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mour, could not restrain his wrath, but rode into the throng, and pierced him with his lance. A general engagement began, which was interrupted by the interference of Etzel, who threatened to hang any one who did harm to the guests from Burgundy. The knights then proceeded into the palace, and sat down to dinner in complete armour, every one mistrusting the other. Chrimhilt endeavoured in vain to persuade Dietrich and Hildebrand to revenge her upon Haghen. Blodelin, Etzel's brother, at last undertook the deed, after receiving the promise of large possessions, and the wife of Nudung, a king, who had been slain by Wittich. Towards the end of the dinner, Ortlieb, the young son of Chrimhilt and Etzel, was brought in, and the latter expressed his wish that he might accompany the kings to Burgundy, and be educated at their court. But Haghen spoke lightly of him, and declared that he would full seldom go and pay his court to him if he came to Worms; at which speech King Etzel was wroth, and began to detest the knight of Tronek.

ADVENTURE XXXII. HOW BLODELIN FOUGHT WITH DANKWART.—
In the mean time Blodelin had assembled his knights, went to the hall where Dankwart dined with the squires, and immediately defied him. Dankwart denied having had any hand in Siegfried's death, but was notwithstanding assailed. At the very first blow he severed the head of Blodelin from his body; and though few of the squires were armed, they at last succeeded in driving out the Huns. But they returned, with two thousand others, and slaughtered all the youths. Dankwart, however, fought his way through his foes, and at last reached the hall where the kings and knights were dining, at the very moment when Ortlieb was borne out of the hall-door.

ADVENTURE XXXIII. HOW DANKWART BROUGHT THE NEWS OF THE SLAUGHTER TO HIS MASTERS.—When Dankwart was come to the court, and had informed his brother aloud what had happened to him and his men, Haghen bade him keep the door, and prevent any one from escaping. He then began the slaughter, by striking off the head of

Ortlieb, which fell into his mother's lap. Folker, as well as he, commenced a dreadful battle; but at the request of Haghen, he joined Dankwart, to guard the door. Chrimhilt began to be in fear of her life, when she saw the battle become general, and requested Dietrich of Bern to bring her out of the hall. That hero immediately leapt on the table, and demanded to be allowed to leave the hall with his knights. His request was granted, and he quitted the hall, bearing Chrimhilt under one arm, and Etzel in the other. Truce was also granted by the interference of Ghiseler, to Rudiger and his champions. But when he was departed, no one was spared, and the Burgundian heroes soon found no enemy to oppose. No one distinguished himself like Folker.

King Etzel cried, "Alas and woe, that to this feast they came,
For there a fearful champion fights, Folker is his name,
Raging like a savage boar; a fiddler mad is he:
Praised be my luck, that from the fiend safely I could flee.

"Fouly his lays resound; his fiddlestick is red;
And ah! the dreadful tones strike many a champion dead!"

The champions of Burgundy threw the dead bodies, to the number of seven thousand, out of the windows, and with their spears prevented any of the Huns on the outside of the palace from approaching them. Chrimhilt offered great riches to any one who would attack Haghen, but no knight seemed inclined to undertake the enterprise.

ADVENTURE XXXIV. HOW IRING WAS SLAIN.—At last Iring, margrave of Denmark, resolved to encounter Haghen. Irnfried, landgrave of Thuringia, and Hawart, with a thousand men, would fain have accompanied him, but he prevailed upon them to let him proceed alone. Finding himself unable to slay Haghen, he successively attacked Folker, Gunter, and his two brothers, and then returned to