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The Rival Clansmen

CHAPTER XVI.

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Then another form appeared before him, and two men fought against one in a fair field.

The Highlander whom Gordon had struck down with his stick had speedily recovered, and, finding his sword gone, had run to where his companion, who had been shot accidentally by Ian, was lying, to appropriate his weapon. He had also secured the fallen man's pistol, with what success we have seen. And now both attacked the brave Lowlander. But Ned was none dismayed. He was not, it is true, in the habit of fighting with the sword, but he had often before met two, as he considered, better men with sticks a-piece, and beaten them; and besides he had the additional advantage of being armed with the p stol. But the attack of the wild, impetuous mountaineers was more furious than that of the drovers at Jeddart, or Falkirk, or Kelso, and Ned soon found that he was being sorrely pressed. But he reared up his tall form, and with increased determination plied his blows harder. Again he succeeded in striking Ian, and the young Chief, maddened by the pain, shouted out to his companion—"Down with him, Bory. Cut the craven down—cut him in pieces."

Inspired by his leader's words, the Highlander renewed his efforts with wildest fury, strengly supported by Ian. The drops of perspiration now ran from Gordon's face, and his eyes were half-blinded by them. But, nevertheless, the brave Lowlander struggled on. He might have used his pistol, but he was loth to de so if he could succeed without it.

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"One more effort, Rery, and we are
victors," panted Ian, as he made a terrific lunge at Gordon.

But dashing up their weapons, Ned
sprang backwards, and though almostbreathless with the exertion he had been
making exclamed—

"Off with you. The first that advances a stap a bullet crashes through
his skull. My quarrel is with Ian M'Kenzie alone, and I would light with
him alone. If you'—addressing the
other—"wish tae measure swords after
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"Heed him not, my kinsman," cried Ian, springing forward, the other following. "Run him through."

"Give up, 'or—" and Ned peinted the pistol at him.

"Oha geit Mac Coinach gu brath!" shouted Ian's companion, as he raised his sweet to strike.

"Then they pay the penalty of their tymerity!" exclaimed Gordon, pointing she weapon full at his head, and drawing the trigger. With a yell, the Highlander tumbled to the ground, shot through the head.

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"Heavens! you shall suffer for this deed!" yelled M'Kenzie, advancing with an air of malignant hatre!, be ding with an expression of the wildest rage and

an expression of the windest rage and fury.

"Am here; mak' me suffer!" shouted Gordon, taking a step forward to of methe the other. "And noo, Ian M'Kenzie, I jaloose we're alane, an' we'll get leave tae settle the matter atween's tae cor ain restricted in "

settle the matter atween's tale oor ain satisfaction."

"By all that's sacred, think not that I shall allow your, work to night to go unavenged; my vengeauce will yet light upony m," hise of lan, as he again commenced the conflet.

But in the bands of Ned Gordon Ian M'Konz'e was but as a child, and before many passes his weapon was struck from his hands, and Ned had grasped him in his powerful arms;
"Now," he cried sternly, tightening his hold of M'Kenzie, "you can bring vengeauce upon me when I'm dune w' you."

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Ian writhed and struggled.

"Let me go," he shouted. "Give me my weapon, and lets us fight like men."

"That wasna in the bargain," replied the Lowlander, grimly. "A' I promised was tae lat ye find the weight o' an honest man's arm, an' if I dinna satisfy ye wi' that it'll be nae for want o' tryin!."

"toose your held of me, I say," yelled lan, savagely, and at the some moment he wrenced his hand from Gordon's grasp and clenching it struck him a heavy blow in the face.

"You have felt the weight of my arm," he hissed.

"And there," cried Gordon, "is the weight of mine."

As he spoke he, too, clenched his hand, and summoning his whole strength dealt I an a crushing blow in the face. This he followed by another, and shother, till the young Chief felt to the ground ye ling with pain. But again springing to his feet, he drew his dirk and dashed at the Lowlander to plunge it into his bosom.

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