance of almost gigantic size. All the North- $T_{\text {mea collected arouad the spot, }}$ partly attracted
by the innaznse size and beautiful shape of the roung leand partly by the example of their roung leader
firmly fixed spear gazed wherence at the at his soldiers. At length ise said, "My mpenple, his weapon-look once more at its mp peaple istied shaft of the most precious wood, fiie brigh
sold rim around the pint secl point itself-this weapon the henge shone nother han a spears of Helmfrids. But that we may to the mightiost of mothern wirriors, aut whe
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 with he swifness of a den. . Bid, 1 pray jou, mun back to reanou that he shatl lyonder at hinaself. Sear, noble, mighty master, I an not surely the ot always seillout glory? $A \| l$ the barps of ing
orth resomul with thy deeds on that day "ou wist horne senseless to thy ship.". hing in his eyrs. But tuen again he cast down his proud eyes to the ground, lookiug lize a
wounded eagle, and sighing, "IVat cin thut
aral?
"My yood star las chosen ine to bring it
back to thee," said "thidolf, "lutle worthy I am of tie great honor. Though I am a brave and rue-l
buasting;";
"ed thyself. Hed whalnfrid, "thon hast so beseerathe Norway warriors ;aperor. But nowng back the weapons of am may know right certaidily that such a prations gift was brought back to me not only by a freend And harilly had the words, "I'biodolf, the sos of Assundur," passed the lips of the youlh, whee asked afler Uncle Nefiolf and Aunt Guuthilda, and many other Iceland friends and relations.And then the gave three mighty blasts on his war-
horn, and called the while, "Hither, ye brare Veringers, hither! Great joy has, arisen for
your chief; great joy also for you!" Thiodolf your chief; great joy also for you!" Thiololf
would hare given lim the shield; but Helnfrid put it back, snying, "It must be done publicly While how the raliant Varingers mere ap-
proaching by degrees, Thiodolf presented to the great Ifemmirid his friend Pietro and Malgherita, courtess, and spoke such pleasant words, geotle the tair Provengale said, "See, Thiodoll,' thou chis noble knight, how costecus manners can be

