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Soon was heard the awakening call to the field. Soon was heara te awakening call to the field
Julius fought, as might have been expected of
loring, and at the same time deatheseling soul -one, , oo, who scorned to be belind his heroic
ancestors in noble deeds. In his deep sene of Rosaur's a affection he became so penetrated wif ad around him with martial ardor and deroted confidence. God wondertully, preserved the life of the young Lonor-loring hero, and rescued him victo-
riously from many a threatening danger. From
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 goons: While the remainder of the army rested in their quarters during the severity of the winter
season, the young hero ranged hther and thither

 by a powerfuis troke, breaking through outposis
and garisoned statious towards some head-quar-
ters
Each time he returued to the aruy with teess.
rictory and fresh booty.
'Wildeck's dragoons are conning! was a panic cry among the enemy's troons; ;and frend and
foe mentioned with joyous entlusiasm the naune Count Wildeck-for he zeemed to all tie very,
pattern of a fear $T$ yl yet good, a stern yet bengn, mpon a noble adversary with an unbiased, nay eren vith a lorng eye.
oue daj, on his return to the head-quarters of the prince from a successful campaign, with prit
soners and trophies of victory, Julius found the following letter from Rosaura, th
had receireel from her fair hand
${ }^{\text {bad }}$ receirel from her firir hand
pame resounds from the lips of poets and orators as well as frou the mouths of the people. I hai foresen this long before $I$ avowed my love
thee ; then I sigbed for war in order that thy in bred nobieness migith shine forth. But now,
Julius - Conant $J$ Uulus Wildeck-I trust tho dosi not court death for the sake of thy poor aftlicted
spouse? Ca, do not this, else I should, though noor milh duminished afection, yet truly with les
ride-sigg myself, pride-sign myself, Rosaura, of Haldenbach,
Cuntess of Wideck.
Who can picture the ecstacy of the enrap-
tured Julius? Who describe his answer? He who cannot pour forth the hines from lus oisa heart map leare them
as an unopened letter.
Alas! the spring brought him a far less cleer ing messege; which he received
the bustle of a new carnpaign.
The princess Alwina wrote to jim with her
own hand, in the most considerate and forbearing manner; ; but still the fearfut part of the newsthat the ume of suffering bad pressed nore bear-
iy upon Rosaura than exer-could not be re-
none
It moved. It was deemed necessary that the coun
slouvid be informed of it, because the attack ha come suddenly upon the unhappy lady while lieved among the houselold to be a burnang fever the intelligence of such a deady sickness being
conneyed to Julus might bare alarmed and unnerved him. Now all was again over. Rosaura
berseff had written, in faint characters the the close of the letter, a levr affectionate consolatory
Witherto Julus's heart, from the consoling words which the soothayer was supposed to lave
utterel), bad not been quite void of hope that the curse had already been remored by meanas of the
priestly blissing. Alas ! there now remained
per ouly the desaln of her husband whice could deliFer Rosaura. Julius prayed fervently to God
for aspedy and honorable end, and rode off
with composed courage to the linuaderiag batlleFith.


## It was a a pictorous confict ; and two others

 followed in the spring and summer. Julus escaped unhiurt, while many fell around him then
 throw humself headiong, as a sacrifice, upon th bayonets of the eneming ; but she, for whoma
mas about to comuit the act, deteried lini her conosolatory letier, which never lefil uis boson. him now the glory of God's mercy shone youn

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melted away: first taken the field profed lukeworm and indil


nosr rose up, mindful of the fame of their fore-
tathers, and were already collecting into trops
experienced archers from the mountains, equip-
ping the poorer ones at their owu expense, and experienced archers from the mountains, equip
ping the poorer ones at their ovyu expense, and
placing themselves at their head for the canse of their prince and country. From all sides were nurthful sounds of horn and trumpets; and ther rooms, the approaching batle would be the thes lead to an ulturate peace.
Wildeck-now in the rank of general, and taius, and who had already occupied a distin
guished place in the council of war-full youthful eagerness, deciuled at once for the speedist accomplishment of the intended plan of a
tack, and assigned to the new auxilaries some of It is true that he, having been stationed at an other wing of the army, had, as yet, seen nothing
of this ne w troop; but their noble character was sounded abroad erery where: and already Wil-
deck felt writhin his glowing soul the vicioriousAmonk the other generals, no one had any iary furce. Soune declared fatly that they of war, aud that it would be inpossible for them o conform to new modes; some smiled and held
heir peace; soine whispered that they did not profess to se poetical, or at least not poetical nough for such very poettcal subordinates; at all events be instructed in the principal points
of the newest military rules, since, in the event o a parade, honor and reputation would liazard
with such a troop. On the other band, howerer, wish was expressed by some experienced old
wher arriors, hat they might enjog again therr youth
rigor, in order to put themselves at the hea fuch a noble body of youths; on which the mile, and said, 'With you, General Wildeck, osed achievement. Hasten, therefore, to tha archers; and the newly collected troop shall
narch out according to the concerted plan, under
vour comomand.? Scarcely had Julius time to inspect all the deachments of his new squadron before the signal
of the prince floated in the morning-dawn of the ppointed day, summoning to the attack.
'We shall all get beller acquainted with each other in the filld, 's said he with a friendly voice
and quickly survesing once more, with a brigh sindling eye, all the parts of the enemp's position, he dsppatched adjutants and officers to the
different detachments, with the order for decamp To fight under Count Wildeck was whal each of them longed for; and an inspiring proclamation
which he issued immediately on his arrival, ba indled the martial fire yet more powerfulty Their youthful breasts.
The confict began. At the head of bis young wountain-steep. But the enemy, on the other and, well inowing the importance of this poin his troops, led on by one of the most daring, and nly by a vigorous defence and a feariul shower balls, but also by several boldly-conducted
and imes the young warriors stood still, as if stunne ect would prove so fierce. But it only require
n inspiriting word, or eren a nod, froon thetr
mighly leader, and again the wartior-strean,
$\qquad$ Wildeck was seen wherever danger slowe
self most lireateningly, and ever he was welnd more jogfally than eren the siilorious flool roiled up the lighlys, sometines, in galloping along
it seemed to bien that he saw the old Colout
Haddenbach of Fiusterborn at the head of roop of young solders; and this suppossticn wa
soon confirned; when the lirst lighth way stormed and Juhins, who siood looking round thin from a ing quickly towards hinn, nounted on one of 111 - Sir General, siad the hunter, Colonel ita enbach, who leads he detachnent No. 3 yod ne is rapidy advaucing full in liss front, and it
 suryey red : Let he he colonel aret as appleais to

vill myself provide in another way. Only the horse-that the enemy has already shown us se hide off, then, in God's name, and salute you
brape colonel from me.
Thanking him in warlike fashion, the starre buntsman sprang forsward; and as soon as Julius
bad made the necessary preparations for the inLad made the necessary preparations for the in iunself to the decisive point, having first planted signals from hight to hight, that he might rec
the earliest intelligence from all quarters of
The old, dreadful Haldenbach proved liinself messenger of death. Already, their left wing was in tigght. Julius's adjutants bastened trou y the general's skillful arrangement, they led on
ne by one, so that the enemy, on this bushy, nountainous region, were left in doubt as to
which was intended to be the cluef point of at
'Now is the time!' cried Julius, sudidenly
The whole line formard! the columas belind to And attack!
And the signals sounded from the trumpets
choing through the yalleys the forous 'Hurat fhe archers, and the hasty, alarmed fire of th r. They had screved their long hunthg-knives reviously prepared for this purpose, upon th
nd of their guns, to serve instead of bayonets nd now they rushed on to the attack with re
joicing shouts. In few places could the enery where resistance was nade, those able, well-prac
iced youtlis speedily over-powered them. Tb ictory on this side was decided; almost all the cavalry might be seen trotting about far out on open plain-which was no longer commanded by

Julius balted-his heart beating bigh and joyully ulh victorg-on the last gained higat.he remains of the deleated lost. and was alreads lase sto an open space where the enemy's hussar
whom, at Julius's command, a ire had just been opened from the captured guns
These troops kept moving hither and tuither Chese troops kept moving hither and thather
ut, upuo the whole, maintaned their position determined, if it were possible, to protect the
dying infantry. The cavalry of their opponents nore important inatters, so that they were secure
' Ride off,' said Julius to one of his adjutants as speedily as possible, and warn Colonel Haldenbach against these huzzars. He ventures
much too far upon the open ground.? Scarcely bad the messenger galloped off, when ushed forth upon the wooded plain, and fell lowed with indignation lest' a single branch of the day's victorious garland should be torn away.
Looking round upon his officers, he cried out,We are still two squadrons strong, are we not? arms! Gallop! March!' And with these words he sprang forvard, holding his drawn sword be-
tore him, while close bebind trim followed the ore him, while close bebind him Collowed the
amall but choice band. Wilh a loud 'Hurrah by the unexpected allacks of the horsement, partily cer-ridden and hewn down by the rejoicing
nilants, fell into wild disorder and took
lisht:
Haldenhacli's arches were saved; but the ol
colonel himself, wouided and bleeding, was drag
ged by two of the enenn's horsemen frou his half-mangled horse. Julius spurred on his faith-
nopent. His good sword dispatched one of the is piuce at the prisoner, but Julias wrenched it from his hand-not, bowever, without its going
off in a different direction, ands wounding the


## and so grass.



