

THAT NORWARD BUSINESS ROMANCE

CHAPTER XIII

A Final Duel of Words

**I**F Mr. Charles Mandeville had been as *far ben* in the inner circle of the fates as he was in the "upper ten" of the ancient capital, he would have arranged for his interview with Amos Langton, the broker-banker of Peter Street in the morning of the day succeeding the inauguration of the Norward Colonization Railway, and not in the afternoon. No stock could have had for its holders a more auspicious market than the Norward the day after the speech-making at Lac de l'Isle. The morning paper was full of the celebration as it was also full of the praises of the enterprising spirit of Mr. Charles Mandeville. There was no reference made to the incident of the trestle-bridge,—not a word of that ingenious piece of engineering in the vapid descriptions of the scenery