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swearing that he and his men would be ever ready to revenge her injuries, and would never refuse her any request.

Preparations were made for her departure, but she wished previously to distribute the treasure which was still in her possession. But Haghen seized upon it, and kept it back from her. Ghernot, however, took it from him by force, and returned it to her; but Rudiger bade her leave it behind, as she would stand in no need of bringing any into the realm of Hungary, where she would command riches of incalculable value. Eckewart, with five hundred men, swore to continue his fidelity to her, and follow her to Hungary. Gunter accompanied her only before the gates; but Ghernot and Ghiseler, and a thousand of their meiny, did not take leave of her till she came to the banks of the Danube.

ADVENTURE XXI. How CHRIMHILT CAME TO THE HUNS.—Messengers were sent to apprise King Etzel that Chrimhilt would speedily arrive. At Passau she was received by her uncle, Bishop Pilgerin, who accompanied her to Bechelaren, where splendid feasts were given to her by the margrave and his wife and daughter. She then proceeded to Medilke and Mautern, and reposed for three days at Traisemmaur, a strong castle which King Etzel had built upon the river Traisem.

ADVENTURE XXII. How ETZEL AND CHRIMHILT HELD THEIR BRIDAL FEAST.—Etzel received his new bride at the town of Tuln, accompanied by a great host of vassals, among whom were Russians, Greeks, Poles, Wallachians, Kyben, the savage Petscheners, and many other nations. He had four-and-twenty princes in his train, among whom were Ramung, sovereign of the Wallachians; Gibecke, Hornbog, Hawart, and Iring, from Denmark; Irnfried, duke of Thuringia; Blodelin, the king's brother; and, finally, Dietrich of Bern. Chrim-

^{*} Most of the towns mentioned in this and the following adventure still exist in Austria and Hungary.