

considered as leader of the one body, while Brian de Bois-Guilbert, who had been rated as having done second-best in the preceding day, was named first champion of the other band. Those who had concurred in the challenge adhered to his party, of course, rendered unfit so soon to put on his armor. There was no want of distinguished and noble candidates to fill up the In fact, although the general tournament, in which all kn g'its

fought at ouce, was more dangerous than single encounters, they were, nevertheless, more frequented and practiced by the chivalry of the age. Many knights, who had not sufficient confidence in their own skill to defy a single adversary of high reputation, were, nevertheless, desirous of displaying their valor in the general combat, who were too late in preferring

About the hour of ten o'clock the whole plain was crowded with horsemen, horsewomen, and footpassengers hastening to the tournament: and shortly after, a grand flourish of trumpets announced

About the same time arrived, Cedric the Saxon, with the Lady Rowena, unattended, however, by Athelstane. This Saxon Lord had arrayed his tall and strong person in armor, in order to take his place among the combatants; and, con-siderably to the surprise of Cedric, had chosen to enlist himself on the part of the Knight Templar. The Saxon, indeed, had remonstrated strongly with his friend upon the injudicious choice he had made of his party; but he had only received that sort of answer usually given by those who are more obstinate in following their own course than strong in justifying it. His best, if not his only reason

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So saying, the Prince marshalled

