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A SIEGE.



OUNG, beautiful, well-armed and brave,
He stood within the citadel,
In his right hand his gleaming glaive,
Above, the banner guarded well:
Without the foe was fierce and grim,
His trumpet call as lion's roar;
In front, a garden's spoils for him;
Belind, an Aceldama's gore.

THE DEFENDER.

Upon the ramparts as he stood,
A shining alb his coat of mail,
The barbaric arrows 'round him strewed
Pierced not that armor's filmy veil;
While many a deadly javelin thrown
By his strong arm, brought to the dust
A fiery warrior, tho' alone
God with him was, his strength and trust.

THE ASSAULT.

Ten thousand savage bowmen rushed
To storm the fortress, strong and fair,
Some up the frowning bastions pushed,
Some sought for breaches; everywhere
They seemed, but vigilant and bold
The one defender watched and fought,—
Upon the winds his locks of gold,
His defiant glance as lightning wrought,