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make his queen the richest on the face of the earth. At last he was persuaded to take five hundred champions. Chrimhilt desired to take Haghen and Ortwin with her, but the former sternly refused. Duke Eckewart, however, accompanied her.

The hero was splendidly received with his spouse at his father's court, who resigned his kingdom in his favour. For ten years he bore the crown with great honour, and also had the land of the Nibelungen under his command. Chrimhilt bore him a son, who was named Gunter; and a son of the king of Burgundy was, in return, called after the king of Netherland.

ADVENTURE XII. HOW GUNTER INVITED SIEGFRIED AND CHRIMHILT TO A HIGH FEAST.—Brunhild one day was ruminating how Siegfried was vassal to Gunter, and had not for a long time done any service for his lord. She persuaded the king to invite him and Chrimhilt to a high feast at Worms. Ghere was accordingly chosen messenger, and, with thirty other knights, proceeded to the burgh of the Nibelungen, in the marches of Norway, where they arrived in three weeks. Siegfried, after consulting with his barons, determined to accept the invitation, and to proceed to Worms, accompanied by a thousand of his knights, and by his father Siegmund, with a hundred of his own knights.

ADVENTURE XIII. HOW SIEGFRIED AND CHRIMHILT WENT TO THE HIGH FEAST.—The guests came safely to Worms, and were welcomed by the king, with his usual magnificence. For eleven days, tournaments and other chivalrous games were celebrated, and the most complete harmony prevailed; but at length, in a procession to hear mass celebrated at the cathedral, their concord was fatally interrupted.

ADVENTURE XIV. OF THE ALTERCATION BETWEEN THE QUEENS.—One day Brunhild and Chrimhilt began to praise the several perfections of their husbands; and when they grew warm upon the subject, the former asserted that Siegfried was the vassal of Gunter, because he