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MY OWN LIFE.

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Some disagreements in the French service resulting from certain new regulations in the particular corps in which I bore a Commission, added to some disappointment in love induced me to resign and to enter advantageously in the Prussian army, under the great Frederic. Nothing happened very remarkable during my stay there and on the death of that hero I resumed my station in the French army in the year preceding that in which the revolution began.

The embarrassed state of the French finances had induced the Government to call at the head of that department, a man whose abilities yielded only to his vanity, continually fed by flattery ; I mean Mr. Necker. The system of political economy was a science almost unknown then in France, and it might be asserted, that many clerks, and even under-clerks of English Merchants and Bankers, at that time, would have been better able to sit at the Green Board than any one of those that composed it. No wonder therefore that the regularity introduced into that branch of the administration and that momentaneous credit that his name had procured made him to be greeted as the tutelary Angel destined to rescue France from utter ruin.

Being at that time in foreign parts, and judging only from the report of fame, I partook of that kind of enthusiasm so easily kin-