

OUTCAST OF MILAN

broad, heavy frame, the same bull-like neck, the same lowering brow, and the same sensual mouth and eye. He was Ludovico, Manfred's son and only child. If physical strength and mere brute force could make a man, then the prince might say some claims to manhood, for he possessed coarse muscle enough, and was, moreover, a noted bravo.

when it came to a bout at Nicotus he was soon without a competitor. "Ah," said the visitor, as he walked away with the prize, "I never knew but one man who could throw me."

knights of the silver cross sat alone in his saddle after his fallen companions and contestants had been helped from the field. He rode around the list twice, in an easy, graceful manner, and then stopped near the dais.

The princess said this to herself, but Alfonso heard it, and as he moved to his seat he shook his head, muttering in an undertone: "Ah—if I mistake not, love is prying beneath the casque of the brave knight!"

as soon as the count collected his scattered senses he started for the marshal's stand. He would not mount his horse again, but demanded a trial with the sword.

knights. It is no impostor." "How now?" demanded Manfred. "How can that be? Who would you have as knight?"

CHAPTER IV.

THE VICTOR!

"Look," said the duke, speaking to one of his heralds, and pointing to where a strange party had taken position near the northeast-ern angle of the enclosure.

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