

town, he had drawn off his troops as noiselessly as possible under cover of the darkness.²

"A short half league" south-east of Nancy the road through Jarville and Laneuville to Saint-Nicolas entered a forest extending from the Meurthe on the east across the range of highlands bounding the horizon on the south and west. Near the verge of the wood, the road was intersected by a rivulet, called now, in commemoration of the events of the day, *Le Ruissseau de Monsecours*. On both banks, to its junction with the Meurthe, it was thickly planted with hedges of thorn.³

Behind this stream the duke posted his troops—the artillery in front, on a mound commanding the road; behind it the infantry,—archers and pikemen,—drawn up in a single oblong square, in imitation of the Swiss. Here he took his own station, surrounded by his nobles and personal attendants, and mounted on a powerful black horse, called from its race and color *Il Moro*. Two slender bodies of cavalry composed the wings. The right, under Josse de Lalain, was placed on the high ground towards the source of the brook, but somewhat in the rear of the line; the left, under Galeotto, occupied a meadow, covered partially on the front as well as flank by the Meurthe, which here makes a double bend to the east and north, and is fordable in the angle. The evident object was to arrest and crush the enemy's columns

² "Le plus secrettement qu'il peut, et sans faire grand bruit." Duc de Bourgogne. La vraye Declaration.

³ Etterlin. — La Desconfiture du