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events described, Jack Calder, Scottish

farmer, tells how, in his childhood, the

time complete master of Europe, had

false alarm that the French had landed,

Jim Horscroft, the doctor's son, youth of

CHAPTER II.-When Jack is eighteen

his father's brother dies and his daugh-

ter, Edie, seventeen years old, comes to

live with her uncle. Attractive personally,

intensely romantic, and seemingly feeling

little sorrow for her father's death, the

CHAPTER III.-Edie makes a play-

thing of Jack's affections, and though al-

ways somewhat in awe of her, a feeling

simple folk of the Calder home.

gripped the British nation. Following a

the Frenchman is her husband.

of our country took up arms, and how

and Edie have gone. He sees them in a crushed their fleet. There was still small boat on their way to the vessel he by De Lapp informs them that his real speaking in Europe. of the French Guard. Horscroft returns the hill by Tweedmouth, built up of treachery swears to pursue and kill De logs and tar barrels, and I can well Lissac. Major Elliott informs them of remember how night after night Napoleon's escape from Elba. Horscroft strained my eyes to see if it were and Jack go with him to enlist in his

but it is an age when one takes a CHAPTER XI.-The three are with grief to heart, and I felt as though Wellington's army on their way to the the fate of the country hung in some field of Waterloo. fashion upon me and my vigilance.

CHAPTER XIII.—The end of that fate- in the darkness. And then the flame ful June day draws near with our three shot higher, and I saw the red, quivfriends unhurt, and, with the rest of the ering line upon the water beyond, and French army follow, then night, and rest. fire, and looked at me from over the his strength; how he put his fist

CHAPTER XIV.-Jack is aroused from sleep by Major Eliott, who tells him with the Guard had occurred. Beside him upon his knee as though he meant to such a one as he should trouble his as a maker of fishing nets, and he had such a one as he should trouble his as a maker of fishing nets, and he had death. He tells them that Jim gave him read to us, but he shut it again in head about spondees and dactyls, or made more out of twine than ever we

snapped as he was about to learns of her

from the visit. Among the romance of Edie. Jim and De Lissac. known most widely for his de-The Night of the Beacons.

dered into almost every trans- century, I am but five-and-fifty years deputy sheriff, and such like. latable language. But he is of age, and though it is only once a But early in the morning we had our years I stayed at home, learning the the time (it was in the holidays) and pluck out a little gray bristle from cold, and my mother had gone up to and the armies were wrestling, and black eyes and the queerest ways. over my ear, yet I have lived in a time the house to make a pot of tea for still the great shadow of Bonaparte was forever staring out in front when the thoughts and the ways of us, when there came a gig down the lay across the country. men were as different as though it road with Doctor Horscroft of Ayton How could I guess that I, too, something wonderful; but when were another planet from this. For in it and his sou Jim. The collar of should have a hand in lifting that when I walk in my fields I can see, the doctor's coat came over his ears, shadow forever from our people? down Berwick way, the little fluffs of and he looked in a deadly black huwhite smoke which tell me of this mor, for Jim, who was but fifteen strange, new, hundred-legged beast years of age, had trooped off to Berwith coals for food and a thousand wick at the first alarm with his famen in its belly, forever crawling over ther's new fowling piece. All night the border. On a shiny day I can see his dad had chased him, and now there the glint of the brass work as it takes he was, a prisoner, with the barrel of the curve near Corriemuir. And then, the stolen gun sticking out from beas I look out to sea, there is the same hind the seat. He looked as sulky as beast again, or a dozen of them, may- his father, with his hands thrust into be, leaving a trall of black in the air his side pockets, his brows drawn and of white in the water, and swim. down, and his lower lip thrust out. ming in the face of the wind as easily as a salmon up the Tweed. Such as he passed. "There has been no sight as that would have struck my landing, and all the fools in Scotland good old father speechless with wrath have been gadding about the roads for as well as surprise, for he was so nothing." His son Jim snaried somestricken with the fear of offending the thing up at him on this, and his father Creator that he was chary of contra- struck him a blow with his clenched dicting Nature, and always held the fist on the side of the bead, which new thing to be nearly akin to the sent the boy's chin forward upon his

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fought in their stalwart prime grew stiff and bent, and yet the ships and we fought the Danes, we fought the

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There was a great beacon ready on

ablaze. I was only eight at the time,

And then one night as I looked I sud-

con hill—a single red tongue of flame

top of his horn spectacles.

"Are you sure, Jock?" says he.

"Sure as death," I gasped.

this universal struggle no race was too near of kin or too far away to be drawn into the quarrel. But most of bor and close friend of the Calders and all it was the French whom we fought, the great captain who ruled them. It was very well to draw pictures of him, and sing songs about him, and

make as though he were an impostor, but I can tell you that the fear of that man hung like a black shadow over vessel standing off shore. Returning to the coast would set every woman upon her knees and every man gripping for his musket. He had always ence with De Lapp, and Edie tells him won. That was the terror of it. The fates seemed to be behind him. And

now we know that he lay upon the waits to meet De Lapp. The latter laughs fifty thousand veterans, and the boats at Jack's threat of what Horscroft will for their passage. But it is an old do when he learns of the affair. story how a third of the grown folk

CHAPTER X.-Arising next morning. Jack makes the discovery that De Lapp our little one-eyed, one-armed man

CHAPTER XIL-Drawn up in line of battle in the morning, they plainly see denly saw a little flicker on the bea-De Lissac with Napoleon's staff.

army, waiting the time to advance. Na- I dashed into the kitchen, screeching attack by the Old Guard, is made and to my father that the French had Jack and Horscroft recognize De Lissac crossed and the Tweedmouth light was in one of the officers leading the Guard. affame. I can see him now as he The repulse of Napoleon's most famous knocked his pipe out at the side of the What tales we used to whisper about

blasphemous. As long as God made breast as though he had been stunned.

ham way, the engine, my good old dad with what I took my pen up to tell about; but when a man has a good memory and little skill he cannot draw one thought from his mind without a dozen others trailing out behind it And yet, now that I come to think of it, this had something to do with it after all; for Jim Borscroft had so deadly a quarrel with his father that he was packed off to Birtwhistle's Berwick academy; and as my father had long wished me to go there he took advantage of this chance to send There was from the first a great

friendship between Jim Horscroft, the boy of the school from the day he came, for within the hour be had thrown Barton, who had been cock be fore him, right through the big blackboard in the classroom. Jim always run to muscle and bone, and even then he was square and tall, short of speech and long of arm, much given to lounging with his broad back against walls,

"It's all a lie," shouted the doctor,

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and had a savage's respect for power. CHAPTER II. Cousin Edle of Eyemputh. Some years before, when I was still

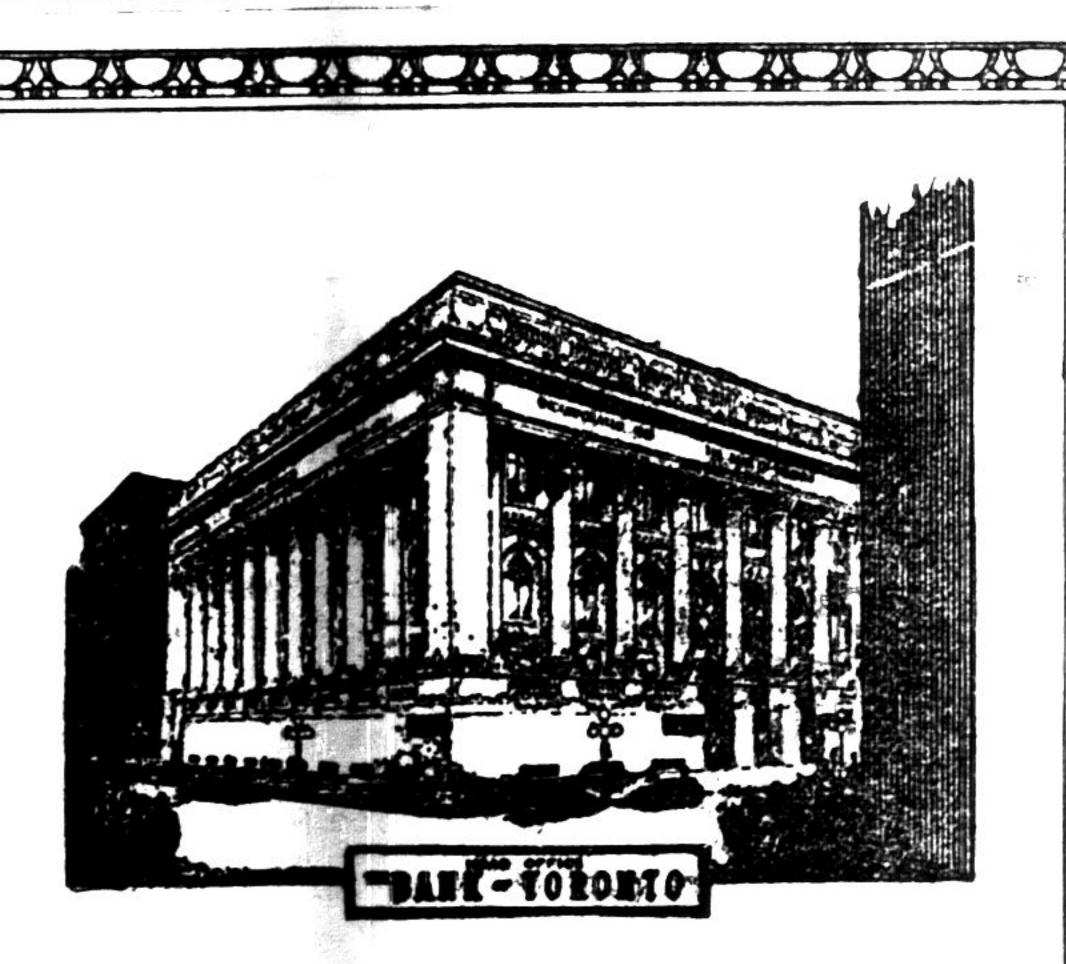
room door. How when Long Merridew was carrying the ball, he caught but a lad, there had come over to us up Merridew, ball and all, and ran upon a five weeks' visit the only He reached out his hand for the swiftly past every opponent to the daughter of my father's brother. Wilthe flercest fighting Bible upon the table and opened it goal. It did not seem fit to us that lie Calder had settled at Eyemouth

his mortal wound, and charges Jack with silence and hurried out. We went care to know wto signed the Magna were like to do out of the whin bushes a message from him to Edie in Paris. down to the gate which opens out Charta. When he said in open class and sand links of West Inch. So his upon the highway. From there we that King Alfred was the man, we sughter, Edie Calder, caracter wi armies are in Paris, could see the red light of the big bea- little boys all felt that very likely it braw red frock and a five-hill of con, and the glimmer of a smaller one was so, and that perhaps Jim knew oanet and a kist full of things the declares herself to the north of us at Ayton. The old more about it than the man who wrote rought my dear mother's eyes cus road had more folk on it than ever the book.

passed along it at night before, for For two years we were close friends, I took no great stock of girls at is the last time many of the reomen up our way had for all the gap that the years had hat time, for it was hard for me to enrolled themselves and were riding made between us, and, though in pas- see what they had been made for Lissac's now as fast as book could carry them sion or in want of thought he did There were none of us at Birtwhistle's years for the muster. Some had a stirrup cup many a thing that galled me, yet I hat thought very much of them; but and, or two before parting, and I cannot loved him like a brother, and wept as the smallest laddies seemed to have one who tore past on a huge much as would have filled an ink the most sense, for, after they begun white horse, brandishing a great rusty bottle when at last, after two years, to grow bigger they were not so sure sword in the moonlight. They shouted he went off to Edinburgh to study his about it. We little ones were all of to us, as they passed, that the North father's profession. Five years after one mind that a creature that couldn't Berwick law-fire was bissing, and that that did I bide at Birtwhistle's, and fight and was carrying tales, and it was thought that the alarm had when I left I had become cock myself, couldn't so much as shy a stone withcome from Edinburgh castle. There for I was as wiry and as tough as but flapping its arm like a rug in the It is strange to me, Jack Calder of were a few who galloped the other whalebone, though I never ran to wind was no use for anything. Holmes series having been ren- West Inch, to feel that though now, being son and Master Clayton the weight and sinew, like my great prede- So when this one came to the steadin the very center of the nineteenth laird's son and Master Clayton, the cessor. It was in jubilee year that I ing at West Inch I was not best

left Birtwhistle's, and then for three pleased to see her. I was twelve at

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