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## THE LION OF FLANDERS

the battle of the golden spurs

## by hendrik consoience.

CHAPTER XII.-(Contrigeo.)

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 A frra purclase forced the Fleming's haed formard Rad dowameras too ano thate losa of a monement, Leroux made yet another ef







 Fleming felt his knees bend beenatll him, and agai
 like madoess, it gave him strenght ; suddenty yoo
 Leroux, and butted him in the chest, before tha









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 word tut at the momean, however, that they were
about to step upon the drawbridge, their taughter













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 resistance. A great number of Flemibl knights
bad shut themeveres up within it under Rovert do
Bethune, fully resolved to listen to no proposals of
surrender so long as a single man remained in a



nhimal could bow its head so ap to crop the tops o
and
the tall herbuge The sword that hung at th
saddelebow was of extanarunary
aif suited only for the hand of a glant.The silence which reigned in the ruins was
broken ly the knigut's deep-drawn migh; and
cver and anon he motioned with his haids, as
fay, aud drowued the lenth-
with 1 hir ir shoute of triuuph


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surpised nuil outnumbersel as thes were, the ga
rison defend d themintlves with crutage and ob

bite ases of
the puteru.
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vengeance, or wailing after repose. But, though
rinined for all prpposes of defenco or Labitation,
the castle was yet not so utterly destroyed but that
the caste was yet not so uttenly destroyed but that
its ground-plan conld be dietinctly traced. Even
considerabll remanants of the walls were stilit stand-
of the roofing lay on the ground beside the stone-
Work which ban formerly supported them, nand

again bad been left companatively uninjured. Th
castle-pard silll formed an tenclosure, though but
broken one, and encumbered in every directio

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scene
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oidIt was four in the morning ; a faiat glimmering
forerunaer of the rising sun, was just appearin
and the face of the stiln 1 in in thering earth shado
itself onty under uncertain tint,yet be called colors, - maile the heavens had nalread
begna todon therir matle of blue. Here nd the
a dight-lird wai still on the wing, ecreeching as
a night Lird wat still on the wigg, ecreeching as
soughtits hiding.p-place before he coming light.
The figure of a man was seated amidat the ruit

lieneath my feet you sleep the long gleep of death1
But harpy you who buve left this troutiouts 11 ife
in heloved Fauders in bondage. The blood of him hround youngure withe pours; bunt, less fortunate tha orr silent graves, Jike a helpless woman, impote suugdenly the kniggt rose from his seat, and
hastily closing his visor, turned towards the road,
 Timself that his firts impreasion bad not decoive g his oharger, took ap his station behind a po
 along with those which it had already caught,
tbrought the chank of anmour nud the rapid tramp
of the horses, he conld now distinctly hear the lamentations of a female voice. At this his cheeks grew palic under his helmet, not with fear, - for that
wan a hling his heart knew not, -but his Loror as knight, his feeling as a man, urged hint to suc-
 The mental struggle which he lad thus to noder-
o showed itseaf plainly in his countenance But the party drew nearer, and he could distinctly

 Vivigg the spur to his horse, he hastily made his
way over the ocans of rubbish, and came forth upon ane open rond a littlo in addance of a body of six
horsemen, who were proceeddng along it at a rupid
pace, zod who, wy their accoutroments appeared to

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 eheld this unlooked.-for opponent, than they reined
ithed horsen, nnd regarded the strnager with
ooks of wonder not that qeemed to have the command of the escort
divanced to the front, nud called out in a loud
doce
 nower, "stand and let go this lady, or you will
have me tod leal with l
"Forward ! down vith him !" cried the leader to But the black knight gave thecn no time to mak
 men, and in an ingtant one of chem fell nortally
wounded from Lis andlle. The rest meankuile had upon him from all silles with their dravn sivords
and lt . Pol, the leader of the tund, Lad already
 peedily cleared a space around him ; for after onents dared to verture within its swcep. St,
Oi, whose horse, irritated by a wound, was no lon, whose horse, irritated by a wound, was no
the ingue of this commana, percelving now that
that
 ny, nnd, dexterously parrying the blows which rained upon him, "For your life, ste her downich he
cried in a voice of thunder; and, as the soldier Lurned of on the road, and songht to slip by him
on one
Bide, the mighty sword dessended quickly
 girl, and bedabbing ber fair locks. For a moment
he annm of the dying man convigirely retained
heir hold, and then both gank together to the round. The consciousness of the young maiden
ad failed her under the alternate ngitations of
ope and terror, and she lay beside the corpe of

 The horsse tore up the ground and seemed them
 hoofs. The combatants, though panting with
fatigue, wak with losi of blood or severe con-
cusions, geemed to bave no
 they thought that be was nt last about to retreat.-
But they did not long enjoy this pleasiog illuoion, nd so well had he calculated them blom, that, evee
in $h$ reached the nearest of them, Lelmet and head went flling nerose the road. This dexterous feas
completed the discomfture of the forelgnors ; for
astonished and terifiod, St. Pol and mis one romaining companion instantly turned rein and fled
in the full conviction that it was no mortal adThesh evente, which bave taken to many mords
odecribe, were crowded into a fow rapid mo.
 Woors, and thas tops o
how a brighter green
ro bs continosd ix our nex.f.)

Tho Czar Alexander, together with Prince Gort Inding the Czarina and the Duchess of Edinuurgh ere, at last accounts, in the Crimea. At the Wa Wid that although thera mightresing the troop cessity for putting their effciency to the test, ye y emergency mllion men under arme and twenty-8ix hundre Creared to tro' and a half mation army can bo caling out the home reserves.

