

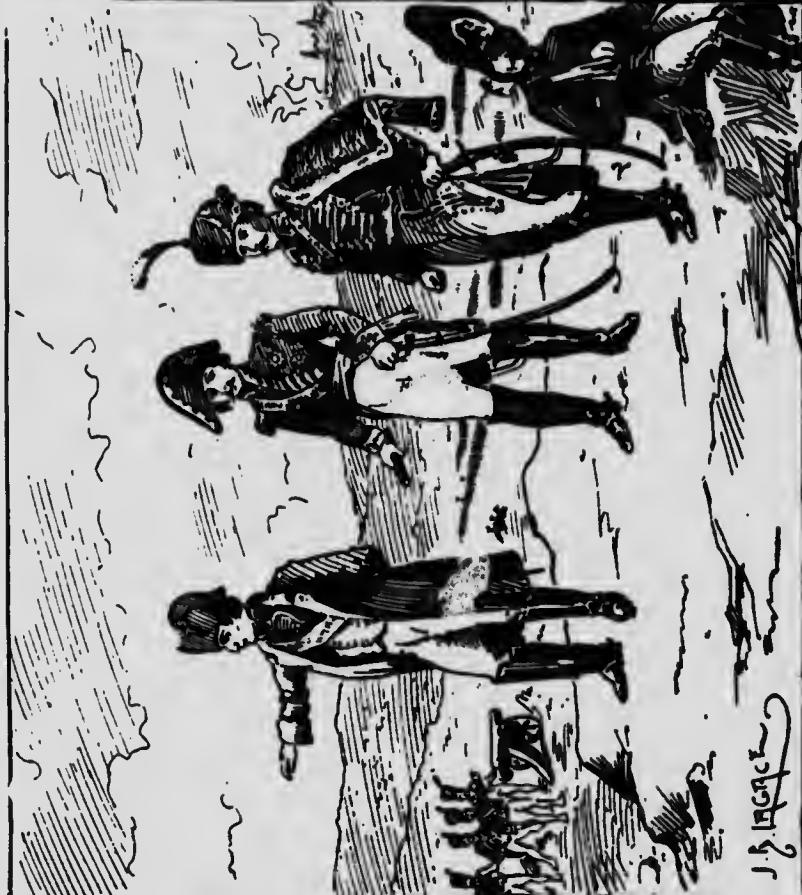
Napoléon à Austerlitz

Le premier décembre 1805, les armées Russes et Autrichiennes, devant la présence de l'armée Française, comprenant 65,000 hommes.

La bataille fut courte et décisive. En parcourant les rangs de l'ennemi, Napoléon dit : " Il faut finir le campagne aujourd'hui par un coup de tonnerre." Vive l'Empereur ! Les deux cent mille hommes mêlent leurs acclamations au son des clairons annonçant le bataille.

Deux cents grosses pièces de canon vomirent le feu sur les deux armées de l'armée française. Alors,

La victoire resta aux Français. L'empereur de Russie, ainsi que certains Autrichiens sauvés, se laissèrent sur le champ de bataille 30,000 de leurs hommes tués, blessés ou faits prisonniers. Huit mille deux, 10 drapeaux, 180 pièces de canon tombèrent aux mains des Français qui eurent 7,000 hommes tués ou blessés à cette bataille.



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On the first of December, 1805, the Russian and Austrian armies composed of ninety thousand men stood before the French army, which comprised sixty-five thousand men. The battle was short on the spot of the armée was decided on the spot. While going through the ranks of the army, Napoléon said : " Soldiers we must finish the campaign to-day by a clop of thunder." Long live the Emperor, cried out the sixty-five thousand men, while their voices half covered the sound of the bugle announcing that the battle had come. Two hundred cannons were firing on the two sides of the foe; during several hours, nearly two hundred thousand men were battling for the first rank in Europe.

The victory remained to the French. The Emperor of Russia and the Emperor of Austria field, leaving on the battlefield thirty thousand of their men killed, wounded or prisoners. Eight generals, ten colonels, forty flags, 180 cannons fell into the hands of the French army, while seven thousand French soldiers had been killed or wounded in this battle.